



# Karaka School

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"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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## Newsletter

## Principal's Note

Week 3, Term 4 2017

*Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.*

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

#### Badjelly the Witch

Tickets for our two night shows have **sold out**! As a result we have been approached by a number of disappointed people who missed out on the hugely popular 7pm shows and we have been working on finding a solution to this. As we want as many people as possible to have the opportunity to experience the show, for those who have missed out on tickets we are now able to open the matinee show up to those parents and students who did not get an evening ticket. Please remember to sign your child out at the office if you are taking them to the matinee performance. Unfortunately due to licensing agreements and logistical considerations we are unable to swap or refund 7pm tickets for the matinee show.

#### Powhiri

This **Friday at 9.30am** we will be having a powhiri to welcome all new children and their families to Karaka School. New children will be taken by their teacher to meet by the flagpole and this is where we ask families new to the school to join them. Existing families are very welcome to attend and seating will be available for you at the rear of the hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Farewell

Mrs McDonald has decided to take a leaf out of Mrs West's book and take more time for herself next year by resigning from fulltime teaching at Karaka. She will be teaching at different schools around the area. Mrs McDonald has been our new entrants teacher for the past 7 years and we know she will be missed both in the classroom as well as a member of the PTA. Thanks Mrs McDonald for your dedication to our school over the years! Ms Tanya Davis has been appointed as the Junior/Middle School team leader beginning 2018.

Miss Yuretich is off on her BIG OE! First stop is Japan where she will join the staff at a brand new Club Med to become their snowboard instructor. We wish Miss Yuretich all the best on her new adventure and look forward to hearing where in the world she goes next!

## Organisation 2018

It is that time of the year! Planning for next year has begun and we are now able to share the school organisation for 2018.

Year 0 and 1 Tanya Davis (Team Leader) Tui Room	Year 1 Kristeen Peters Ruru Room	Year 2 and 3 TBC Pukeko	Year 3 and 4 Mrs Corlett Pateke
Year 3 and 4 Miss Agate Mokomoko	Year 5 and 6 Mrs Sutton (Team Leader) Miss Yeardley Miss Maihi Kokako (New Build - Innovative Learning Space arriving mid November)	Year 7 and 8 Mrs Flett Mangopare (Due to be renovated into an Innovative Learning Space over the Christmas Break)	Year 0 Starting Term 2 Weta

- Mrs Glover - Te Ao Maori/Performing Arts Teacher
- Mrs Thorby and Rainbow Robin - Teacher Aides
- Mrs Fell - Office Assistant
- Mrs Withers - Office Manager
- Mr Jeff - Caretaker
- Mrs Cook - Deputy Principal and SENCO
- Mrs Hynds - Principal



## Innovative Learning Spaces

For the past 3 years we have been preparing our students and teachers for the transition into innovative learning spaces. Our professional learning has centred around the evidenced based approach of assessment for learning and visible learning. As a result, changes to teaching practice have enabled our students to have greater ownership for their learning through:

- the creation of learning focussed relationships,
- development of clear learning intentions and success criteria,
- the ability to use assessments and quality examples to set next steps and reflect on their learning.

Workshopping to better meet individual student needs has been introduced and students are now able to discuss their learning with increased confidence. All this will now be transferred into the new environments that better support the pedagogy. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see us.

**Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds**

**Principal@karaka.school.nz**



**2016 Prize giving Trophies—Please return to the office as soon as possible so we can get them ready for this years prize giving. Thanks!**

## Medication

Please be aware that all medication must be brought to the office in the first instance. **Medication MUST NOT be taken to the classroom or put in your child's lunchbox.** A signed request/medical form must be provided before medication will be administered by staff. Please call into the office to sign this form. A full copy of the Medication Policy can be found on the School docs website <http://karaka.schooldocs.co.nz>—Enter the username (karaka) and password (school) - follow the links to the relevant policy.

Sanitarium Weet-bix Kids Tryathlon (Karaka School Team)

Date: Wednesday 6th December 2017. Venue: Mountford Park, Manurewa

**<https://tinyurl.com/WeetbixTryKarakaPermission>**

**<https://tinyurl.com/Tryathlonregistrationonline>**



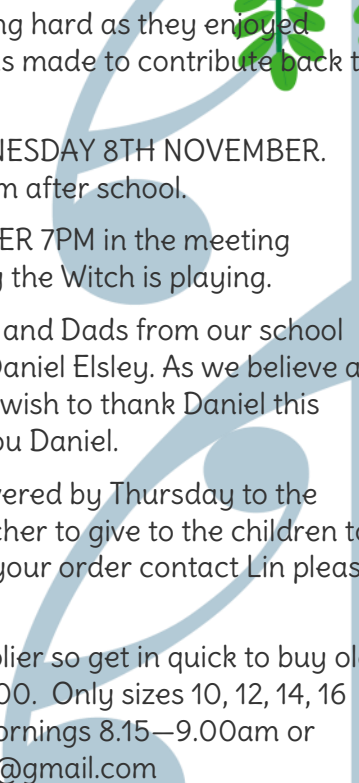
**Athletics Results—please see separate attachment with all the results.**





# PTA News



- ◆ Thank you to all the supporters of the PTA Halloween Disco. It was a fun night with both teachers and parents working hard as they enjoyed watching the ghoulish dancing. \$1147.00 was made to contribute back to the school. Thank you
  - ◆ Reminder—Samosas will be delivered WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER. Please pick up your order from the staffroom after school.
  - ◆ PTA meeting will be TUESDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 7PM in the meeting room—not the usual Wednesday as Badjelly the Witch is playing.
  - ◆ Last week we thanked a team of volunteers and Dads from our school working on the pool project but missed off Daniel Elsley. As we believe all volunteers are important and treasured we wish to thank Daniel this week for his hours and generosity. Thank you Daniel.
  - ◆ Art calendar orders are expected to be delivered by Thursday to the school. They will be handed to the class teacher to give to the children to bring home. If you have any queries about your order contact Lin please on [tonylinn@response-eng.net](mailto:tonylinn@response-eng.net)
  - ◆ Uniform Fleece sale—We are changing supplier so get in quick to buy old stock at a discounted price. All fleeces \$20.00. Only sizes 10, 12, 14, 16 left. Come into the uniform shop Monday mornings 8.15—9.00am or email the PTA with your request [karaka.pta@gmail.com](mailto:karaka.pta@gmail.com)
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# Reminder Dates

<b>3rd November</b>	Powhiri 9.30am
<b>7th November</b>	ECCS Athletics
<b>8th November</b>	Bad Jelly Performances 1.00pm and 7.00pm
<b>8th November</b>	PTA Samosa collection from 2.30pm
<b>9th November</b>	Bad Jelly Performance 7.00pm
<b>13-17 November</b>	Life Education Caravan visit
<b>15th November</b>	Kids 4 Kids choir at Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau 7.30pm
<b>1st December</b>	Middle Team Big Day out
<b>15th December</b>	Last day—school finishes at lunchtime 12.20pm
<b>30th January</b>	Term 1, 2018
<b>21-25 May</b>	Year 5 and 6 camp—Camp Bentzon, Kawau Island (costs TBA)
<b>28 May-1 June</b>	Year 7 and 8 camp—MERC, Long Bay (costs TBA)

## Community Notices

### 2017 Champion Chicken

Georgia's prize winning chicken is looking for a new home. Please phone Jo on 0274 839266

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