



# Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

No. 40

13th December 2017

Newsletter

## Principal's Note

Week 9, Term 4 2017

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

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

It is hard to believe that the end of the year is upon us! However, the next few days continue to be just as busy as the rest of the year...

#### Prizegiving

Tonight we get to celebrate the talents of our students at our annual prizegiving. Prize giving starts at **6.00pm** sharp in the School Hall. Students will need to wear their full school uniform as this a formal occasion. All students are asked to sit in their class lines. There will be parking available on the bottom flat from 5.30pm.

#### Top Team

On Thursday all students will participate in our annual house event, Top Team. We encourage students to get into the spirit of the occasion and dress up in crazy house colour outfits! Parents are welcome to come and watch as their children move around a variety of activities throughout the day. Remember a hat, sunblock and plenty of water to drink!

Thank you to everyone who is part of our learning community. Your support of, and commitment to, our school is very much appreciated. It is a privilege to work and learn alongside you all. On behalf of the staff of Karaka School we wish you all a very merry and safe Christmas! We look forward to welcoming you back in 2018!

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

## 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.

## Stationery for 2018

We are once again using the OfficeMax online stationery ordering for 2018. Stationery lists will be available on the [myschool.co.nz](http://myschool.co.nz) website by the end of the term.

## Office Opening Hours 2018

The office will be open on Thursday 25th January 9.00—10.30am to coincide with the uniform shop being open.

We will also be open on Friday 26th January 9.00am -3.00pm

## Junior Readers and Library Books

Please, please check at home to see if you have any junior readers (there is over 100 still outstanding!) or Library books (there are approx. 69 still to come) we would like to complete our annual stocktakes.

## Payment of Accounts

During the year some children used services from an outside provider that the school has to pay for. If you have not paid your bus, camp fees, athletics, AIMS and technology fees, we would be grateful if you could arrange to do this before the end of term. Also we rely on parent donations to help provide many of the extra things the children do, that our Operations Grant does not cover—if you would like to pay your school donation it would be greatly appreciated.



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## **Athletics Middle Team Field Events Results**

During the past four weeks the Intermediate students have been planning, organising and teaching the Year 3 & 4 students field event skills for: long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. Next they organised a Middle Team Field Events Day. The Intermediate students would like to thank all the Year 3 and 4 students for their outstanding behaviour throughout the day. They displayed the Karaka School LEARN values to a very high standard, well done Middle Team.

### **High Jump**

Year 3 boys—1st Cooper W, 2nd Hunter Y, 3rd Alexander Y

Year 3 girls—1st Piper H, 2nd Michaela H, Billie B

Year 4 boys—1st Michael S, 2nd Shaun M, 3rd Fletcher S

Year 4 girls—1st Henna A, 2nd Alice R, 3rd Lexi-May J

### **Long Jump**

Year 3 boys—1st Mason F, 2nd Connor M, 3rd Thomas F

Year 3 girls—1st Michaela H, 2nd Piper H, 3rd Billie B

Year 4 boys—1st Haydn F, 2nd Shaun M, 3rd Fletcher S

Year 4 girls—1st Alice R, 2nd Grace S, 3rd Lexi-May J

### **Discus**

Year 3 boys—1st Connor M, 2nd Thomas F, 3rd Alexander Y

Year 3 girls—1st Caris C, 2nd Amelia B, 3rd Billie B

Year 4 boys—1st William G, 2nd Harry S, 3rd Dane H

Year 4 girls—1st Alice R, 2nd Paige A, 3rd Grace S

### **Shot Put**

Year 3 boys—1st Connor M, 2nd Mason F, 3rd Cooper W

Year 3 girls—1st Isabella B, 2nd Billie B, 3rd Phoebe S

Year 4 boys—1st Haydn F, 2nd Dane H, 3rd Alex K

Year 4 girls—1st Henna A, 2nd Alice R, 3rd Charlie V





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**Middle Team  
Athletics Day**

## KIDS AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Come enjoy the summer holidays with us! Check out our awesome activities planned for Christmas and January at our Patumahoe Programme. From festive favourites, exciting trips and summer fun - there's something for everyone!!!

Kids After School will collect your child/ren from Karaka School at 8am and take them to the Patumahoe Programme, we then ask you to collect them from our programme based at Patumahoe School.

Please note; This arrangement has been made due to the short notice, in future Kids After School will be looking at offering care at Karaka School.

Our brochures are online now at: [www.kidsafterschool.co.nz](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz) or collect from your school office.

If you have any queries, please contact the office on 09-236-4078  
Book now to secure your place, spaces are limited!!!



- **REMEMBER—SCHOOL CLOSES FRIDAY AT 12.00**
- **BUSES WILL BE RUNNING AT THIS TIME**
- **READ ABOVE ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL CARE**
- **TERM 1, 2018—30TH JANUARY**







Merry Christmas everyone and  
happy holidays

# 2017 YEARBOOK

On sale in the office from  
Friday 8th—all in full colour

**\$10 each**



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## 2017 YEARBOOK



# PTA News

- \* The PTA will have the uniform shop open on 25th and 26th January from 9-10.30am. Eftpos will be available in the office.
- \* On Thursday 14th December, Top Team Day, the PTA will be running a sausage sizzle and ice block sale. Sausages will be \$2.00, ice blocks \$1.00. Please order with your classroom teacher.
- \* Our first PTA meeting of 2018 will be on Wednesday 7th February at 7.00pm in the meeting room. Start the year off meeting some new people and getting involved in our wonderful school. All welcome.
- \* From all of us on the PTA, we would like to thank our Karaka School community for all your support in 2017. It was wonderful to complete the “upgrade of the pool” project. We could not have done that without all our fundraising supporters. Thank you. Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe summer holiday.



# Reminder Dates

<b>13th December</b>	Prize Giving 6.00pm
<b>14th December</b>	Top Team Day (dress in your house colours)
<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

### 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](http://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.

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## CHEKETRI KARATE CLUB

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# KARAKA SCHOOL Karate

### DETAILS:

When: Tuesday 3pm to 4pm

Class starts: 13 February 2018

Cost: \$130 (including GST) for the term (10 week term) or \$15 per lesson

Additional: \$20 Annual Registration Fee

Grading date: 27<sup>th</sup> March. This is an exceptionally important test that grades karateka to their next level. There is an additional \$5 cost for this test.



### BENEFITS OF KARATE:

Co-ordination

Balance

Confidence

Sequencing

Concentration

Social Skill Development

Spatial Awareness

Memory

Muscle Strength

Body Awareness

Fitness

Your child will be met by Sensei Laura at the designated collection area, be given time to change and to have a snack. Parents are always welcome to come and watch the class. Please note that while this class is run at Karaka School, it is run independently of the school.

### INSTRUCTOR: Sensei Laura Fourie

Laura specialises in teaching children. Laura is a member of the New Zealand Karate Team, winning a Gold Medal and 2 Bronze medals at the last Goju Ryu World Champs, and has been awarded her Black Belt and Karate Teaching Qualification under the guidance of Sensei Penny Cheketri who is a primary school teacher, and has been teaching karate to children for 35 years. Laura also has 16 years experience running Outdoor Education Programmes focusing on school age groups.

### **ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THIS CLASS**

Please text or phone Laura on (022) 0609 364 or email [cheketrikarate@gmail.com](mailto:cheketrikarate@gmail.com) to find out more!



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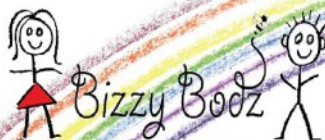
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