



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 7, Term 2 2017

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

After securing our Enviro Schools Bronze Award last year, the staff last night attended a meeting with a facilitator to discuss our advancement towards silver. To achieve this, the staff, students and community will work together to learn about and implement sustainable practices through authentic learning experiences.

We look forward to sharing more of our journey with you in the coming months. Watch out for opportunities to become involved!

Preparation for the next house challenge has begun! All staff, with the help of students Leah T and Bridget N, have been learning the school haka and in turn will teach their houses. We look forward to the day of the challenge! You will be able to see the results of this new learning at the final assembly of term. See you there!

Thank you to Lyn and Scott Penney from Bayley's Real Estate and to the Young Family for kindly offering sponsorship for our AIMS Academy sports teams who will be travelling to Tauranga in September for a week long tournament. This is greatly appreciated and will certainly help to reduce costs for the team members and their families.

2018 Enrolments

We are beginning to plan ahead! Do you have a child or know of a child who will be enrolling at our school next year? If so, it would be very much appreciated if you could let us know. Please email lynnef@karaka.school.nz with the details.

Enrolment forms are available off our website or can be collected from the school office. Visits are welcomed too!

Nga mihi nui

Sarah Hynds principal@karaka.school.nz



Board News

BOT Vacancies

On Monday we welcomed Gaylene Murdoch and Darlene (Dee) Clark to the Board. We look forward to working with them for the remainder of the Board's term. The Board will be undertaking Professional Learning Development by attending a policy framework course in July.

E-Learning

At our last meeting, an e-learning report was presented that provided a review of progress towards goals and identified next steps. All students across the school have access to digital devices. The use of these to support and enhance learning is supported by professional learning for teachers. At this time we have quite a number of leased devices due to be returned at the beginning of 2018. We will be looking at replacing these with new devices to ensure that all our students continue to benefit from using e-tools.

New Entrant Numbers

Based on the numbers we have at this time, we are currently expecting to start the new board funded class for new entrants mid Term 3. As we do not have any empty classrooms, the new class will start in the Library. Alternative arrangements will be made for access to library books.

Multi Cultural Group

Two weeks ago we held a Hui for families of students who identify as Maori. This was highly successful due to the passion and commitment of all those who attended. We heard from students as well who bought the voice of others to the table. Moving forward we are looking at engaging with local Iwi and working alongside them. This will include the design of kapa haka uniforms.



Multi Purpose Build

As most of you are aware, we are very much looking forward to the arrival of our multipurpose building this year. Below is a render of what the finished product will look like. This building will be located on the top flat (grassed area) outside the back entrance to the hall. Unfortunately due to some waste water issues that needed to be resolved there has been a slight delay in the processing of the building consent. Whilst we have incurred a slight delay the building is still set for arrival in the later part of this year. We will continue to update the community as the build progresses.



Thank you



*We are excited to be taking part in “Wig Wednesday”
on Wednesday 21st June and fundraising for
Kiwi kids with cancer*



It's easy to take part.....

Come to school on Wednesday the 21st of June wearing a wig of your choice and bring a donation for Child Cancer Foundation. We will meet as a school to 'show off' our weird and wacky wigs. All funds raised by our school will help support Kiwi children with cancer and their families.

About Child Cancer Foundation

Every week more than three children in New Zealand are diagnosed with cancer and at any given time Child Cancer Foundation is assisting more than 500 families nationwide.

Child Cancer Foundation provides one-to-one, personalised support to Kiwi children diagnosed with cancer and their family. Child Cancer Foundation aims to ensure children and their families are supported, informed and remain connected at every stage of their cancer journey.

Child Cancer Foundation receives no direct funding from the government, so relies on the generosity of New Zealanders to support its cause.

ECCS Rugby Team

Congratulations to Jayden C and Dylan M who played in the Under 55kg ECCS team and Zane W, Brydon G and William R who played in the Under 45kg ECCS team.

The boys represented both ECCS and Karaka School with pride and determination. The U45 team came away with the sportsmanship award for the day and the U55 team won one game, narrowly losing their second and lost their final game to Manurewa Intermediate.

Well done to Jayden C who got approached by the Roller Mills selectors to join the Roller Mills squad.

A big thank you to Mike Loveridge, Michael Harding, Scott Penney and Jeremy Clark who trained and coached the two teams. Thanks also to the Karaka Rugby Club for the loan of their jerseys for the day. Your time, commitment and dedication to rugby is invaluable and we all really appreciate your efforts.



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 'RESPONSIBILITY'.

<i>Awarded at assembly on the</i>		<i>TUI:</i>	<i>RURU:</i>
<i>9th June</i>		Aidan I	Emma R
<i>WETA:</i>	<i>KOTARE:</i>	<i>PUKEKO:</i>	<i>PATEKE:</i>
Sydney W	Charlie VB	Lexi-May J	Amelia B
<i>PEPEKETUA:</i>	<i>MOKOMOKO:</i>	<i>MANGOPARE:</i>	<i>MANGOPARE:</i>
At camp	At camp	Brydon G	Sophie B

Year 5 and 6 camp to Shakespear Regional Park



ECCS Soccer

The ECCS Year 8 girls soccer team made it into the Auckland Soccer Tournament after winning the Counties Zone Tournament. Well done Tiana R who was a member of this team.

Yesterday the team played against some tough competition and came out with one win and two losses. This is a tremendous achievement to make it this far and we congratulate the team.

Brydon G is competing in the Year 8 ECCS boys soccer team in the Auckland competition on Thursday, and we wish him all the best.

Mud Run—Tough Guy and Gal

Last Thursday 50 Year 3/4 and 7/8 students along with about 1000 other students from other schools made their way to Ngaruawahia for the Tough Guy & Gal Challenge. What a fantastic day we all had running, falling and sliding in the mud! There was lots of laughter and smiles as all of our students crossed the finish line. We would like to thank all the parents that came along on the day to support and help our Karaka School students. A special thank you to the parents that ran with the students - Mrs Murdoch, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Siliasau, Mr Webber and Mrs Coppock.



Inquiry Sharing

On **Tuesday 4th July at 9am in the Hall**, each class (Years 0-6) will perform a dance or drama item about the ancient culture that they have been studying. Each class will also have a display in the hall about their ancient culture.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend.



AG DAY



23rd September 2017

Ag Day Auction—Please start thinking about goods or services you could donate for the auction. In the past we have had loads of firewood, bikes, sporting memorabilia, appliances, fishing trips and cash (to buy items). All items big or small gratefully accepted.

Animals— Calves must be born between 1 June and the end of August. All calves must have an ear tag and a TB Certificate. Lambs, goats and chickens do not have any set dates to be born by; however they must be this seasons.

Information Booklet—An Ag Day Information Booklet is being prepared at present.

2016 Trophies— We will be looking for the return of all 2016 Ag Day trophies shortly. Please make sure you know where they are and are nicely cleaned ready for returning.

Police Vetting

Due to legislation effective from July 1st 2015 all volunteers working with children are required to be Police Vetted. This includes volunteers who put away books, help in classrooms, supervise groups on class trips, camps or transport children to and from events. If you wish to volunteer at our school please contact the office to request an application form to complete. Once you have completed the form please return it to the office and we will lodge this on your behalf. Police Vets are valid for 3 years.

We have been informed by the Police Vetting Agency that effective from 1st July 2017 there will be a charge for this. This will be around \$10.00. If you wish to volunteer at our school, we suggest you call in as soon as possible so we can get applications in before the 1st of July.



PTA News

Save the Date:

Art Expo Wine and Cheese evening Tuesday 27th June

Karaka School Quiz Night—12th August

PTA meeting on **Wednesday 14 June at 7pm** in the meeting room. All welcome to come and add ideas for our Art Exhibition night.



Reminder Dates

14th June	PTA meeting TONIGHT
15th June	Eco Heroes Enviro Show
21st June	Wig-Wednesday
23rd June	Assembly 1.45pm
27th June	Heaven and Earth Rangī and Papa Show, Hawkins Theatre
28th June	Mud Run Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8
27th June	PTA Wine and Cheese Art Exhibition
4th July	Inquiry Sharing 9.00am, Ag Day meeting 7.00pm
23rd September	Ag Day

Community Notices

ACG Strathallan—Preschool to Year 13

Open Day—Saturday 24th June 10.30—2.30pm



Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

10 - 14 July 2017, 9 am – 4 pm daily

Held at Howick College

*View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 0800 667 469*

ARTZONSHOW.

**CMRFU July School Holiday Programme—Four day programme 11-14
July 9.00-3.00pm at Ecolight (see notice on notice board for details)**

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