



Karaka School

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Reminders & Updates Flyer

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Week 10 Term Three 2017

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Ag Day 2017

Wow! What an amazing day our annual Ag Day was! The sun shone down on our community as we enjoyed watching the animals and the children in the ring, roamed the stalls, tasted the culinary delights and participated in the auction. The incredible support and generosity shown was simply outstanding. The team behind the day, led this year by the highly organised Tracey Williams, pulled together a superb event. We want to acknowledge the incredible amount of work that goes on behind the scenes and all those who contribute to this - the setup crew, those who manned the stalls, prepared food, wrapped lucky dips, painted faces, took photos, prepared raffles, organised tables.....and the list goes on! Our children will benefit greatly not only from the money raised but also from watching what can be achieved when a group of dedicated individuals work collaboratively to bring an entire community together. A Maori whakatauki (proverb) about the value of co-operation and the combination of resources to get ahead captures this:

Naku te rourou nau te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your basket and my basket the people will thrive

On behalf of the BoT, staff and students of Karaka School, we thank you all!



Student Conferences

This week you have the opportunity to celebrate in your children's learning at the 3 way and student led conferences. The opportunity to take time to listen to your child share their learning with you is simply priceless. The children have been preparing for their sharing time with you. Research shows that creating educationally powerful relationships between the child, school and home is important to improving student achievement. If you are unable to attend perhaps it is possible to organise another significant adult in their lives to do so. Remember, if you have not yet booked, please contact the office and they will work with you to find a free time over the next two days.

Ground-breaking Ceremony

An incredibly special ceremony was held at dawn yesterday morning to prepare for the arrival of our new learning centre which we expect mid November. Led by the Kaumatua and other representatives from Whatapaka Marae, Ngatai Tamaoho and Tainui, the ceremony paves the way for a safe passage forward. Our kapa haka kaiako, George Glover did us the honor of turning the ground while supported by our student cultural leaders, BoT and staff. We now look forward to the blessing of the building which will occur prior to its opening in 2018.



Duathlon:

Congratulations to the 40 students who participated in the Franklin Duathlon yesterday. Once again Karaka students stood out from the rest for their sportsmanship and resilience. We had some fantastic results too which are shared later in the newsletter.

Once again Term 3 has been an incredibly busy and rewarding term. We wish you all a safe and relaxing term break and look forward to continuing our learning alongside you in Term 4.

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

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Enrolments 2018

We are planning for 2018! If you know of anyone wishing to enrol in 2018 please let them know, whether in zone or out of zone—this includes places in our Intermediate area. We are taking enrolment applications **now**.

Out of zone enrolment applications must be received by **Wednesday 18th October**.

Wesley Bus Term 4

We have been advised that as from Term 4 the main Wesley College gate will be closed. Children who catch the bus to and from Wesley will now be picked up and dropped off at the bus stop outside Wesley College (on the Wesley College side of the road). The children will NOT be crossing the road at any time.

Help Needed

If you are interested in doing book taping, please see Kylie Thorby in the office.



Congratulations

Laura Fourie (who takes our Karate after school class on Tuesdays) has just returned from a karate world tournament and is world champion for kumite. She competed at the Goju Ryu World Championship in Romania and won—A bronze medal for individual kata (patterns), a silver medal for team kumite (sparing) and a gold medal for individual kumite (sparing). Congratulations Laura, we are very lucky to have you teaching our students.





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Thank you all so much for your generous support!

We apologise if we have inadvertently left anyone off this list.

PTA News

The next PTA meeting is Wednesday 18th October in the meeting room. All welcome to join in.



The PTA are continuing their pool upgrade project with the installation of a solar heating unit happening in the school holidays which is very exciting! We are also holding a working bee over 2 days in the second week of the holidays on Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th October from 10am - weather permitting - to clean and paint the change rooms and the old pailing fence. All help welcome. BYO paint brushes and rollers, paint will be supplied. Call or text Kelly on 021646911 if you need to check its still on due to weather.

Ag Day Calendar Art—ORDERS AND PAYMENT DUE BY FRIDAY

Please order your calendar, cards, diaries or notebooks by this **FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER**. Order forms have been sent home and E-Tap details have come out to ensure you don't miss out. These are great Xmas presents!! Cash, eftpos, cheque or you may pay online to the PTA bank account. Ref: Child's first and last name. Code: Room. Particulars: Calendar Art. The PTA bank account number is 12 3031 0851231 00. Please make sure your order form (and payment) is sent back to the office by FRIDAY. Any questions please email Lin on tonylinn@response-eng.net

Congratulations to our PTA Cupcake winners on Ag Day

1st Kyra M
2nd Amelia B
3rd Cooper R

Thank you to everyone who entered. If you have a suggestion on our PTA baking competition idea, please come along to the PTA meeting on 18th October during our debriefing.

Friday Sausage Sizzle/Ice Blocks

This FRIDAY the PTA will be running a sausage sizzle and ice block sale.

Sausages \$2.00

Ice Blocks \$1.00

Order with your class teacher on Friday morning.

Reminder Dates

28th September	Student Led and 3 Way Conferences 1.00-6.30pm
28th September	School closes at 12.20pm
29th September	Term 3 Ends
16th October	Term 4 Starts
18th October	Out of Zone enrolment applications for 2018 close
23rd October	Labour Day
24th October	Day in Lieu of AG Day
25th October	Ballot date for out of zone enrolments
27th October	School athletics day
31st October	Save day for athletics day
8th November	Intermediate Production (Matinee 1pm, Evening 7pm)
9th November	Intermediate Production 7pm
13-17 Nov	Life Education visit
15th December	Last day—School finishes at 12.20 (lunchtime)
30th January	Term 1, 2018



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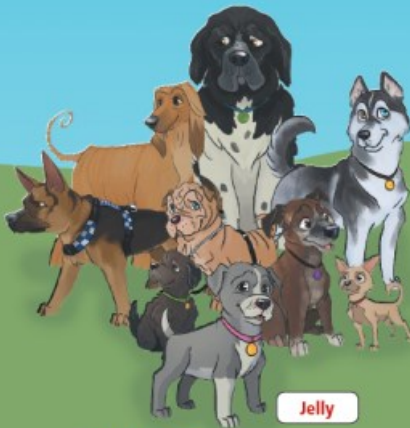


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to book

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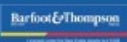
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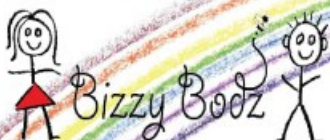
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