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EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

No. 4

26th February 2020

Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 4, Term 1 2020

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the **"Setting up for Success - Goal Setting"** afternoon last Thursday. The feedback has been very positive and we are excited to continue to build on these home school partnerships.

Remember that you are welcome to visit your child's learning environment, look through their books and chat with the teacher at any time during the term. If you think you might need more than a quick chat, please email the class teacher to make an appointment so that quality time is set aside to talk.

Dojo:

Have you signed up to Dojo? This is easy to do and we highly recommend it. This year we will be expanding on how we use dojo to share learning and communicate with whanau. Please see your classroom teacher if you would like some help signing up.

Swimming Sports:

Congratulations to all those who participated in our school swimming sports last Friday. We were very proud of the way in which our swimmers were supported and encouraged by their peers. A big thank you to those who volunteered to help on the day and to those who were able to come along to support. We wish all those who have qualified for the ECCS swimming sports on Friday all the very best of luck!

Everyday Matters:

Now that we have settled into the school year, we would like to remind you all that **‘Every Day Matters’**.


Regular school attendance is associated with higher achievement as well as being important for the establishing of positive learning relationships and friendships. **Did you know...**

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Days off school add up to lost learning!

365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR	175 NON SCHOOL DAYS				175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.	
	190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
		180 DAYS OF EDUCATION	170 DAYS OF EDUCATION	161 DAYS OF EDUCATION	152 DAYS OF EDUCATION	143 DAYS OF EDUCATION
	190 days for your child's education					
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	GOOD Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start.		WORRYING Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress.		SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child.	

If you need support getting your child to school, we are very happy to help.

Good News Call of the Week:

Congratulations to Deeann C who was last week's Good News Call of the Week! Deeann has consistently shown the values of Nurture (poipoi), and Excellence (hiranga). Deeann has been so kind to others by ensuring that they are included and has been putting 100% into her learning! Thanks Deeann, a fantastic start to the year - we are proud of you!



Drought:

Are your water tanks short of water? Karaka School is happy to fill water bottles for you while we wait out the dry spell.

Reminder - Policy Review:

This term we have one policy that is to be reviewed by our board, staff and parents. If you wish to participate in the review, please click on the link and follow the instructions below:

Recognition of Cultural Diversity

Visit the website <http://karaka.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

1. Enter the username (karaka) and password (school).
2. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
3. Read the policy.
4. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
5. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
6. Enter your name.
7. Submit your ratings and comments.

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

Principal@karaka.school.nz

Roll Return Day—Monday 2nd March

If your child is absent on this day, can the office be provided with a note (either via email, our website or written).

This happens twice a year and is a Ministry requirement.

Updating School Records

Contact details for your children often change without the school being aware and it is important that we are able to contact someone in case of emergencies. Change of Details forms were sent out recently. Please send this form back to the office by **THIS FRIDAY** if you have any corrections.

Carpark Safety

If you park in the middle parking area of the main carpark, please can you walk your child through the middle using the pedestrian crossing and not through the carpark behind cars.

At present the buses are arriving to school at various times. Please do not leave your car in the bus bay area unattended. This is a drop off and drive on area only.

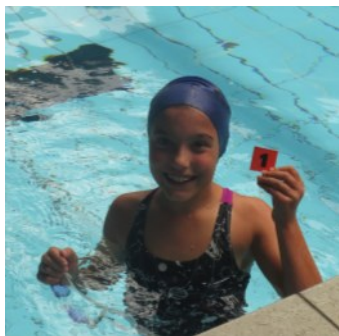
Also please be careful with parking outside of school by the bus entry gate area. The buses can have a hard time turning in here if a car is parked partially over the entrance.

Thank you for your help in keeping this a safe place for our students.

Mathletics

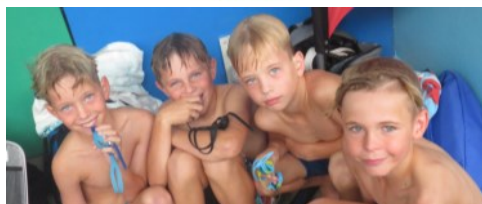
If your child is in the middle or junior teams and you wish for them to do mathletics, please call into the office to sign up and pay the \$35.00 fee.

Please be aware that we will not be signing up any students after the cut off date—Friday 28th February.



Karaka School 2020 Swimming Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
25m Butterfly			
Open Boys	Connor M	Alex K	Cooper W
Year 5 & 6 Girls	Amelia B	Billie B	Amelia B
Year 7 & 8 Girls	Bailey S	Tyler B	Gemma M
50m Freestyle			
Year 5 Boys	Thomas M	Harry S	Jameson W
Year 5 Girls	Tessa J	Paikoa HF	Amelia B
Year 6 Boys	Connor M	Caleb M	Harrison S
Year 6 Girls	Michaela H	Billie B	Amelia B
Year 7 Boys	Shaun M	Stephen T	Alex K
Year 7 & 8 Girls	Nelly J	Tyler B	Bailey S
Year 8 Boys	Cohen H	Henry W	Dallas H
25m Freestyle			
Year 4 boys	Daniel P	Michael C	Finn W
Year 4 girls	Deeann C	Emily C	Samantha M
Year 5 girls	Tessa J	Paikoa HF	Mikayla C
Year 5 boys	Thomas M	Archer J	Jameson W
Year 6 girls	Billie B	Michaela H	Amelia B
Year 6 boys	Connor M	Caleb D	Harrison S
Year 7 girls	Charlie V	Olivia G	Henna A
Year 7 boys	Shaun M	Stephen T	Dane H
Year 8 girls	Tyler B	Gemma M	Nelly J
Year 8 boys	Cohen H	Henry W	Logan F
25m Backstroke			
Year 4 boys	Daniel P	Tom P	Cade R
Year 4 girls	Deeann C	Lalei S	Emily C
Year 5 girls	Amelia B	Tessa J	Mahalia-Rose
Year 5 boys	Harry S	Thomas M	Jameson W
Year 6 girls	Billie B	Michaela H	Amelia B
Year 6 boys	Cooper W	Caleb D	Connor M
Year 7 girls	Olivia G	Charlie V	Lole M
Year 7 boys	Shaun M	Dane H	Alex K
Year 8 girls	Nelly J	Bailey S	Tyler B
Year 8 boys	Henry W	Cohen H	Logan F
25m Breaststroke			
Year 4 boys	Finn W	Tom P	
Year 4 girls	Deeann C	Emily C	Samantha M
Year 5 girls	Paikoa HF	Ashley T	Charlott E
Year 5 boys	Daniel G	Harry S	Lucas H
Year 6 girls	Billie B	Cara C	Amelia B
Year 6 boys	Connor M	Alex Y	Cooper W
Year 7 girls	Jessica C		
Year 7 boys	Shaun M	Alex K	James W
Year 8 girls	Gemma M	Tyler B	Gemma S
Year 8 boys	William G	Henry W	Cohen H



--- ANNOUNCEMENT ---

Karaka School is proud to announce that we are now an "I Used To Be" drop off location (the very first school to do so).

'I used to be' recycles old inflatable pool toys and turns them into reusable wet bags.

Inflatable toys can be delivered to the office during school hours.

More information on this initiative can be found at
<https://www.iusedtobe.co.nz>

I USED TO BE

REPURPOSED POOL TOY ACCESSORIES

We're all about recycling and repurposing.

We like to think differently about waste.

I used to be is a place where pool toys are given a new lease on life. Where that inflatable flamingo, doomed for landfill, becomes something useful, something beautiful.

Splash proof bags for every need.

I USED TO BE

Please do not donate your Inflatable toy if it is mouldy





PTA News

- ♦ **Uniform Shop**—More volunteers required for our Monday mornings. Uniform shop open 8.15 - 9.00. If you are able to help out for the occasional morning please let Heather Ben or the office know.
- ♦ **School Disco**—WE HAVE TO POSTPONE OUR SCHOOL DISCO. WE ARE HOPING TO HOLD ONE AT THE END OF TERM. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED.
- ♦ **PTA Meeting—Bring a Friend Night**—What an awesome meeting we had last week, lots of new faces and plenty of ideas being brought to the table. We are so pleased to have more folks join our team but are always happy to welcome more. Our next meeting will also be our AGM, so if you have ever thought of joining us, please do so. Our next meeting is Wednesday 11th March.
- ♦ **Lunchroom Notice**—Cookies and Cream Moosies will no longer be available once our current stocks run out (probably this week) and will be replaced by Strawberry.... Sorry about this but our Supplier has stopped making them. We still have chocolate and lime though.
- ♦ **Knowledge-a-thon**—This has proved very popular the last couple of years, so we are doing it again. Look out for more information to follow in the next few weeks.

Reminder Dates

27 February	Botanic Gardens visit (Pateke, Pukeko, Mokokoko)
28 February	Assembly 1.45pm
11 March	PTA meeting
13 March	Assembly 1.45pm
17 March	Photolife Photos
2 March	BOT meeting 5.00pm
3 March	Leadership roles 2020 announced in Hall at 12.20pm

Community Notices

Waiau Pa Hockey Club Junior Muster/Registration

Waiau Pa Hockey Club junior muster will be 1st March (Sunday) from 2pm to 4pm at the Strathallan ACG Hockey Turf. We train at this turf during the week and play in Pukekohe in the weekends. Come along on the day and have a friendly hit with the hockey ball and stick and see if you like it. If you don't have a stick no worries, there will be some there on the day to play with.

If you are unable to attend on the 1st March, or would like more information about us please call Karen McConnell on 027 283 2585, Melissa Anderson 021 159 1379 or email juniors@wphco.co.nz

We are looking for players for every grade, U7 (yr 1 & 2), U9 (yr 3 & 4), U11 (yr 5 & 6) and U13 (yr 7 & 8).

Junior Football at Drury FC—starts soon with teams for all ages and abilities. Check out www.druryfootball.co.nz for details or call Angela 021 918412

Incredible Years Course—starting on 23rd March. A 14 week programme which focuses on positive parenting strategies and building relationships with your children—for parents with children between the ages of 3-8 years.

Email NMapletoft@familysupport.org.nz or phone 0923 86233

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\$500

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