



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

Reminders & Updates Flyer

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5th April 2017

Week 10 Term One 2017

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

The learning doesn't stop here at Karaka School - even in the weekends! Congratulations to our two turbo touch teams that participated in the Turbo Touch tournament at Pukekohe Intermediate School on Saturday. This was a new experience for our students and they competed with great enthusiasm.



Later on that evening we had a group of talented students representing us at the Eye on Nature Wearable Arts awards. Congratulations to all those students involved in the designing, creating and modelling of the 3 outfits. Of the 3 entries, one was awarded a Merit prize - well done to Maddi Y who modelled the creation and her design team of—Mikayla K, Leah H and Georgia W.

A BIG thank you to those teachers who were involved in these events and to those parents who have supported them - we are all, including our students, appreciative of you going the extra mile for them.

Another **BIG thank you** also to Jeff Hill who kindly came and applied our lost property box stickers and also changed the locks on the uniform shop cupboards. We really appreciate your help around the school.

PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Every fortnight we hold a whole school assembly, which parents and whanau are invited to. Prior to the assembly each teacher chooses one student who has displayed our current virtue. The following students have received a principal's award recently in relation to our virtue of 'TOLERANCE'.

<i>Awarded at assembly on the 10th of March</i>		<i>TUI:</i>	<i>RURU:</i>
		Liam.S	Peyton.S
<i>WETA:</i>	<i>KOTARE:</i>	<i>PUKEKO:</i>	<i>PATEKE:</i>
Deeva.P	Haydn.F	Erin.M	Isabella.B
<i>PEPEKETUA:</i>	<i>MOKOMOKO:</i>	<i>MANGOPARE:</i>	<i>MANGOPARE:</i>
Jayden.R	Jessica.G	Lauren.N	Ayoka.G

<i>Awarded at assembly on the 24th of March</i>		<i>TUI:</i>	<i>RURU:</i>
		Nicky.E	Lily.L
<i>WETA:</i>	<i>KOTARE:</i>	<i>PUKEKO:</i>	<i>PATEKE:</i>
Grace.M	Olivia.G	Michael.S	Billy.B
<i>PEPEKETUA:</i>	<i>MOKOMOKO:</i>	<i>MANGOPARE:</i>	<i>MANGOPARE:</i>
Louise.T	Chris.P	James.H	Bridget.N

**School will close at lunchtime tomorrow (12.20pm) for
3 Way & Student Led Conferences.**

Please collect your child from school at 12.20pm in order for
conferences to start on time.

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.

As the term comes to an end 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 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 190 days for your child’s education	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
	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.	



Board News

Regrettably Angela Derencourt and Kim Stychinsky have resigned from the Board of Trustees. We would like to wish both Kim and Angela all the very best. The Board will now be looking to fill two casual vacancies.

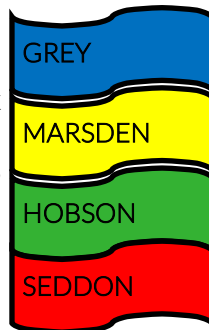


TERM 1—HOUSE CHALLENGE

On Thursday the 13th April (last day of the Term) we will have our first House Challenge Day. All students and staff will work together to learn about their house name, create a house chant and participate in active games. We encourage students to wear their house colour, as this adds to the atmosphere.

These days were very popular last year and are an important part of maintaining a positive school culture.

House t-shirts are available through the Uniform Shop \$15ea.



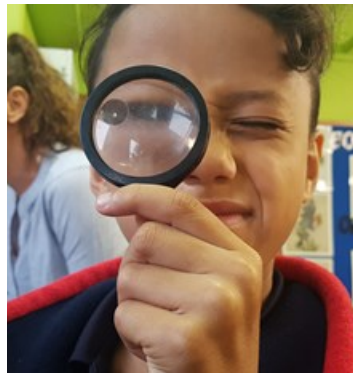
BOTANIC GARDENS - MIDDLE TEAM TRIP

It was a dark and stormy morning last Wednesday when Middle Team children set off to explore the Botanic Gardens. Despite the downpour, we were in high spirits and after a short bus ride, we arrived at the Gardens ready to learn about invertebrates, pests and predators.

We learned about the life cycles of different invertebrates and how essential they are to ensuring our native bush continues to thrive. We used a microscope to zoom into a caterpillar creeping along a leaf - it was like watching an episode with David Attenborough! To demonstrate the pollination process, we dressed up and got to act out how butterflies, bees and birds spread pollen - we loved this part!

Afterwards, the rain had died down a little bit, so we got to explore the Gardens. There were huge puddles and flooded pathways but this made for a great adventure. It was a very interactive and hands-on experience and we left with our brains full of new knowledge.

Thank you to the Middle Team students for your excellent behaviour - the Garden facilitators were impressed with your knowledge and attentiveness to learning. A huge thank you to the parents that came and had offered to attend, your continued support ensures these learning experiences go ahead!



Notice from the Ministry of Education—MUMPS OUTBREAK

The Auckland Regional Public Health Service is managing a mumps outbreak in Auckland. More than 35 cases have been confirmed so far and more than half of these are occurring in children and teens aged 10-19 years.

"I urge parents to check with their doctors to ensure their families' measles mumps and rubella vaccinations are up to date. I recommend this is done before the school holidays. Vaccination is free and will protect your child and the community," says Medical Officer of Health Dr Michael Hale.

Mumps can spread quickly among those who are not immune, particularly in schools. A single child with mumps at secondary school could cause an outbreak, because immunity in that age group is well below the national average.

"If parents do not organise vaccination quickly, their children's learning could be disrupted. We are in the midst of an outbreak and already large numbers of students that are scrambling to catch up on school work after falling ill with mumps for several weeks," says Dr Hale.

Most people recover from mumps, but it can have serious complications. Although rare, infertility can occur. The disease can also cause inflammation of tissue surrounding the brain (meningitis), inflamed testicles or ovaries and deafness.

"The best way to avoid getting an infectious disease like mumps is to ensure you are fully immunised with the MMR vaccine," says Dr Hale.

AG DAY MEETING

**First meeting—Tuesday 9th May
at 7.00pm**

Come and join us to make this years' AG Day amazing.

New faces are welcome, and as a few of us want to retire after this year, the more the merrier!

Bring along any new ideas, and we will see you then.

KARAKA SCHOOL - SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

**Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th and
Wednesday 12th April**

2.30-3.15pm in the Hall.

Polo Shirts \$5.00 each

Fleece Sweatshirts \$10.00

Limited stock, so be quick!!

(Thanks to the PTA for their support)



PTA MEETING

Our next PTA meeting will be Wednesday 12 April at 7.30pm in the Meeting room. All welcome!!

HOUSE CHALLENGE DAY THURSDAY 13TH APRIL

The PTA will be holding a sausage sizzle and ice block sale on House Challenge day.

Sausages \$2

Ice blocks \$1

Please order with your teacher before school

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Lunches will be changing to Thursdays for lunch orders in Term 2.

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We are selling ANZAC Poppies on behalf of the Papakura RSA. A gold coin donation would be appreciated. Senior students will come around to the classrooms each morning.

Reminder Dates

6 April

3 way and student led conferences 1.00pm—6.30pm

6 April

School closes at 12.20pm due to conferences

7 April

Assembly 1.50pm

12 April

Seniors Softball and Tee Ball fun day, PTA meeting 7.30pm

13 April

House challenge day, **Last day of Term 1**

1st May

Term 2 starts

3rd May

Seniors Football fun day

8th May

BOT meeting 6.30pm

9th May

Ag Day meeting 7.00pm

Community Notices

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 January 2017 and 30 June 2017. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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Seasons For Growth is a Programme for young people aged 6-18yrs with changes or challenges in their lives, dealing with difficult circumstances, death or separation. A Parent Programme and Adult Programme will also be available. The next Programmes will begin in Term 2 2017. If you would like more information or to enrol for next term, please contact Marisa on 021 142 5812, Deb on (09) 238 7375, or email us at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. More information can be found at www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/Seasons

Scholarships Available

Applications for 2018 close on:

- 1 May 2017 (Year 9)
- 13 August 2017 (Years 11-13)

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Minecraft Courses April Holidays—Held at Auckland Girls Grammar and Albany Senior High. Phone for information and bookings 0800 438 282.

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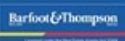
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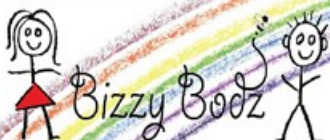
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