



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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15th March 2017

Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 7, Term 1 2017

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

3 Way and Student Led Conferences

This term you will have the opportunity to share in your child's learning achievements at the scheduled 3 way and student led conferences on **Wednesday April 5th and Thursday April 6th.** **School will close at lunchtime (12.20pm) on the Thursday** to

ensure that we are able to accommodate all our families. Please collect your child from school at **12.20pm**. The bus will depart at the normal time – any bus children who are unable to be picked up will be supervised in the Library by Mrs Thorby. After School care will be operating from 12.20pm.

Children, with the support of their teachers, will share their recent learning, celebrate their achievements and share their next steps. This is an opportunity for parents to be genuinely involved in their child's learning by celebrating alongside your child and being able to identify how you are able to support learning at home in ways that will make a real difference to achieving identified goals.

3 way conferences are focused on the development of the learner. This means that the conversations will be learning focused and will include dialogue around academic achievements and next learning steps as well the development of the key competencies as described in the New Zealand Curriculum. Should you wish to discuss anything that does not fit in this brief; an alternative time to meet can be scheduled. Please email the teacher directly to initiate this. Remember, we are always available to meet with you at any time of the year should you have questions or concerns.



These opportunities to celebrate learning alongside your child are highly valuable and through your attendance you are showing your support for their learning journey. We are therefore aiming for **100%** attendance. The first class in each of the 3 teams that achieves 100% booked will receive a prize and all those who attend will go into a lucky prize draw for a family pass to the movies (2adults and 2 children).

Bookings can be made online and they will be open **Wednesday 22nd March**. Bookings will close at 3.00pm on **Tuesday 4th April**.

3 Way and Student Led Conferences – Booking Information

Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Type in the Event number **jd8yn** and click Go.

Follow the three simple steps.

There are two days to choose from - Wednesday 5th April and Thursday 6th April

Time slots are 15 minutes in duration or senior team 30 minutes in duration.

It is recommended if you have more than one child that you do not do back to back bookings so you have to have time to get from one class to another.

If a time is already taken then it will be blocked out.

If you do not have access to a computer, please call into the office and we can help you arrange your appointment.

Senior School Student Led Conferences

This year the senior school are trialling student led conferences. A **student led conference** is a meeting run by the **student** for his or her parents, entirely focused on the **student's** recent learning. During the **conference** the **student** presents work in different curriculum areas, discussing the process of learning and the progress made to date.

The main differences of student led conferences versus 3 way conferences are:

- Students will be sharing their own learning
- There will be up to 3 families in the room at one time
- Time slots will be 30 minutes long
- The teacher will be roving around to help out to support the student when required.

It is important to prevent interruptions of other students sharing with their parents therefore we request that siblings do not attend. The sole focus of these conferences is your child and their learning. Any other problems or questions that you may have could you please organise an appointment at another time.

Celebrating Learning

The school is alive with the sound of learning! It was incredibly rewarding to enter a classroom earlier this week and be stopped by a student who excitedly asked me to “wait right there” so that they could fetch their work to show me ‘what’ they had been learning and also to share the ‘why’ they were learning it and ‘how’ they knew they had been successful. A wonderful example of a learner owning their learning!

This year, we have committed to delving deeper into each of the 6 capabilities that underpin effective learning. We have been busy collecting student voice as well as analysing our practice alongside assessment for learning pedagogy. The inquiry into practice, combined with the student voices, has provided us with the opportunity to reflect and make evidenced based decisions regarding practice. This professional development is also proving to be a great way for our teachers to role model lifelong learning alongside their students!

Congratulations to all those students who represented us so well at the Franklin Schools triathlon last Friday. We were very impressed to hear how well you had all done with everyone completing the course. A special mention must go to **Logan S** who finished 2nd overall in his category - congratulations!

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds Principal@karaka.school.nz

Board News

As a result of our meeting on Monday night, the Board would like to inform the school community that the decision has been made to alter the Board’s constitution and reduce the parent elected trustee members numbers from 7 to 5. The Board has the opportunity to explore the option of co-opting individuals onto the Board to meet identified needs.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those that made submissions to the Board for consideration.

Should you have any further queries in relation to the above matter or require further clarification please feel free to contact me on adelel@karaka.school.nz

I would also like to notify the community that we will be holding an additional meeting on 20th March at 6.30pm in the meeting room beside the hall. This meeting is only to complete the uncompleted business from our previous meetings agenda.



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SCHOOL
COMPETITORS



SENSE OF PRIDE



DETERMINATION



ACHIEVEMENT

FRANKLIN SCHOOLS TRIATHLON



PREPARATION,
ORGANISATION
& TRAINING



CHEERING &
SUPPORTING
OUR TEAM

2ND
PLACE - 8
YEAR OLD
BOYS



COMMITMENT



GOAL
ACCOMPLISHED



FRIDAY 10TH MARCH 2017

From the Bible In Schools Team:

A big thank you to those parents who chose to opt into the Bible in Schools programme.

It is a privilege for us to teach your children life skills and good life choices they need to develop strong character.

We look forward to updating you each term with the topics we will be concentrating on.

This term is all about learning and adaptability and the development of perseverance and tolerance.

Bible in Schools starts Thursday 16th March.

Lucky Book Club—Scholastic Orders

Issue 2 for 2017 will be coming home this week. All orders are due in by **Friday 24th March**. The easiest way to order is on-line (mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). Otherwise please hand in the order form and payment to the office by Friday 24th March. Thanks.

For those of you still waiting for back orders from Issue 1, these are coming through and will be delivered as soon as they come in.

Yolanda

Police Vetting

Please remember that if you wish to help out in the classrooms, go on a trip, help on camp etc that you must be police vetted. Please call into the office to pick up a form to do this. At present it is taking about one month to receive results.

Bubble Day

"Bubble Up!!" shouted Mrs West. My heart was pounding like a hammer as I kicked as hard as I could. I jumped out to see a volcanic eruption of white fuzzy froth coming out of the crystal, glistening water. There were people making funny bubble beards and I made one too, it was fun. People were crazy because they were putting bubbles onto their whole face. After I got out Miss Maihi fell back into the pool backwards and she was in her clothes! Finally, it was time to leave the diamond pool and stop swimming for the year. I was happy but sad to stop swimming. I was still excited in my stomach and I had such an awesome time.

Grace S

Bubble Up

I was bursting with excitement, it was Bubble Day! We had bubble day because it was the last day of swimming. We got our swimming tog bag. Then we hopped in the pool, Mrs West said "Bubble Up". We kicked so hard and then all the bubbles came. Then we played in the bubbles, it was awesome and when I went out it was glistening dark blue and it was ticklish. When we got changed Miss Maihi fell in the pool backwards in all her clothes.

Saaniya S



Samosas Delivery Thursday 16th March 2.30pm from the school hall.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open Mondays 8.15-9.00. We stock the school uniform and house shirts. If you are interested in purchasing a house shirt, please do so before 31 March.

PTA—AGM

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent AGM and meeting.

Congratulations to the new office holders elected:

Kelly Rosie	Chairperson
Pam Wardenburg	Co-chairperson
Sarah Wilson	Treasurer
Jen Glover	Secretary
Diana McDonald	Staff Rep

Reminder Dates

- 16th March** PTA Samosa delivery 2.30pm
- 21st March** Year 5/6 trip to Botanic Gardens
- 22nd March** New Parents Meet and Greet Morning Tea 9.00am
- 24th March** Assembly 1.50pm
- 28th March** Junior team trip to Botanic Gardens
- 29th March** Middle team trip to Botanic Gardens
- 31st March** Photolife
- 5th/6th April** 3 way and student led conferences

Community Notices



Calling all Year 1-4 Netballers

The following options are available to play netball for
Karaka Netball Club for the 2017 season

Papakura Netball Centre

ANZ Future Ferns
Saturday mornings
Starting 6th May
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including t-shirt

Pukekohe Netball Centre

Future Ferns
Friday nights
Starting 12th May
Year 1&2: 8 week programme
Year 3&4: ends 25th August

Cost \$79.00
Includes uniform

Year 1&2 begins 4.30pm
Year 3&4 begins 5.30pm

To register or further enquiries:
email karakanetballclub@gmail.com

Pukekohe Performing Arts Events

Rising Stars—Pukekohe Performing Arts Youth Theatre

4-5pm ages 8-12 years Wednesdays

5-6pm ages 13-18 years Fridays

Tutor: Hayley Va'a

Cost \$150.00 per term. Discount available if more than one child is enrolled in the same term. Classes operate during school terms.

Auditions—High School Musical Jr. Harrington Theatre, 2 Harrington Ave, Pukekohe—Sunday 9th April 3pm—6pm. Performance dates 7th July—16th July.

For more info, enrolment forms, audition times etc please send an email to youththeatreppa@gmail.com

Kidslink—Creating Confident Kids

Thursday 16th March 7—9pm at 6a David Sidwell Place, Whangaparaoa \$20.00 per person

Guest speakers Dean Kent and Michael Stretton

Email carolyn@kidslink.co.nz

St Mary's School Gala

**Annual Gala this Sunday 19th
March 10.30am—2.00pm**

54 Clark Road, Papakura

(see noticeboard for further
information)

Franklin Discoverers Club

Could your child be gifted or talented? Perhaps they are and you aren't sure what it means or what to do. Come along to a parents' evening with the Discoverers Club with guest speaker Brooke Trenwith who is the Present of the NZ Association for Gifted Children. Learn what you can do to help your child in and out of school.

Monday 27th March 7.30pm at Franklin: The Centre.

Register [https://](https://franklindiscoverershelpingyourgiftedchild.eventbrite.co.nz)

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