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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 1, Term 1 2018

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora and welcome back to the new school year! We hope that you had a fabulous break and are as pleased to be back as we are to have you back. The school is a very quiet place without our learners!

A very special welcome to our learning community to all our new students, their parents, whanau and to our two new teachers, Miss Sylva who joins Miss Davis in Tui room and Mrs Hartnett in Pukeko room. Miss Sylva is currently working alongside Miss Davis in Tui room and will open the new entrant class later in the year. We would like to invite you all to our powhiri on Friday February 16th at 9.40am in the school hall to officially welcome all new students, their parents and whanau along with Miss Sylva and Mrs Hartnett in to the Karaka School whanau. Teachers will organise our new students and we ask that new parents and whanau wishing to be involved in the powhiri meet the staff and students outside the office at 9.30am. Existing parents and whanau are very welcome to join us in the school hall.

We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and look forward to learning alongside everyone this year. An opportunity to come and meet teachers will be held on Tuesday February 13th. This year the teachers will be running two identical sessions in their own class rooms. One will start at 5.30pm and the other at 6.00pm. The purpose is to introduce themselves and give a brief outline of class and team expectations. Both myself and Carla Cook will also be available between 5.30–6.00pm in the staffroom should anyone wish to discuss the schools strategic direction or simply introduce themselves.

The PTA will also be onsite and invite you to join them for a cool refreshment so that they can talk with you about their plans for the year and share how you can become involved in a variety of ways. Please support our PTA who do such a great job for our school by taking a few moments to talk with them.

Celebrating Achievement

The school has been a very busy place over the summer break! All classrooms and the administration building have had a fresh coat of paint, our new build has been completed and Mangopare (our Intermediate room) has had an extreme makeover! Both learning environments are now reflective of innovative learning spaces that encourage collaboration and are adaptable to meet changing learning needs. If you have not yet had a look through Mangopare and Kokako, you are more than welcome to have a walk through. The new purpose built kitchen with 4 stations situated at one end of Kokako room, has already been put to good use by our students. This facility is available for all classes and learners in our school.

We are incredibly fortunate at Karaka School to have a committed staff who have been working hard over the past few weeks to prepare learning environments and experiences that are engaging and challenging for our learners. We encourage you to regularly visit your child's room and become familiar with and involved in the learning that is happening.

Working collaboratively in the best interests of our students is at the heart of all we do. We encourage you all to become part of our learning community by participating in your child's learning. Should you wish to discuss anything concerning your child we encourage you to meet with your child's teacher in the first instance. Team leaders, Mrs Cook and myself are always happy to meet with you also. Email is a great way to initiate contact and all email addresses are in the team newsletters and on our website. We are committed to working with you so that all our learners enjoy a safe and happy learning journey at Karaka School.

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds
Principal@karaka.school.nz

Start of the Year Information from the Office:

- The School Office opening times are 8.15am–3pm.
- The newsletter is emailed on Wednesdays. It is also available on our website www.karaka.school.nz
- Our bus bell goes at 2.40pm when bus children are released to go to bus lines. For all other children the school day finishes at 2.45pm. Could parents please collect their child from the concrete area beside the administration block.
- Assemblies occur fortnightly. They will be held on the Friday of even weeks with the first assembly being on **9th February at 1.50pm**. Whole school assemblies will alternate with team assemblies. School parents and whanau are welcome to attend school assemblies.
- Bell Times:



Time	
8.45 - 10.00	Block One
10.00 - 10.20	Morning Tea
10.20 - 12.20	Block Two
12.20 - 1.15	Lunch
1.15 - 2.45	Block Three

- **School Stationery/Accounts:** A letter outlining all details for the Office Max ordering of stationery was sent out last year. Stationery can be purchased from the Office Max website www.myschool.co.nz or from the Office Max store in Manukau. Please see the office if you have any problems. Fee requirements for 2018 were handed out by the teachers yesterday.
- Please note that there is a discount of \$25.00 for school donations that are paid by the end of term 1. If you need to arrange a payment plan please see us in the office.



- **Absences:** If for any reason on a given day, your child will not be attending school, please make a phone call to the school office before 9.30am or send notice via the Karaka School website so that we know your child will not be at school and is safe. Calls are made to the parent/guardian by 9.30am if there is an unexplained absence .
- **Sun Safe:** Karaka School Safe Sun Policy states that during Term 1 & 4 children are required to have a suitable hat that gives protection to the face, ears and neck. We strongly suggest that our official school hat is the most suitable for this. Hats are in stock. These are sold in the uniform shop (Open Monday 8.15-9.15am) or in the office - \$15.00 each.
- **Swimming:** Swimming is an important part of the school physical education programme. Please ensure your child brings their togs and towel every day.
- **School Uniform:** All children at all levels of the school are required to wear the full Karaka School uniform on a daily basis. Just a reminder, that specific footwear is included. For summer this is either **black or navy blue sandals with a back strap** – black crocs are OK. For winter this will be black or navy shoes (black sneakers acceptable) with black or navy socks. Hair accessories are to be black or blue only. All children representing the school at interschool sporting fixtures will also be expected to wear the official sports uniform which is available from the uniform shop. We look forward to our students looking smart from top to toe and believe this further enhances our positive image and promotes the school's identity throughout the community. **Please ensure that all items of your child's uniform are named.**
- **School Banking:** We will be continuing with the ASB School Banking. Registration forms are available from the office if you wish to start school banking. **School banking day is Thursday.** A secure box is located in the office on the outside wall of the sickbay (enter through the rear door to place in the box). All deposits are taken to the bank on Friday.
- **Technology:** All year 7 and 8's will be attending tech at Papakura Intermediate. This starts on Wednesday 7th February (11.10– 1.15) **The tech fees per year will remain at \$65.00.**

This needs to be paid before the end of Term 1 please.



- **School Bus Travel:** Parents are reminded that the school bus service runs under strict rules and regulations for health and safety reasons. If your child travelled by bus last year you should have already viewed and signed a bus transport contract with the school. If in doubt, please check with the office. If you are picking your child up after school and have not advised the office in advance please ensure that the teacher on bus duty is informed.
- **Bus Fees:** Bus fees (if applicable) must be received within the first two weeks of each term and a reminder letter will be sent should these remain outstanding.
- **School Car Parks:** Please take care when using our school car park and our drop off/pick up bay. The most important rule is to use your common sense. Please do not leave your car in the bus bay or drop off area! Cars parked here, should have drivers in them at all times! Our buses do not always arrive at the same time. Remember this is a “pick up and drop off area” only.
- **Out of Bounds Area:** For reasons of safety we would like all children and parents to enter and exit the school past the main office and not through the staff car park behind the office. This area is out of bounds for students. Bus students will need to make their way to and from the bus bay along the front of the office block, as do students who are dropped off in the 'drop off zone' when the bus is not present. A reminder to all parents: Please do not use the staff car park behind the admin building as a drop off point.
- **Camps:** Information will come out shortly:
Year 7/8 MERC, Long Bay 28 May—1 June
Year 5/6 Camp Bentzon, Kawau Island 21 May—25 May
- **Piano Tuition:** Piano tuition at all levels is available at Karaka School. If you are interested in piano lessons please contact Kathy on Ph:092927554.
- **Guitar Lessons:** Erik is unable to teach guitar lessons here at Karaka School due to his study this year. We are in the process of finding a new guitar teacher and should hear back by the end of the week.
- There are still a few copies of the 2017 End of Year Magazine left. If you missed out on buying your copy please call into the office \$10.00.



Reading Mileage Programme—Help Needed

Last year we started the Reading Mileage programme which was aimed at our Junior school learners. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 8.45—9.20am whanau from our community came to school and listened to the students read. In doing so, the children gained confidence in reading aloud and their fluency improved greatly. This programme was so successful that we are keen to get it going again.

Are you able to help? You can help one day or more, whatever works for you!

Please call into the office and see Carla Cook if you are able to help.

Lucky Book Club—Scholastic Orders

Issue 1 for 2018 will be coming home this week. All orders are due in by Friday 9th of February. The easiest way to **order is online** via the Loop orders:

mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Otherwise please hand in the order form and payment to the office by Friday 9th February. Thanks

Mathletics

All senior students are enrolled in the mathletics programme (cost \$35.00 as per the fee requirements notice that went home yesterday).

If your child is in the middle or junior teams and you wish for them to do mathletics, please call into the office to sign up and pay the \$35.00 fee.

Please be aware that we will not be signing up any students after the cut off date—Friday 16th February.



School Visits for New Entrants

School visit days will be Wednesday mornings only. Please contact the office to arrange your visits and we will liaise with the teacher/s. Thanks



PTA News

Happy New Year everyone and a special welcome to the new families to Karaka School.

The PTA is comprised of a small group of fantastic, friendly parents and if you have ever thought of joining us then we would love to meet you. Our first meeting is to be held on **Wednesday 7th of February at 7.00pm** in the staffroom.

Our PTA had a very successful year last year with the completion of the upgrade of our school pool—the PTA has been raising funds for this for the past few years and we are very proud of this accomplishment. This year our aim is to complete the Astro-turf of the court-yard outside Mangopare. We have some ideas with regards to the fundraising and more information will follow at a later date.

Because of this hot weather, we plan on selling ice-blocks for the first term on Thursday (starting tomorrow \$1.00 each). Juniors will be able to place orders with their teachers in the morning and Middle and Seniors can line up at the hall at the beginning of lunchtime.

Our Samosa fundraiser, Mr Fotoman and a sausage sizzle are also planned for later in this term.

Lunchroom—please see notice in this newsletter.

Uniform Shop—We open our uniform shop on a Monday morning 8.15-9.15am. A copy of the order form is on the school website.

Any question/fundraising ideas or if you require uniform items urgently, you can email us on **karaka.pta@gmail.com**

The Karaka School PTA account is **12-3031-0851231-00**

From the PTA team

Lunch Room is open Friday the 2nd February 2018

Some lovely parents volunteer their time to run the lunch room which helps to raise money for the PTA. The PTA donates this money to the school to support many projects and initiatives for our children. The lunch room is open each Friday morning from 8.20am until the start of the school day at 8.45am. All orders are delivered to your child's class room in time for lunch. To place a lunch order you can either come to the kitchen in the hall where we will take your order or if you would rather not wait in line to place your order, you may put your order in the white "lunch room orders" box on the lunch room counter. If you do order your lunch using the box please ensure you put your order in a sealed envelope (old or new, or a small plastic bag) and make sure it is clearly labelled with your child's

1. name
2. room name / number
3. the list of items they would like
4. your money (it is best if you can supply the correct change too please)

We would like to increase the number of volunteers who manage the orders each Friday morning in the lunch room. If you would like to join this fun Friday morning and work with a lovely group of parents taking and processing lunch orders please let Debbie Holmes (text 027 239 0304) know as we would love to have some new helpers. It is a great way to get to know your children's class mates and meet some parents. You would be there from 8.15am until approximately 9.30am and there is no food handling required, as it is all pre-packaged. You wouldn't be in the lunchroom every Friday, depending on how many volunteers we have you might only need to help out 2-3 times per term.

Lunch Room Price List current for Term 1, 2018

Pies	Prices
Mince & Cheese	\$ 3.00
Potato Top	\$ 3.00
Mince Savoury (small pie)	\$ 2.50
Mince Pie Large	\$ 3.00
Hawaiian Pizza	\$ 2.50
Sausage Roll	\$ 2.00
Drinks	
Sipper Top Hydro Water 800ml	\$ 1.50
Cool Sips Berry Water 250ML	\$ 1.50
Cool Sips Orange Water 250ML	\$ 1.50
Cali Yum Milk 250ml Chocolate / Strawberry	\$ 1.50
Snacks	
Butter Popcorn	\$ 1.00
Buffalo Corn Chips - Cheese	\$ 1.50
Cookie Time Cookies	\$ 1.50
Ice Blocks	
Moosies frozen milk shakes 85ml Chocolate	\$ 1.50
Moosies frozen milk shakes 85ml Cookies & Cream	\$ 1.50
Moosies frozen milk shakes 85ml Lime	\$ 1.50
Juicies (frozen juice)	\$ 1.00

Reminder Dates

5 February	Yes, this is a school day
6 February	Waitangi Day, public holiday
7 February	PTA meeting 7.00pm in the staffroom
9 February	Head student speeches 1.20pm followed by assembly at 1.50pm
12 February	BOT meeting 5.00pm
13 February	Meet the Teachers 5.30 and 6.00pm
16 February	Powhiri 9.40am (details in Principal's report)
21-25 May	Year 5 and 6 camp—Camp Bentzon, Kawau Island (\$360.00)
28 May-1 June	Year 7 and 8 camp—MERC, Long Bay (costs TBA)

Community Notices

Drury and Districts Rugby Football and Recreation Club

Registration Days: 13th and 23rd February 3.30—6.30pm, Drury Rugby Club, 10 Tui Street, Drury. PGower@greengorilla.co.nz or craig.bethell@marley.co.nz

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change program for children, and helps them deal with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or other major family changes. The next after-school program starts on Thursday 15th of February, 4pm-5pm at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme and Adult Programme are also available. The Programs run for 8 weeks during term time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, office on 238 7228 or contact us at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

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