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## Newsletter

## Principal's Note

Week 7, Term 4 2017

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

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

A HUGE congratulations to our amazing Enviro Group who, with the support of Miss Davis, Mr G, Mrs Maunder, Ms Murray and Mrs Rosie, won a GOLD medal award for their entry in the New Zealand Flower and Garden Show! Having designed then built the 'Country Garden Hideout' over 3 days, the team eagerly awaited the judges decision. Celebrations followed the much deserved announcement. Thanks Enviro Group - you put Karaka on the map once again!

Yesterday morning we held a special morning tea to thank all those who so willingly give of their time to support our students and school. If you were not able to make it, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to you for giving up your time and gifting it to our place of learning. Karaka School is a special place because of the generosity you show. Thank you!

Last Friday night we celebrated Miss Maihi and Miss Yuretich's graduation to full teacher registration alongside other Papakura schools graduates. Mrs West and Mrs McDonald, who have mentored them over the past two years, both spoke of the amazing learning journey they have been on and how they have added value to our place of learning. We are extremely proud of them both!

We are all learners here at Karaka School and this year the teachers have been learning how to implement the theory of assessment for learning (A4L) into practice. At the conclusion of our professional learning for 2017, external educational institutes working within our school have cited our school leadership as an exemplar school of implementing and supporting the development of A4L, which has been identified by the OECD as the leading pedagogy for teaching and learning. Our theory of improvement is evident in practice across the school at all levels.



Preparations for 2018 continue and we are currently working on class placements for 2018. These will be shared with you on the end of year school reports or via a letter sent home to you. End of Year Reports for all students in years 3 to 8 are to be sent home on December 11th. Children in years 1 and 2 receive anniversary reports at different points in the year that match their personal milestones and so will not receive an end of year report.

If you are not coming back next year and haven't already let the office know, can you please let us know immediately.

Don't forget that we have a special assembly tomorrow morning at 9.30am to farewell Miss Yuretich who is jetting off to Japan to begin her big OE. You are welcome to join us.

**Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds** [Principal@karaka.school.nz](mailto:Principal@karaka.school.nz)

## Well done to the Enviro Group - Gold at the NZ Flower and Garden Show!

Congratulations to everyone involved, it was hard work but worth the effort. A HUGE thank you to Cass Murray, Sonya Maunder, Kelly Rosie and Mr G - without you this could not have happened.



## Christmas Rotation

On Tuesday and Wednesday the Juniors, Middles and Year 5 and 6's were all involved in a Christmas Rotation.

All children were mixed up and put into ten teams. Over the two days, each team rotated around the various activities led by the teachers.

The children got to play games, paint, colour, make cards, make snowmen, ice biscuits plus lots more. It has been encouraging to see all the juniors give every activity their best effort and to see the way the older children were supporting and encouraging the younger ones.

The teachers are very grateful to the PTA for their generous financial support of our Christmas rotation—thank you.



## Library Books and Junior Readers

We will be completing our annual stocktakes next week. **Books that are overdue or lost will be charged** to the individual at the replacement rate. Also please check at home for any junior readers or journals ready for that stocktake.

We are looking for six volunteers to help with our junior reader stocktake. Please see Kylie Thorby if you are available Wednesday, Thursday or Friday next week. This would only take a couple of hours of your time.

## Intermediate Uniforms for 2018

A letter and order forms went home last week. We have a couple of sample uniforms in the office for you to try on for sizes. All orders and payments are due back by Monday 4th December so we can get the orders in and back to you before the end of the year.

## Stationery for 2018

We are once again using the OfficeMax online stationery ordering for 2018. Please see attached letter to this newsletter for more information and also the flyer coming home today. Stationery lists will be available on the [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) website by the end of the term.

## Junior Team Big Day In—Friday 1st

The Junior team are having activities on the carpark between 9.00am—10.00am. Can you please make sure all cars are out of the carpark by 9.00am so we can set up for their exciting big day in. Thanks.






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## 2017 YEARBOOK

## PTA Meeting

- \* The last meeting is on **6th December**—  
for 2018 budget and planning 7pm



Look who visited us  
today—Miss Maihi's pet  
Kora!!

# Reminder Dates

<b>30th November</b>	Farewell assembly 9.30am
<b>1st December</b>	Middle Team Big Day Out
<b>1st December</b>	Junior Team Big Day In
<b>4th December</b>	Rainbows End Trip (Leadership positions), BOT Meeting 5.00pm
<b>6th December</b>	Weet-Bix Triathlon. PTA meeting 7.00pm
<b>7th December</b>	Year 8 Graduation dinner
<b>8th December</b>	School assembly 1.45pm
<b>11th December</b>	Intermediates Big Day Out
<b>12th December</b>	Year 5 and 6 Big Day Out
<b>13th December</b>	Farewell assembly 9.15am, Prize Giving 6.00pm
<b>15th December</b>	Last day—school finishes at lunchtime <b>12.00pm</b>
<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

### Gypsy Fair

We will be in Pukekohe on the weekend 9-10 December 2017 at Pukekohe Intermediate School.

The Gypsy Fair is a great day out for the family and it is free entry. The fair has something for everyone, handmade crafts of all types, many being made before your eyes, Clothing, a unique obstacle bounce for the kids, awesome coffee, food, face painting, candy floss, music, which you can come up and have a go too, if you feel so inclined and lots of good old fashioned toys and entertainment in the green. So come along for a couple of hours or even the day and soak up the atmosphere of the Gypsy Fair.

Te Hahi School Presents:



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children's activities and picnic festival

Dec 16 - 17, 10am - 4pm

Princesses, superheroes, pirates & fairies to meet

Fun activities



Face painting

Prizes in costume parade

Entertainers

Santa



Pony riding

Enjoyable for parents too

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Bouncy castle

Treasure hunt

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Children 3 - 15 \$12  
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