



# Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

## Principal's Note

Week 2 Term 4 2021

*Kia ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.*

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

What a fabulous start back to the final term of 2021! We have really enjoyed reconnecting with our learners online and have been so impressed with the level of engagement. Some classes have reported 100% attendance at zooms!

Thank you to our fantastic teaching and support staff who continue to reflect and seek new ways to maintain learner engagement in this online environment - you are stars!

This term we will be putting out newsletters every 2nd Wednesday. These will be an opportunity to share information with you regarding how we will manage end of year events as well as celebrate our learners and their learning. Keep an eye out in your inbox for these!

While we have been learning away from school, our commitment to ensuring continuous improvement has continued. In between preparing for and delivering online lessons, our staff have been working hard behind the scenes to learn how to navigate a new student management system. We are therefore very excited to announce that from the beginning of 2022 we will be launching HERO!



## Why HERO?

Hero brings all school communications into a single app that works across multiple schools.

Hero is designed to reduce the number of places that parents need to check for information about school. Parents and caregivers can log in to their Hero account (even if they have students at multiple schools) and see all their learning stories; assessments; progress data; school notices; pay their school account online ... all through one app, Hero.

When we are ready to go live, we will let you know how to access the app and create your login.

## What do I need to do now?

Unless you need a copy of a school report or a receipt, there is nothing you need to do right now. If you do require any copies you will need to contact the office [admin@karaka.school.nz](mailto:admin@karaka.school.nz) stating what it is you require before **1st December 2021**. Once we make the move to HERO, we will be unable to access these historical documents.

## Good News Call of the Week

Congratulations to Henna A who has been acknowledged for her outstanding commitment to her learning. Henna completes all her work to a very high standard, acts on feedback to make improvements and participates and contributes with respect at all times. Thank you Henna for being an incredible role model for our school values of akoranga/learning, hiranga/excellence and whakaute/respect. We are so very proud of you!



## Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

[Principal@karaka.school.nz](mailto:Principal@karaka.school.nz)

## Please return all End of Year Trophies

We would like the end of year trophies to be returned to School so we can at least get them ready for prize giving, however that might look this year.

We will have a table set up in the bus bay on **MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER—10.00AM—2.00PM** for you to drive through and drop the trophy off. Please just drop off and drive on.

Please return already cleaned and in an undamaged condition.

## **Kokako Adventure Stories**

After watching a special video the students from Kokako had to come up with a story—here are some of their imaginative reports:

### ***Missing Adventurer Anderson Appears To Be On The Menu!***

*Adventurer Aidan (Angry) Anderson, who was reported missing some weeks ago, has been spotted held captive in a cage in the Papua New Guinea Highlands this morning.*

*A search plane, hired by the London Adventurers Guild, flew over a previously undocumented clearing and took video footage of the cage, which clearly shows an unkempt Anderson inside it.*

*The cage, which was one of Andersons own, was suspended above the ground by a makeshift crane and surrounded by what is believed to be members of the lost tribe of Pygmy Cannibals that Anderson was so eager to find.*

*Anderson entered the Highlands of Papua New Guinea some months ago trying to find the lost tribe of Pygmy cannibals. Members of the tribe had not been seen by other people for over 50 years.*

*Anderson kept in communication with other members of the Guild by short wave radio. His last transmission was cut short and this led to him being reported missing.*

*A search plane was hired by the Guild in an attempt to find Anderson after police search teams found Andersons camp in rugged country. Anderson however was nowhere to be found.*

*A camera was located in the debris of the campsite. The film was developed and it contained photographs of what is believed to be one of the Pygmy cannibals wearing Andersons hat and looking ferocious.*

*The search plane was unable to land but immediately radioed for help to rescue Anderson.*

*This rescue mission is still ongoing but may be too late to save Anderson from the jaws of the cannibals.*

**By Michael C**



## **Hunted Hunter**

Local hunter, Hunter Huntington has been reported missing by his BFF Randy Bandy. Mr Huntington last known communication was Friday 5:04 pm 16th July.

Mr Huntington has been researching and tracking the possibility that there is a sole survivor of a tribe thought to be extinct. Mr Huntington was hot on the trail of the remaining survivor... thought to be a man child, short in stature and basically nude.

Mr Huntington told his BFF that he would use any means necessary to capture the wild tribesman. Police are concerned that Mr Huntington has not returned and has missed his weekly pedicure appointment. "This is alarming, I hate to think what his feet are going to look like" his BFF has stated.

Investigations continue in the hopes Mr Huntington is not taking matters into his own hands and has returned in time for his next pedicure appointment and his upcoming laser hair removal appointment. **By Georgia T**

## **Missing Explorer Presumed Captured**

Famous British explorer and scientist Nick Offerton has been reported as missing during his first solo exploration of the Amazon Rainforest where he hoped to discover the lost tribe of indigenous people known as the Wachoooci.

Offerton left England four months ago and was supposed to return last week. His assistant has reported him as missing to local Police. A search team set out to locate and search his camp site in the jungle. They found that his traps had gone off and some damage had been done to his gear.

His assistant said Nick got angry quickly. He could not concentrate properly when he was angry. Some experts believe that he might of got angry at a tribe member, lost his concentration and got captured by the tribe.

Some of the equipment Offerton took was missing such as his cage, food and water. This was thought to of been taken by the tribe.

Explorers and adventurers from all four corners of the globe are helping look for their fellow explorer, but few held much hope for his safe return home.

**By Toby N**



## **Hunter finds new species of humans after being kept prisoner for 103 days**

*A rare "little human" narrowly escapes a Hunter after smelling delicious roast chicken.*

*A hunter called John White has reported to the Brazilian Police that he was kept prisoner for 103 days by little humans in the Amazon Rainforest. It all started on February the 8th this year when John went to the rain forest to catch photos of a rare species of little humans that he had searched about online. No one else has ever caught the little humans before.*

*John said he set a trap using a roast chicken and a hole in the ground. He caught a little human and managed to take a photo of it. After being caught the little human escaped. John said he chased after it, but crashed into the bars of a metal cage and fainted. When he woke up he was inside a cage that was at the top of a cliff. Millions of little humans were singing and bowing below the cage. John said everyday he planned for an escape. On day 99 he finally figured out an escape plan. He went through the top of the cage that had no bars and climbed down and got a rope from a nearby hut. He climbed down the cliff and ran to a river then built a raft out of rotten trees and floated along the Amazon River for 3 days.*

*John said on his last day he got off the river and started running. It took him 10 hours and he finally came out of the jungle and jumped into his jeep and drove to the city to get the police. John tells us the Brazilian Police did not believe him. They said he could not survive for 103 days in the jungle. He said the police did not even believe the little humans had fed and cared for him.*

*Now John is back in the Amazon Rainforest trying to get proof. The first thing he's going to do is look for his camera and then try and catch another little human. John said he would use Italian meatballs in the trap.*

**By Flynn Wilson**

## The naming of Karaka

There are multiple stories as to how karaka was named. I will be telling you the main two.

One of the main stories says that karaka was named after Joseph Clark, who had also given his name to Clark Beach and creek. The reason that he could have named the district is because the Māori version of Clark was translated to be Karaka. However, the same goes for almost anyone in power with a first or last name Clark, such as the protector of aborigines at the time George Clark, and he may be more likely, as he was given the duty of purchasing all the Māori land.

The second story says that Karaka was named after the Māori chief, Karaka Te Aua, who, before the Europeans arrived, had a fortification on the western side of the Whatāpaka inlet, and also from Te Karaka and the Māori Reserve - About 5 miles from the fort. This reserve was mentioned in an 1843 deed.



**Kokako have been busy baking!**

## Reminder

**Please remember to email your entries  
by 29th October.**



Growing and Construction Projects to [johnd@karaka.school.nz](mailto:johnd@karaka.school.nz)

Animal entries to [lynnef@karaka.school.nz](mailto:lynnef@karaka.school.nz) or [admin@karaka.school.nz](mailto:admin@karaka.school.nz)

3, 5, 7 and 8+ year merit badges will be still be awarded.

You will also receive a Certificate and house points for entering.

## End of Year Magazine

**Yes, this is still happening!**

**Watch this space for more information on how  
and when you can purchase this amazing book.**





# PTA News

## Calendar, Cards, Diary and Notebook Fundraiser

Have your photo or child's art made into fabulous calendars, cards, diaries and notebooks (especially great Christmas presents). Creating a piece of art might be a good rainy day or home schooling activity. Calendars \$13, 8 pack of cards \$13, diaries, lined and unlined notebooks \$15.

See attached order form or email [karaka.pta@gmail.com](mailto:karaka.pta@gmail.com) with any enquiries - orders and payment due by Sunday 31 October

Thank you, Karaka School PTA

Any questions/fundraising ideas or if you require uniform items urgently, you can email us on [karaka.pta@gmail.com](mailto:karaka.pta@gmail.com). The Karaka School PTA account is 12-3031-0851231-00 From the PTA team

# KARAKA SCHOOL CALENDAR ORDER FORM



★ One order form per child please

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

*This year you must provide your own image - any photo you choose or a scan of your child's artwork. Due to the lockdown & reduced class time, unfortunately we are unable to produce student artwork at school.*



Please provide a photo or scan:

- ensure the image is landscape (ie horizontal, not vertical)  ✓  ✗
- minimum digital file size: 250kb, jpg or pdf format
- include references in email: room name, child's name
- please email the image to Karaka School PTA [karaka.pta@gmail.com](mailto:karaka.pta@gmail.com)

Order from image supplied by parents (refer notes above):

Qty

- |                          |   |          |
|--------------------------|---|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Calendars @ \$13.00 each  | \$ ..... |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Blank Notebooks @ \$15.00 each<br>(soft covered A5 notebooks, blank pages inside) | \$ ..... |



**TOTAL OF PHOTO ORDERS** \$.....



★ Please return this order form to Karaka School & make payment by Sunday 31 October ★

Payment can be made by internet banking to  
Karaka School PTA Account 12-3031-0851231-00  
reference:

- ★ calendar
- ★ child's name
- ★ room name



★ What is this order form for: Your photos or art made into fabulous calendars, cards, diaries & notebooks - great Christmas presents!

★ Is this a fundraiser: Yes! Funds go towards projects at Karaka School

# Reminder Dates

**31 October**

PTA Calendar fundraiser finishes

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