



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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12th April 2017

Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 11, Term 1 2017

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

What a busy and exciting term we have had!

There have been many learning experiences to celebrate during term one from the EOTC day, Intermediate Camp, Botanical Gardens visits, Wearable Arts and various sporting events - we have been busy learning inside and outside the classroom! Term two is shaping up to be just as exciting and busy!

Last week we held our 3 way conferences for Years 1 to 4 and, for the first time, Student Led Conferences in Years 5-8. Thank you to all those who were able to attend this special time of sharing learning. We have reviewed the introduction of the Student Led Conferences and collected a sample of some student and parent voice. The majority of the feedback has been incredibly positive, however we are always seeking ways to improve. For example, one action arising is the development of an information booklet that helps to explain the curriculum levels and how these correspond to the year levels. We hope that this will improve the clarity around this. In the meantime, we encourage you to message your child's teacher through class dojo, drop them an email or make a time to meet should you be seeking clarification at this time. In term 3 we will be holding a second round of conferences. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the progress your child has made since this first term.

Congratulations to Pukeko, Pepeketaua and Weta who had the greatest number of attendances at the Conferences (rewarded with ice blocks for each class member) and to Liam M who won the special draw for a movie voucher.



After such a busy term of learning a well earned rest is in order. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to learning alongside you again next term.

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

TERM 1—HOUSE CHALLENGE

Tomorrow 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 some fun and entertaining house challenges. 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.

Check out our new house flags. Thanks Sasha for designing these. You will see that each house now has a native plant associated with it.



Mud Run

A big thank you to all those students who have registered for the Mud Run. Karaka School has 111 students attending the 2 events:

- Ngaruawahia Christian Camp on Thursday 8th June
- Woodhill on Wednesday 28th June

Due to the large numbers attending I have had to split the Year 7 and 8 students into two groups. Half will be attending Ngaruawahia and the other half will be going to Woodhill. The Year 7 and 8 students are aware which event they are attending.

Thanks to all those parents who have offered to help run with the Year 3 and 4s or supervise the students.

We have five spaces left on the bus for the Mud Run event. If you are interested please email Kim on kims@karaka.school.nz by **Thursday 13th April**. I will be unable to take any late entries after this date.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

The following students have received a principal's award in relation to our virtue of 'TOLERANCE'.

<i>Awarded at assembly on the 7th of April</i>		<i>TUI:</i>	<i>RURU:</i>
		Deeann C	Aliyah M
<i>WETA:</i>	<i>KOTARE:</i>	<i>PUKEKO:</i>	<i>PATEKE:</i>
Emily SB	Logan S	Saaniya S	Caris C
<i>PEPEKETUA:</i>	<i>MOKOMOKO:</i>	<i>MANGOPARE:</i>	<i>MANGOPARE:</i>
Leah H	Oliver B	Rhianna M	Dylan M

**RED AND YELLOW DAY
FRIDAY 5TH MAY**
Supporting the Westpac
Helicopter.

**AUCKLAND RESCUE
HELICOPTER TRUST**



Wear RED or YELLOW Friday
5th May and bring a gold coin
donation to support the
Westpac Helicopter.



GUITAR LESSONS are back Starting Term 2

If your child would like to have guitar lessons please contact Erik Buys erikbuys118@gmail.com

Lessons will be 30 minutes on Tuesday mornings from 8.30am to 12.20pm (\$25.00 per lesson).



Second Hand Uniform Sale

Thank you to the parents and students who have been running our second hand uniform sale.

Last day **TODAY** so be in quick to grab a fleece for winter for only \$10.00.

The Enviro group will use the money raised for school environment projects.



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.

Kids for Kids Choir

Practices begin on Tuesday 2nd May in Pukeko Room straight after lunch eating. All children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to coming along and join.

Children will receive a booklet of song words and a CD and will be expected to practice their songs at home.

The concert will be at the Manukau Events Centre on 15th November.

Any question please see Mrs West.



Library and Book Week

Firstly, a huge thank you to Mrs Noakes and Mrs Lamb for all their hard work in the library this term. Their work is appreciated by all the staff and students.

Book Week is in Week 5 of Term 2. Students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and all grandparents are invited along to school to share a treasure or a favourite book with their grandchild's class **(Friday 2nd June)**. A special morning tea will follow.

Also in this week we will be having a performance show "What's The Big Idea."

The Scholastic Book Fair will also be open all week to enable the purchase of books for home or for the school library. We will have a fantastic range of books available and we are all excited to share our classrooms with our special grandparent.

Suzanne Corlett

PTA MEETING TONIGHT in the meeting room at 7.30pm.

We have two terrific events happening in the school in Term 2, so feel free to join in and help. We have the Art Exhibition evening where we will have wine and cheese and our famous Oxford Pie orders. All new faces welcome.

HOUSE CHALLENGE DAY

TOMORROW

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

PTA Lunch Room Notice

There will be a price increase for most of the products in the school lunch room starting the first week in Term 2. All the details will be in a lunch-room notice and a price list which will come home with your child/ren on the first week of Term 2.

Have a lovely and safe Easter and school holidays from the lunch room.

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Reminder Dates

12 April	PTA meeting 7.30pm in the meeting room
13 April	House challenge day, Last day of Term 1
1st May	Term 2 starts
2nd May	Student leader fundraiser—Cupcake Day
3rd May	Seniors Football fun day
5th May	Red and Yellow Day Supporting Westpac Rescue Helicopter
8th May	BOT meeting 6.30pm
9th May	AG Day meeting 7.00pm



Community Notices

**Sir Edmund Hillary
Library, Papakura
School Holiday
Programme
15th April – 29th April
Construction Wizards**

Counties Manukau Hockey Assn

FREE holiday breakaway programme during the first week of the Easter holidays. The programme will be run from 9.30am—2.30pm from April 18th-21st. The programme includes hockey activities along with other fun related Easter activities at Rosa Birch Park, Pukekohe. Sign up by following the links on the CMHA homepage.

Animates Free Workshops

With the Easter school holidays coming up Animates stores nationwide will be hosting free workshops, perfect for keeping the kids entertained! This is a great way for kids to learn important life skills such as kindness and compassion towards animals. The workshops will teach them everything they need to know about animals small in size (rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and mice).

Sessions: Thursday 20th and 27th 11.00am at your local Animates store.

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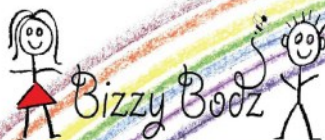
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