



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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14th February 2018

Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 3, Term 1 2018

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Thank you to all those people who attended last night's meet the teacher evening. It was lovely to chat with you and we hope that we were able to answer any questions you may have had. We look forward to working with you all this year.

At the beginning of the year our students were offered the opportunity to apply for leadership roles. We were overwhelmed with the response and are very proud of everyone who applied. Our student leaders will be issued with iron on badges so that they can be easily identified at all times. Our Year 8 students also had the opportunity to stand for the Head Student positions. We were very impressed with all their speeches and again thank them all for being so willing to give back to our learning community. This year we congratulate the following students on their appointments:

Brooke T - Head Girl
D'artagnan F - Head Boy

Dhroux L - Deputy Head Girl
Zane W & Joseph W - Deputy Head Boys

Please see photos for other positions in this newsletter.



Our PTA has been hard at work already this year! We would like to thank them once again for supporting our students by giving \$2500 towards each of the school camps. This is highly appreciated as it goes a long way towards reducing the cost to our families. Keep an eye out in these newsletters for PTA news as they have much planned for 2018.

The first Board of Trustees meeting of the year was held this week. As is a requirement each year, roles and responsibilities were decided. Keep an eye out on our website and newsletters for BOT meeting dates and updates.

- Adele Loveridge - Chairperson
- Scott Penney - Deputy Chairperson
- Emma Burn - Elected Trustee
- Dee Clark - Elected Trustee
- Gaylene Murdoch - Elected Trustee
- Carla Cook - Staff Trustee
- Sarah Hynds - Principal
- Nicky Swan - Secretary

This term we have one policy for review should you wish to contribute (instructions are below):

[Home Learning](#)

Visit the website <http://karaka.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>

Instructions for reviewers: Enter the username (karaka) and password (school)

1. Follow the link to each policy.
2. Read the Policy.
3. Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
4. Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
5. Enter your name (optional).
6. Submit your ratings and comments.
7. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and the review form.

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

IMPORTANT MEDICAL NOTICE

We have a student joining our Karaka School community that has a severe food allergy to many types of nuts (pecans, cashews, peanuts and walnuts). It is extremely important that there is strict avoidance of this food in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction.

We are therefore asking for your help to provide the student with a safe school environment. Any exposure to these types of nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send any of these nuts to school with your child. Both Karaka School and the child's family appreciate your assistance and thank you for your support.

If you have any questions in regards to this request please Sarah Hynds or Carla Cook.

Bus Times

We are experiencing a lot of problems with the buses to and from school at present due to heavy traffic and the ever increasing road works on the motorway and in this area. The times of the service are fluctuating outside of Murphy's control and also the schools.

The office is aware of this and are keeping a note of times and dates to take to the next Rosehill Bus Network meeting.

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, Mrs Harnett, Mrs Cheeseman and Mrs Cutforth 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.

Account Statements

Account statements and receipts will be sent out shortly.

Have you remembered to pay:

- Bus Fees
- Camp Deposits
- Athletics
- Technology fees

These are all outside providers. We would appreciate payment of these amounts as soon as possible.



Guitar Lessons

Is your child interested in learning the guitar or ukulele? We have a lovely music teacher teaching here at Karaka School on Tuesdays. Her name is Rachel Peters and she is confident in teaching beginner musicians as well as advanced musicians. If interested please contact Rachel on 021 02511752.

2017 Magazine

Did you miss out on purchasing the 2017 end of year magazine? A wonderful memory keepsake!

We still have some copies available. Call into the office to purchase your copy \$10.00 each.



Mathletics

All senior students are enrolled in the mathletics programme (cost \$35.00)

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.

School Visits for New Entrants

School visit days will be Wednesday mornings only. Please contact the office to arrange your visits and we will liaise with the teacher/s. Thanks



Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Fielder, married on Sunday at Mudbrick Vineyard, Waiheke.

All our very best wishes.



Peer Mediators



School Council



Enviro Group



Librarians



House Leaders



Cultural Leaders





PTA News

- ♦ **Ice Blocks**—We know the weather has been against us since we started, but we are selling ice blocks again tomorrow, \$1.00 each
- ♦ **Powhiri**—This Friday 16th. The PTA are going to be putting on morning tea after the Powhiri and we intend to have some pamphlets ready to hand out that lets you know a little of what we do. Can't wait to see you there.
- ♦ **Samosas**—not long to wait now.....

Lost Hat

Sam in Mangopare room has lost his hat. If found please return to him or the office.

Reminder Dates

16 February	Powhiri 9.40am
22 February	Senior Swimming sports
23 February	Assembly
1 March	ECCS Swimming
7 March	PTA AGM
13 March	"Jundles" trip to Howick Village
14 March	"Jundles" trip to Howick Village
14 March	BOT meeting 5pm
21-25 May	Year 5 and 6 camp—Camp Bentzon, Kawau Island (\$360.00)

Community Notices



Open Day
Saturday 3 March
10.30am–2.30pm



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