



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 4 Term 4 2021

Kia ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

This week's newsletter is dedicated to celebrating our Learners' achievements!

We are very excited to announce the latest recipients of our Karaka Kereru Values Certificates! Despite working online for over a term now, we have still been encouraging, noticing and valuing the importance of maintaining our school values. These amazing learners have amassed enough values points to earn their certificates. You will also see that some absolutely incredible learners have earned all 5 of the Karaka Kereru Values certificates which means they are our very first learners to receive their BADGES!! So very proud of you all! Now that we have had confirmation that our learners are able to return part time to onsite learning, we will be able to present these awards to them in person!

A list of the recipients of these awards can be found below.



Returning to School Part Time:

The announcement that Auckland schools are able to return to school part time was announced by the Minister of Education yesterday. Schools have been given the flexibility to determine how they can manage onsite attendance, with our decisions informed by the required health measures and the needs of our community. We have received some guidelines from the Ministry of Education regarding our return and we have been told to expect some clarifications to questions in the coming days.

Following the announcement I sent a survey out to collect your voice so that we can best organise the return in a way that supports our learners and their families to transition back to onsite learning. We have had an incredible response (thank you!) to this survey and we are currently in the process of collating all the information.

Once we have worked out the logistics, we will send out how our return will look and answer frequently asked questions from the survey. Please keep an eye on your emails and on dojo for this information in the coming days. We will do our best to have this to you prior to Monday, November 15th. We thank you for your patience as we work through this process.

Good News Calls of the Week

Congratulations to Tua S who has impressed us so much with his commitment to learning. Tua strives for excellence and is very adaptable. He hands in his learning before it is due, responds to feedback and then resubmits his learning after he has made improvements! Thank you for being a role model of our values of learning/akoranga, excellence/hiranga and adaptability/urutau. We are so proud of you!



Ruhaani is organised, humorous, enthusiastic, comes to all zooms plus all of her written work is of a high standard and submitted on time. She responds well to feedback, shares her ideas and news willingly and politely and has also made an amazing Ag Day project. She has continued with dancing, meditation and karate from home and spends time making food for her family and washing the dishes too. All this despite having her foot in a moon boot for weeks! Ruhaani has stood out to us throughout lockdown for displaying our learn values consistently and we're so proud of her great attitude and effort.



Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

Principal@karaka.school.nz

Karaka Keruru Value Awards

Years 0-2

Name	Learning Akoranga 	Excellence Hiranga 	Adaptability Urutau 	Respect Whakaute 	Nurture Poipoi 	Woohoo! Junior Badge Earned!
Paige S H						
Lachlan B						
Tomas S						
Elijah M						
Izna K						
Jasmine L						
Jack H						
Ante G						
Nadia C						
Matias B-M						
Dayson L						
Charlotte T						
Charli R						
Georgia B						
Ayron C						
Ruhanni S						
Sophie T						
Ruby H						
Zac V						

Years 3-4

Name						Woohoo! Middle Badge Earned!
Ella H						
Flynn W						
Georgia D						
Tua S						
Jaxxon T						
Emma R						
Lilly- Anne H						
Jack C						
Grace C						
Nicholaas D						
Hazel G						
Pippa B						
Lucy E						
Ella H						
Chelsea L						
Sienna W						
Sam B						
Grayson C						
Frankie G						
Qasim H						
Max N						
Indie P						
Kotelia P						
Harrison P						
Soren R						
Emanuera S						
Charlie R						

Years 5-6

Name	Learning Akoranga 	Excellence Hiranga 	Adaptability Urutau 	Respect Whakaute 	Nurture Poipoi 	Woohoo! Senior Badge Earned!
Olivia P						
Samantha M						
Deeva P						
Grace M						
Kobe S						
Tom P						
Georgia T						
Paikea H-F						
Charlotte B						
Madison L						

Years 7-8

Name	Learning Akoranga 	Excellence Hiranga 	Adaptability Urutau 	Respect Whakaute 	Nurture Poipoi 	Woohoo! Intermed. Badge earned
Olivia G						
Ravneet K						
Eve R						
Teila Z						
Harrison S						
Kate L						
James W						
Shaun M						

						Wahoo! Intermed. Badge Earned
Thijs J						
Catherine W						
Davin C-N						
Jake H						
Lleyton T						
Liam P						
Saaniya S						
Henna A						
Saumya S						
Cormack W						
Connor M						
Daniel R						
Stephen T						
Myles W						
Jessica C						
Leah F						
Izzy P						
Amelia B						
Matthew C						
Dane H						
Alex K						
Aaiden L						
Hunter Y						
Wyatt S						

HERO Launch/ETap receipts

As reported in the last newsletter we are changing student management systems to HERO. If you require any copies of school reports or receipts, please email the office before **1st December**. Once we make the move to HERO, we will be unable to access these historical documents.



**Ruru Learners have
been busy!**



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**Note: Year 8's get a free copy of the Yearbook
in their Graduation pack - so please do not
order one if you have a Year 8 learner.**

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Why Keas are Cheeky

A long time ago when the Moa ruled the flora and fauna of Aotearoa, they demanded to be entertained, by those of lesser standing in the forest hierarchy.

The word went out that there was a talent quest. The birds were lined up, during the middle of a steaming hot summer day and a talent quest was undertaken to determine who was the funniest creature of the land. The Tuatara's fell asleep, The Rurus were too whoo whoo quiet, the Kingfishers kept calling for it to rain and the fantails were too fluttery and no one could keep an eye on them. This made Moa extremely frustrated!

By the time it was the turn for the Kakapos, the Moa had had enough and picked up some boulders and threw them in disgust - they landed with loud smacks and crunches, straight onto the Kakapo's face and that's why Kakapos are the ugliest bird in the land today. Sneakily watching everything take place were the Keas. The Keas got up and performed a comedy, they made jokes about every performance that had taken place, and everyone fell about laughing. The Moa started shaking. His feathers ruffled and silence fell - but he squawked and laughed louder than everyone else, "The Kea were hired!"

For hundreds of years the Kea worked at their comedy acts, but their audience of Moa, was dwindling until they vanished altogether. What was Kea to do? Well, they decided to keep entertaining all of the other animals, it was what they enjoyed best after all. But instead of comedy, they became little tricksters and pulled pranks on everyone around them. After years of this the animals and birds of Aotearoa called the Kea together and banished them to the high mountains of the South Island.

Keas once again had no purpose and had nothing to do, until humans came along with their big metal, noisy machines. And what fun they were to tease - pulling apart any loose metal or rubber, ripping apart the whippy sticks, and destroying the human shoes.

And that's how Kea became so Cheeky!

By Lleyton T



Mrs Sutton's Awhina have been busy sketching





Halloween Treats from Kokako



Wizz, Boom, Crackle! I watch as the colourful fireworks explode out into the moonlight.

I hear in the distance animals howling in fear and fright while the wild fireworks bang and crash like a herd of horses galloping. The sky looks like a big, black blanket stained with bright watercolours. The fireworks are streamers leaving behind trails of bright colours.

Gunpowder softly brushes down onto my face, I feel it tickle on my skin. It smells strong and fierce. I wince each time at the bang of fireworks as they scream then burst into a rainbow of colours. By Olivia P

The sight of the abstract colours bouncing off the inky black sky fills the air with excitement, as you watch the dark silhouettes of the crowd bunched together like a can of sardines. The smell of the scrumptious food washes over you like a wave and fills you with hunger. Observe as the crowds of people bunch around the arrays of food trucks ready to fill their bellies with tasty morsels such as things like hot chips and mini donuts. Lean forward to feel the scorching heat of the bonfire bring you warmth whilst you watch the blossoming sparks in the sky, as you breathe in the smell of gunpowder, as you listen to the shouts and screams of the crowd. Boom crackle pop. The sky is filled with colour and you are filled with food. The sky watches over you with a colourful attitude. By Emily S-B

A loud thunderous bang, so loud I can feel it buzz through my body. Suddenly the dark night sky is alight with all the colours of the rainbow swirling, shimmering and sparkling. Explosion after explosion, bursts of dazzling colour, glowing, filling the air with the smell of smoke. By Lucas H



Boom, crackle, pop! The fireworks explode everywhere like a big explosion from the war. The colours are as bright as the sun on a hot sunny day. They roar into the air like a tiger roaring at you. People are like statues, staring in amazement. Everyone is huddled up together like a bunch of flowers in a bouquet. Peoples shouting, singing and laughing fills the dark, gloomy, velvet sky. The fireworks shoot up into the beautiful, calm, sky screaming constantly. People hide to get away from the booming, loud fireworks. The fireworks are as loud as a big music battle for the loudest noise. By Ella H

The sky lit up with an eerie glow, as millions of lights flew amongst the stars. Constant eruptions of ear splitting explosions filled the night. The overpowering stench of gunpowder filled my nostrils and made my mouth long for a sip of a beverage. I fill with envy as I watch in awe, the freedom that the fireworks have. Yet I am grounded, dreaming of the sights the glowing embers get to see from above. By Georgia T

Intermediate Uniforms 2022

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer about purchasing Intermediate Uniforms for 2022

Please note that ALL orders need to be back by Friday 19th November, orders emailed back directly to the uniform shop uniformshop.karaka@gmail.com and payments made into the PTA account

Any questions/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

24 November	Newsletter
29 November	BOT meeting
10 December	School finishes at midday

Community Notices



SH1 Papakura to Drury Update from Waka Kotahi

We do hope the school's whānau are all safe and well.

The update of what is happening can be found at; <https://createsend.com/t/t-2AD2626BBF6CE3072540EF23F30FEDED>

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