

What a fantastic first week of school we have had. We are so impressed with the way in which all our learners have settled back into learning and are displaying our LEARN values that are the cornerstone of our school culture.

This week as part of our commitment to Health & Safety, the students will be undertaking an information session regarding evacuations and lockdowns. This will be facilitated by external emergency and planning specialists who have been working with our school for a number of years. Following the information session, a practice lockdown will be held. Again, this exercise will be overseen by the emergency planning specialists.

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds Principal@karaka.school.nz

Reading Mileage Programme— Help Needed

Last year we started the Reading Mileage programme which was aimed at our Junior school learners. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings 8.45—9.20am whanau from our community came to school and listened to the students read. In doing so, the children gained confidence in reading aloud and their fluency improved greatly. This programme was so successful that we are keen to get it going again.

Are you able to help? Please contact Carla Cook in the office

Mathletics

All senior students are enrolled in the mathletics programme (cost \$35.00 as per the fee requirements notice that went home).

If your child is in the middle or junior teams and you wish for them to do mathletics, please call into the office to sign up and pay the \$35.00 fee.

Please be aware that we will not be signing up any students after the cut off date—Friday 16th February.

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons— Modern School of Music, Beginners to advanced, please make a booking Phone Rachel Peters 02102511752

Ukelele Group 2018

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

Technology Year 7 and 8

All Year 7 and 8's will be attending tech at Papakura Intermediate. This started today. The tech fees per year are \$65.00. This needs to be paid before the end of Term 1 please.

Powhiri

We would like to invite you all to our powhiri on Friday 16th February at 9.40am in the school hall to officially welcome all new students, their parents and whanau along with Miss Sylva and Mrs Harnett into the Karaka School whanau.

Teachers will organise our new students and we ask that new parents and whanau wishing to be involved in the powhiri meet the staff and students outside the office at 9.30am.

Bus Fees

As per the contract signed for bus travel, bus fees must be received within the first two weeks of each term.

A reminder letter will be sent home should these remain outstanding.



Congratulations

Ryan H and Quinn H completed at the BMX Auckland Championships on 27th February, representing the Sunset Coast BMX Club in Puni.

Ryan was 1st in 10 year old boys B Final and 5th in the North Region Race Series (NRRS).

Quinn won the 8 year old boys finals and is the Auckland Champion. This is Quinn's second year running winning his age class at the champs.

The boy's are now training for the National Champs held in New Plymouth in April.

Meet the Teachers

Tuesday 13th February 5.30pm and 6.00pm

The purpose is to introduce themselves and give a brief outline of class and team expectations. Sarah Hynds and Carla Cook will also be available between 5.30–6.00pm in the staffroom should anyone wish to discuss the schools strategic direction or simply introduce themselves.

Absences

If for any reason on a given day your child will not be attending school, please:

- Leave a message on the absentee line or
- Send a notice through the website or
- Send a note or email to the class teacher and the office.



Ice-Block Thursdays

Just a reminder that we are selling ice-blocks for the first term on Thursdays. Juniors can place orders with their teachers in the morning and Middle and Seniors can line up at the hall at the beginning of lunchtime. \$1.00 each

> PTA Meeting Tonight at 7.00pm in the staff room. We would love to see new faces!

Reminder Dates

7th February	PTA meeting 7.00pm
9th February	Head student speeches 1.20pm, Assembly 1.50pm
12 February	BOT meeting 5.00pm
13 February	Meet the Teachers 5.30 and 6.00pm
16 February	Powhiri 9.40am
22 February	Senior swimming sports
1 March	ECCS swimming sports

Community Notices



PUKEKOHE EAST NETBALL TRIALS

Sunday 25th February at Pukekohe Netball Centre Registrations 4.30pm - Trials 5-8pm \$20 non-refundable deposit payable on trial day Registration forms can be downloaded at pukekoheeastnetball.wordpress.com Enquiries ph Janice McNeil 021 987 022

Young at Art will be running our children's art classes 'Art Adventures', 'Crafty Cats', 'Dynamic Drawing' and Clay classes in Pukekohe and Pokeno this term. For more information or to book please check out: <u>http://www.youngatart.co.nz/after-school/</u>, email: <u>admin@youngatart.co.nz</u> or phone: 0297 712 923

Karaka Netball—Future Fern Netball

If your daughter is interested in playing Future Fern netball and is in Year 1 - 4 please register your interest.

There are two options of where you can play Future Fern Netball either **Papakura on a Saturday morning** or **Pukekohe on a Friday night** please select your preference.

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page to stay up to date with Future Fern Netball News. If you have any further questions please email us on <u>karakanetballclub@gmail.com</u>

Fulton Swim School Triathlon—Thursday 15th March

www.fultonswimschool.co.nz/triathlon.htm



