



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 1, Term 1 2020

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora, welcome back to the new school year! We hope that you have had a fabulous holiday and are as pleased to be back as we are to have you back. The school is a very quiet place without our learners! We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and look forward to learning alongside you all.

A very special welcome to our place of learning to all our new learners, their parents, whanau and our new teachers, Miss Ballard who joins us in Pukeko, Miss Johnson who is joining the team in Kokako and Ms Reimer who joins Mrs Sutton in Mangopare. We would like to invite you all to our powhiri on Monday 17 February at 10.45am in the school hall to officially welcome you all into the Karaka School whanau. Teachers will organise our new learners and we ask that new parents and whanau wishing to be involved in the powhiri meet outside the office at 10.40am. Existing parents and whanau are very welcome to join us in the hall.

The cornerstones of the Karaka School culture are our school values. At our place of learning we actively live and celebrate these on a day to day basis. They are our expectations of each other and we deliberately teach the skills and dispositions associated with each. We believe that our values are not only important values for our school but also important for life. The following poster is displayed in every classroom, our office area and also as you enter our school. Talk to your child about our school values and what these look like in action. You can support the development of these by using the language of, and celebrating our values at home too.





Over the break our junior rooms, Kotare, Tui and Ruru received a makeover and they look fabulous! New sliding doors from all rooms allow direct access to the shade area, new carpet and wall coverings have been added and internal renovations have created additional space. Feel free to pop your heads in and have a look at these lovely new learning environments.

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. As always, our commitment to ensuring that we are delivering best practice, evidence based learning opportunities to our learners and ourselves continues.

Working collaboratively in the best interests of our learners is at the heart of all we do. We encourage you all to become part of our place of learning 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 Sutton and Miss Davis - along with 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. Likewise, teachers will make contact with you directly should any concerns arise. We are committed to working with you so that all our learners enjoy a safe, happy and engaging learning journey at Karaka School.

This year we are holding a **'Setting up for Success - Goal Setting'** afternoon on **Thursday February 20th** starting at **12.30pm** (please collect your child at this time, buses will run at the normal time). This will be an opportunity to visit your child's classroom, enjoy a guided tour of the learning environment before discussing learning goals with your child and their teacher. Class rooms will be open until 3.30pm. You will be asked to book a half hour slot using our online system. More details will follow in next week's newsletter and in the meantime remember to save the date!

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 2.35pm when bus children are released to go to bus lines. For all other children the school day finishes at 2.45pm. Could parents please come up to the grey line beside the administration block to collect their children. Children **MUST** be signed out even if you are picking them up early on the bus bell for an appointment.
- Assemblies occur fortnightly. They will be held on the Friday of even weeks with the first assembly being on **14th February at 1.50pm**. Whole school assemblies will alternate with team assemblies. School parents and whanau are welcome to attend school assemblies.

- **Bell Times:**

School starts	8.45am
Block One	8.45am Fitness
	9.00am Literacy
	9.55am Brain Break *bring a healthy snack*
	10.05am Literacy
Morning Tea	11.00am
Block Two	11.20am Math
Lunch	12.30pm—1.20pm
Block Three	1.20pm PE, Performing Arts, Inquiry etc
Bus Bell	2.35pm Bus students only
Home Bell	2.45pm

- **Arriving at School:** The first bell for the day is at 8.15am. Prior to this children are not actively supervised therefore must wait alongside the Hall under the shelter (next to the top flat). Students are expected to stay here until the first bell and then are welcome to head to their classrooms.
- **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 2019 were handed out by the teachers this week.
- 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 named 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 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 started today (12.45–2.15). **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 travels by bus 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. Please use the central walkway if you park in the middle of the carpark. **DO NOT** walk your children through the carpark behind the parked cars.
- **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:** **Year 7/8 Finlay Park, Cambridge 11th–14th February**
 Year 5/6 Kawau Island 25th– 29th 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: 09 2927554.
- **Guitar and Ukulele Lessons:** Modern School of Music, beginners to advanced, please make a booking. Enquiries to Rachel Peters 02102511752
- There are only 3 copies of the 2019 End of Year Magazine left. If you missed out on buying your copy please call into the office \$12.00.



Mathletics

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

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 28th February.

Lucky Book Club – Scholastic Orders

Issue 1 for 2020 will be coming home this week. All orders are due in by Friday 14th February. The easiest way to order is on-line via the Loop orders (mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). Otherwise please hand in the order form and payment to the office by Friday 14th February. Thanks.

School Visits for New Entrants

Please email Miss Davis direct to arrange school visits - tanyad@karaka.school.nz



Reading Mileage Programme—Help Needed

Karaka School Reading Mileage programme is an extremely successful programme aimed at our Junior school learners. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 8.45—9.20am whanau from our community come to school and listen to students read. In doing so, the children gain confidence in reading aloud and their fluency improves greatly. This programme is so successful that we are keen to get it going as soon as possible.

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.



Uniform - We have re-stocked and have all sizes available!!

PTA next meeting - Wed 19th - We are a very friendly bunch of parents and would love to have more ladies and gents join us. We meet each month in the staff-room at 7pm. If you are unable to attend the meetings, but think you can help in a smaller way, you can become a "Friend of the PTA". You will receive the minutes and you can contribute your time/help in other ways, like baking a cake or selling ice-blocks at a disco etc. Please contact us and we will add you to our emailing list.

Lunchroom is open every Tuesday and Friday morning

Some lovely parents volunteer their time to run the lunchroom which helps to raise money for the PTA (and the kids love it). The PTA donates this money to the school to support many projects and initiatives for our children. The lunchroom is open each Tuesday and Friday morning from 8.20am until the start of the school day at 8.45am. All orders are delivered to your child's classroom 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

name

room name / number

the list of items they would like

your money (it is best if you can supply the correct change too please)

We need more volunteers to help run the lunchroom and provide this service for the children (and their families) of Karaka School. If you think you could spare an hour or so on a Tuesday or Friday morning (8.15 am – 9.30am) please contact Debbie Holmes 027 239 0304 **urgently**. If we don't have more volunteers to run the lunchroom by the end of term 1 we will consider closing the lunchroom from term 2.

Sushi Available only Tuesdays

Sushi 6 Pack	Prices
Vegetarian	\$ 8.00
Salmon	\$ 9.50
Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 8.00
Salmon and Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 9.00
Tuna (contains dairy)	\$ 8.00
Sushi 8 Pack	
Vegetarian	\$ 10.00
Salmon	\$ 11.50
Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 10.00
Salmon and Teriyaki Chicken	\$ 11.00
Tuna (contains dairy)	\$ 10.00
Chicken and Rice Meal	\$ 7.50
Salmon Nigiri (4 pack)	\$ 10.00

Friday's Options

Pies	Prices
Mince & Cheese	\$ 3.50
Potato Top	\$ 3.50
Mince Pie Small	\$ 2.50
Mince Pie Large	\$ 3.50
Hawaiian Pizza	\$ 3.00
Sausage Roll	\$ 2.00
Savoury Pies (standard sized savouries)	
Bacon and Egg (contains onion)	\$ 1.50
Spinach and Feta (vegetarian)	\$ 1.50
Drinks	
Sipper Top Hydro Water 600ml	\$ 1.50
Cool Sips Berry Water 250ML	\$ 1.50
Cool Sips Orange Water 250ML	\$ 1.50
Cali Yum Milk 250ml Chocolate / Strawberry	\$ 2.00
Snacks	
Butter Popcorn	\$ 1.50
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	\$ 1.00

Reminder Dates

6 February	Waitangi Day, public holiday
7 February	Teacher Only Day, no school
11-14 Feb	Year 7 and 8 camp
17 February	Powhiri 10.45am
17 February	Whanau Hui 11.20am
19 February	PTA meeting 7.00pm
20 February	Setting Up for Success—Goal Setting 12.30-3.30pm
21 February	Senior Swimming sports

Community Notices



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We have a wonderful group of students arriving in May and July 2020 for 3, 5 or 10 months and are excitedly waiting to hear news of their host family in New Zealand.

All students have a wide range of interests and hobbies.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today

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www.studentexchange.org.nz/hosting
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Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children, teens, and their parents, and helps them deal with challenges in their lives such as separation, divorce, death or family changes. The next After-school program starts on Thursday 13th of February, 4pm-5pm at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe. The Programme runs for 8 weeks during term time. We will also be running an Adults Programme the week beginning the 17th of Feb, for those interested. For enquiries or enrollments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, office on 238 7228, or contact seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons



Karaka Netball Club Registrations are open for the 2020 season.

Register your daughter or son to play netball for Karaka Netball Club. Year 1- 6 players have the option of playing at Pukekohe Netball Centre or Papakura Netball Centre.

To register go to:

<http://www.karakasportspark.co.nz/karaka-netball/register-3>

If you have any questions or would like to know more come to an informal chat on Tuesday morning (11th February) after school drop off in the hall with Shelley Hayton and Trudi Goldsworthy.

Thank you.

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