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Reminders & Updates Flyer

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Week 9 Term Four 2017

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Big Day In & Out

What a week of celebrations we have had and the fun is set to continue! Last Friday, the junior team celebrated the end of year with a wheels day followed by a picnic and swim. Meanwhile the middle team went on their Big Day Out to Snow Planet followed by a picnic and swim at the lovely Long Bay. Some great pictures of their adventures are included in this newsletter. Next week it is the turn of the senior students to celebrate with end of year activities with visits to High Wire and Rocket Ropes.

Tomorrow night we celebrate the graduation of our Year 8 students. It is a time set aside to reflect on their time at Karaka School and share special memories with each other and their parents. We congratulate them all on their graduation and wish them all the best for the future.

School Pool

The PTA have completed the extreme makeover of our school pool and it looks fabulous! Turf has been added along with a magnificent new shade cloth. The solar heating is working a treat and we are all enjoying our swimming time. Thanks PTA for all your efforts, we really appreciate it!

Blessing

A blessing will be held for our new building on the morning of December 15th. The dawn blessing will take place at 5.45am. You are welcome to attend.

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

Principal@karaka.school.nz

After School Care Programme

The Bizzy Bodz after school care programme will no longer be continuing at Karaka School as from Thursday December 14th. We thank the team for their time at our school and wish them well.

We apologise for the short notice and the inconvenience this could cause. We have however sought a solution. As from December 15th through until the start of school in 2018, 'Kids After School' will be operating a holiday programme at Patumahoe School. They have agreed to collect children from Karaka School in the morning and take them to the programme in one of their vans.

If you are interested, please email Carolyn Payne at:
carolyn@kidsafterschool.co.nz

From Term one 2018 'Kids After School' will be operating an after school care programme from our school. We look forward to welcoming the team to Karaka and working alongside them.

For more information about their programme visit their website
www.kidsafterschool.co.nz



Vacancy for Teacher Aide Position starting Term 1, 2018

We are looking for a superstar to work for two days per week (Thursday and Friday) as a Teacher Aide 8.45am—2.45pm during term time.

This role is to assist a five year old boy who requires one to one help with learning support, general school work, eating, swimming, keeping safe in the playground and assisting with independent toileting. No formal qualifications required, just patience, caring and common sense.

Please contact Sarah or Carla if you or someone you know could be interested.

principal@karaka.school.nz or carlac@karaka.school.nz or phone 2948 166

Junior Readers Stocktake

All junior readers are due back **TOMORROW**.

We urgently need helpers for our junior reader stocktake which will take place on Monday/Tuesday next week. Please see Kylie in the office if you can help.

Accounts

If you have any outstanding accounts due e.g. bus, camp, AIMS, athletics, technology, class consumables etc we would really appreciate payment before the end of Term. Thanks.

Ukelele Group 2018

Are you able to play the Ukelele and keen to work with eager musicians next year? We would like to start a lunchtime Ukelele group in 2018. If you are available please contact Mrs Cook.

Lost Sweatshirt—with the name H. Smith on the label. If found please return to the office. Thank you

School Council News

Gift Giving—Kids First Middlemore

A big thank you to everyone that donated a food item or gift recently. These will be delivered next week and we are sure they will be greatly received.

Prizegiving 13th December 6.00pm

Please wear school uniforms.





Junior Big Day In

We all had a wonderful time at the Junior Big Day In. There were bikes, scooters, skateboards and rollerblades and all the children had a terrific time riding around. Many of our students mastered new skills they couldn't do before.

A big thank you to Constable Andy for giving us all a great safety talk and checking all helmets were on correctly using the two, four, one measuring system. Ask your child if they can remember what this is!

The movie was entertaining and we all enjoyed relaxing in the hall and having popcorn at half time.

It was a lovely day to have a picnic under the trees and it was terrific to see so many family and whanau members join the children.

The day ended with a swim in our new look pool which all the children enjoyed.

Another successful Big Day In!

Junior Team



Middle Team Big Day Out

Last Friday the Middle Team classes, teachers and some wonderful parents battled the dreaded Auckland traffic and ventured to Snowplanet.

We rugged up in all our winter layers and headed out onto the snow - what an amazing experience, it was -5 degrees. Everyone loved tubing down the slope - roaring like rockets on fire!

When our group wasn't tubing Jeremy took us out to the maintenance area to show us the snow making machines and the snow plough that grooms the slopes.

After our Snowplanet experience we were off to Long Bay. We had a lovely beachfront site booked with lovely shade under a pohutukawa tree. The sun was blazing and sea was shimmering. We had a picnic lunch, played games of cricket and touch and swam and splashed in the gentle waves. Finally we boarded the bus for the very long trip home, what a great day we had all had!

Thank you so very much to the wonderful parents who accompanied us on this trip, we appreciated the help with pushing us on the tubing slope, helping with changing in and out of winter clothing, coming swimming with us to keep us safe, playing games with us and making sure all children got safely to and from the toilets. Thank you also to Mrs Corlett and Miss Maihi for their wonderful support and leadership throughout the trip, you certainly contributed to the smooth running of the day. Mrs West.





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Top Team House Day

Our Top Team house event is next Thursday 14th December starting at 9am. We encourage students to dress in house colours, dust off their wigs, wings, tutus etc and come ready for a day of activities set to challenge you and make you smile at the same time! Remember, we still need to ensure we have hats, our water bottles and sunblock as most of the activities are outside.



Stationery for 2018

We are once again using the OfficeMax online stationery ordering for 2018. Please refer to the letter sent home via the newsletter last week for more information. Stationery lists will be available on the myschool.co.nz website by the end of the term.

The Library Book stocktake has taken place this week (Thank you to the ladies who have completed this for us). There are a number of books still outstanding and it is important that we get these back as soon as possible. Please check at home and return them to school by next week.



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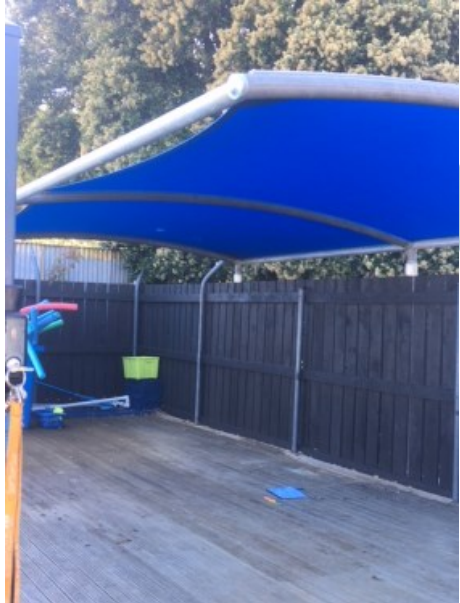
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2017 YEARBOOK

PTA News

The PTA would like to put out a big thank you to Team Sports Surfaces for laying the turf around the pool area and in particular to Nova Shades (Heath and Anne Walbridge) who donated the shade sail and the labour to install it so that the PTA only had to cover the cost of the steel work. It looks amazing!



- ◆ Just a reminder about our final meeting tonight 7pm in the meeting room, which will be our planning meeting for next year—all new members or just curious parents who want to come and see what the PTA is all about please come along.
- ◆ The PTA is hoping to have the uniform shop open in January before school commences. This will be determined at this meeting and put in the newsletter next week.
- ◆ On Thursday 14th December the teachers are running Top Team activities. The PTA would like to offer a sausage sizzle/ice block sale if volunteers are available. If any parents would like to help out with this please email karaka.pta@gmail.com by Wed or attend our meeting. If there are no volunteers we cannot offer this service.

Reminder Dates

- 7th December** Year 8 Graduation dinner
- 8th December** School assembly 1.45
- 11th December** Intermediates Big Day Out
- 12th December** Year 5 and 6 Big Day Out
- 13th December** Farewell assembly 9.00am, Prize giving 6.00pm
- 15th December** Last day—School finishes at **12.00**
- 30th January** Term 1, 2018
- 21-25 May** Year 5 and 6 camp—Camp Bentzon, Kawau Island
- 28 May-1 June** Year 7 and 8 camp—MERC, Long Bay



Community Notices



Karaka Cricket Club

For all those budding young cricketers, Karaka Cricket Club have a year 1 and 2 team currently involved in an entry level program run by the Counties Manukau Cricket Association. Fun sessions run by CMCA coaches every Friday from 5.30pm introducing young ones to cricket.

Karaka Cricket Club also run 1 hr coaching sessions on Monday nights from 6.30pm. All new members welcome. Register at KarakaCricket.co.nz or contact the Juniors coach, Dinesh Sood - 0212236381 or James Robson - 0212796011. \$50 includes registration and a shirt and cap for each player.

A poster for the musical 'Peter Pan'. It features a young boy with blonde hair, wearing a plaid shirt and a dark fur collar, standing against a dark blue background with stars. The title 'Peter Pan' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title, it says 'A NEW MUSICAL'. The dates '8-9 DECEMBER' and the venue 'AOTEA CENTRE' are listed. At the bottom, it says 'TICKETS FROM ticketmaster®' and 'AN ALVER & DOY PRODUCTION'. There are logos for 'PRESENTED WITH THE SUPPORT OF AUCKLAND LIVE' and 'NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE COMPANY' at the top.

Horse Riding Lessons

Learn to ride and care for a horse in our Ponies After School programme in Waiuku. Children are taught to ride or can improve their current skills. Ponies provided. 3.30pm to 5pm daily. After school pick up available, \$55 per lesson. Ph 0274 380 301 www.silverfernriding.nz



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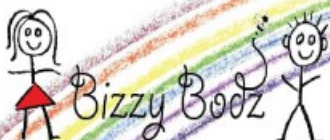
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