



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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12th February 2020

Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 2, Term 1 2020

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

We are now well into our second week of the 2020 School Year and everything is going tremendously. A highlight for me so far has been watching the way in which our new learners have been welcomed. This has enabled them to settle quickly and develop a sense of belonging, which is so important. Thank you to everyone for your positive contributions so early in the year.

Tuesday morning saw our Intermediate learners depart for Finlay Park Camp. They arrived at school early and were buzzing with excitement. Mrs Sutton reports that Day 1 has seen the students going on the blob, the hydro slide, confidence course, water slide, go karting and sling shot. We know the rest of the week will be just as much fun and we look forward to welcoming some tired campers home on Friday.



Welcome to Karaka School Powhiri

Our first powhiri to welcome all new students, teachers and their whanau to Karaka School is on Monday 17th February at 10.45am followed by morning tea, kindly prepared by the PTA.

We welcome all members of our learning community to attend.

Good News Call of the Weeks

Our very first Good News Call of the Week for 2020 was LiDarius M! LiDarius was a real stand out during our Habits of Mind rotation. He took care of our younger learners and used his initiative when doing so. Thanks Lidarius for showing our school values of nurture (poipoi) and respect (whakaute). We are so proud of you.



Carla Cook
Deputy Principal

Absences

If for any reason on a given day your child will not be attending school, please:

- Leave a message on the absentee line or
- Send a notice through the website or
- Send a note or email to the class teacher **and** the office.



Setting Up for Success – Goal Setting

Thursday 20th February

The beginning of the year is an important time for all learners. It is a time to settle into their new environment, get to know their new teacher(s) and peers, and begin the next stage of their learning journey.

It is absolutely essential that you, their whanau, are a part of the process, therefore we ask that you come to school on Thursday 20th February.

How will the time be spent? The time will be learner led and will generally follow the outline below.

*First your child will show you around their new learning space.

*After that you and your child will sit together and reflect on your child's 2019 learning journey. This conversation will lead you to setting a learning and a values goal to start the year. Part of this discussion will include 'What can I do at school to help me achieve my goals' and 'What can we do at home to help me achieve my goals'.

*Next your child will introduce you to their teacher. There will be an opportunity (approximately 5 minutes) to ask any questions, share any important information and to ensure everyone is aware of and committed to helping the learner achieve their goals.

In the coming weeks learners will be given opportunities to reflect on their goals at school and we encourage you to continue talking about and encouraging your child to achieve these at home.

The time slots are shared 30 minutes slots. This means there will be a number of families in the classroom at the same time and each family will have a chance to briefly chat with the teacher within the 30 minutes. It is important each whanau has time with the teacher, therefore more in depth conversations will require an appointment to be made on another day. Thank you for understanding and we look forward to seeing every learner and their whanau on Thursday 20th February.

REMEMBER:

School finishes 12.30pm on Thursday 20th Feb. (KAS will be open, phone 027 694 3000 to book in). Bus students not collected at 12.30pm will be supervised until 2.35pm

BOOKING INFORMATION:

**Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
Type in the event code: **wwukq****

Click GO

Follow the simple steps

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.



Bus Fees

As per the contract signed for bus travel, bus fees must be received within the first two weeks of each term.

Mathletics

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.



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: Tuition available at Karaka School. Modern School of Music, beginners to advanced, please make a booking. Enquiries to Rachel Peters 02102511752

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.

Technology Year 7 and 8

All Year 7 and 8's will be attending tech at Papakura Intermediate. The tech fees per year are \$65.00. This needs to be paid before the end of Term 1 please.

Lucky Book Club – Scholastic Orders

All orders for Issue 1 are due in this 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 this week. Thanks.

PTA Meeting

Wednesday 19th February at 7.00pm

In the staffroom

Please feel welcome to join this friendly team, we would love to see some new faces.

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

Reminder Dates

14 February	Assembly 1.45pm
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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Register or find out more information online at
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We have teams for boys & girls
U5's - U8's (born 2015 - 2012)
U9's - U17's (born 2011 - 2003)

Fulton Triathlon 2020—Friday February 21st at Clarks Beach

8-10 year olds—100m swim, 4 km bike, 1 km run

11-12 year olds—200m swim, 8 km bike, 2 km run

Register: <http://bit.ly/FultonTriathlon2020>

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>

Northern Mystics – Trans Tasman Challenge

Trans Tasman rivalry is back at The Trusts Arena for a pre season hit out with the Northern Stars, NSW Giants & Melbourne Vixens. Don't miss the opportunity to see your favourite players in action, meet the Mystics partners & let the kids be entertained in the Kids Zone.

Tickets on sale now: <https://www.northernmystics.co.nz/trans-tasman-challenge-2020/>

HAVE A GO AT CRICKET

Counties Manukau Cricket are running Afterschool Cricket Hubs across the region in Term 1. These Hubs are designed for anyone who would like to have a go at cricket or improve their cricket skills.

- For boys and girls in School Years 1 – 6
- Introductory cricket programmes teaching basic cricket skills
- Batting, bowling, catching, throwing
- Modified games with softballs
- All equipment provided

Karaka Cricket Club

Karaka Sports Park
Thursday's 4pm-5pm
20 Feb - 26 March (6 weeks)

<https://registrations.cricq.com/register/279078>
or email: development@countiesmanukaucricket.co.nz



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