



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 5, Term Four 2015

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to the Kids for Kids Choir who performed superbly last Wednesday night at the Events Centre in Manukau.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs West and Mrs Corlett for all the time they spent preparing our students so well for the performance and for accompanying them on the night.

Thank you to our athletics team who competed yesterday in the ECCS athletics event at Massey Park. The team represented our school extremely well in all events and as a result, 11 of our talented students have qualified for the Counties event next week. Our thanks to Mrs Sutton and Mrs Richardson for their superb organisation and to all the supporters who were there to cheer on the team throughout the day!

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

2015 has seen our community of teachers embark on a variety of new learning focused on engaging, enhancing and improving student learning outcomes. Last night each team worked together to present their inquiries into their mathematics programme, which focused on improving student achievement. Through on-going reflection, analysing of data and professional learning conversations, changes to practice were made, challenges were overcome and ultimately improved outcomes for students was achieved. Each team used their digital skills to present and share their key learning with each other so that we all are able to benefit from their experiences and what they learnt along the way. Thank you to all our teachers for being excellent role models to our students by demonstrating what it looks like to be a passionate learner for life.

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

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ICAS Mathematics Results

Congratulations to the following on their achievements:

Principals Award (Highest result) Top 5% in NZ: Gabe J

Distinction: Jonathan S (Yr 6); Jonty A (Yr 8); Gabe J (Yr 8)

Credit: Ashton G (Yr 5); Jaime S (Yr 6); Scarlett G (Yr 6); Zoe J (Yr 7);
Fionn N (Yr 8)

Merit: William S (Yr 7); William C (Yr 8)



Onesie Day—Friday 13th November

This Friday, the school is holding a “Onesie Day” for Women’s Refuge. In return for wearing your favourite onesie or pyjamas to school, we are asking for a donation of either a pair of children’s pyjamas or a children’s book—both must be in good condition please. Thank you for your support. Jonty and the Community Group

Camps 2016

Both the Year 5 &6 and the 7 &8 camps will be held on **23rd May to the 27th May.**

Year 5 and 6

Venue will be Camp Bentzon at Kawau Island.
Approx cost \$300.00

Year 7 and 8

MERC (Sir Peter Blake Education and Recreation Centre) at Long Bay. Approx cost \$400.00

If you would like to start paying off some of the camp cost for next year please deposit into the school account (below) with the year level and camp in the reference or pay at the office. These costs are approximate only at the moment and we are exploring fundraising options.

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Library Stocktake

So that we can complete our annual library stocktake all books issued to students, need to be returned to the library by **Friday 20th November.** Books which are overdue will be charged to the individual at the replacement rate.

Outstanding Accounts

Please if you owe any **bus, camp, athletics or technology fees** can you pay them to the office as soon as possible so we can pay the service providers.

ECCS Athletics Day (10th November at Massey Park Stadium)

All the students that competed were a credit to Karaka School for their positive attitude, comradery and effort they put in throughout the hot, sunny day. Karaka School ended up with 18 placings and 11 students representing the ECCS team for the Counties Athletics day to be held on Wednesday 18th November.

1st:

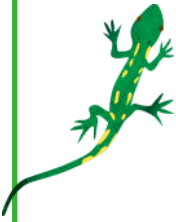
Shane P Shot Put Yr 6 Boys
Kaiya Shot Put Yr 7 Girls
Joshua P 200m Yr 7 Boys
Joshua P 400m Yr 7 Boys
James S Long Jump Yr 7 Boys
Georgia-Rae High Jump Yr 8 Girls
Georgia-Rae Long Jump Yr 8 Girls

2nd:

Shane P Discus Yr 6 Boys
Jayde B 400m Yr 7 Girls
Cole H 1500m Yr 7 Boys
Malakai T Discus Yr 7 Boys

3rd:

Harrison O 100m Yr 6 Boys
Dylan O Long Jump Yr 6 Boys
Jamiee M 200m Yr 7 Girls
George H 200m Yr 7 Boys
George H 400m Yr 7 Boys
George H Long Jump Yr 7 Boys
Malakai T Shot Put Yr 7 Boys
Gabe J 400m Yr 8 Boys



Junior School Cross Country

The weather co-operated and the Junior school was able to hold their cross country races on Monday. All children participated with enthusiasm and showed determination in completed the longer distances. Thank you to the large number of friends and whanau that came to support the children.

Results are as follows:

5 year old girls	1st Amelia B, 2nd Isabella B, 3rd Paikea H-F
5 year old boys	1st Gregory S, 2nd Caleb D, 3rd Cooper W
6 year old girls	1st Paige A, 2nd Emma B, 3rd Piper H
6 year old boys	1st Connor M, 2nd Alex Y, 3rd= Thomas F 3rd = Mason F
7 year old girls	1st Grace S, 2nd Lexi-May J, 3rd Alice R
7 year old boys	1st Logan S, 2nd Haydn F, 3rd Taranjeet S



The Great Bake Sale

Muffin Break is helping out with school fundraising... and it is really easy to nominate Karaka School. Go onto Facebook, search Muffin Break and click onto the The Great Bake Sale. Find your school, Karaka, and click on VOTE. Dead Easy! The school with the most votes wins some help with fundraising from Muffin Break.

Our next PTA meeting will be WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER, 7PM, in the staffroom. All welcome to come and suggest ideas for 2016; your support is necessary and highly appreciated.

Uniforms Uniforms Uniforms

As winter is now all but over, parents will no doubt be storing the school polo fleece sweatshirts until needed again next year. Perhaps this would be a great time to check the label to ensure you are storing the right sweatshirt? We have a large number of sweatshirts in the lost property box and also have people looking for lost sweatshirts.

If you do happen to have someone else's please can you hand it into the office.

PS Stevie B from Room 10 has lost her sweatshirt. Please check that your child does not have it by mistake. Thanks

Hats

Please remember that it is compulsory to wear hats in Terms 1 and 4.

Reminder Dates

9-13 December	Life Education Caravan
16 November	LEO, Junior Discovery, BOT Meeting 6.30pm—all welcome
18 November	PTA Meeting
20 November	Library closed, Yr 7 and 8 cricket vs Waiau Pa
23 November	LEO, Juniors in hall 10.30 for Dog Control visit
24 November	Leaders Conference
25 November	Yr 7 and 8 Touch tournament
15 December	Last day of term—school finishes 12.20pm
02 February	Term 1, 2016

Community Notices

Blueberry Country

Pick your own blueberries! Looking for an interesting family outing during the holidays? Come out to Blueberry Country and pick your own blueberries!

At \$11 per kg picking your own is a great new experience and is an affordable way to get your blueberries. Our cafes serve light refreshments and snacks, baked goods and real fruit ice cream or frozen yoghurt. Open 7 days 8am—6pm. 397 Jary Road, Ohaupo or 229 Central Road South, Ngatea. Phone 07 8236923 for info.

Rosehill College Year 8 BYOD Parent Forum

Tuesday December 1st 6.30pm in the school staffroom

Rosehill College extends a warm invitation to all year 8 families who have children attending the College in 2016. Noel Leeming will be operating a 'mobile store' from the school that night—parents will be able to purchase Chromebooks at the event if they choose.

Dare to Unlock the Secret

Free summer challenges at libraries across Auckland for kids aged 5 to 13.

7 December 2016—17 January 2016

Aucklandlibraries.govt.nz 09 301 0101

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