

Last Friday we held our first powhiri of the year to officially welcome our new learners, their whanau and new teachers to our school. Thank you to our very capable students who led the powhiri - you made us very proud! A thank you also to our fabulous PTA who provided a lovely morning tea.

Best of luck to our senior school learners who will be participating in the senior swimming sports tomorrow at the Franklin Pool and Leisure Centre!

Nga mihi nui,

Sarah Hynds Principal@karaka.school.nz Guitar and Ukulele Lessons— Modern School of Music, Beginners to advanced, please make a booking Phone Rachel Peters 02102511752

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.

Carpark Safety

If you park in the middle parking area of the main carpark, please can you walk your child through the middle using the pedestrian crossing and not through the carpark behind cars.

At present the buses are arriving to school at various times. Please do not leave your car in the bus bay area unattended. This is a drop off and drive on area only.

Also please be careful with parking outside of school in the bus entry gate area. A car was parked there yesterday with the back over the entry and the bus had an incredibly hard time getting in as they didn't want to hit the back of the car.

Thank you for your help in keeping this a safe place for our students.

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.

Bible in Schools Programme

This year we are running our Bible in Schools Programme during a Thursday lunchtime. If you would like your child to attend please remind them of the programme on a Thursday morning. I remind students before lunchtime also.

Thank you Mrs Cook

Clarification in regards to "Nuts in School"

We ask that <u>no nuts</u> are brought to school as a whole nut and also we ask that foods that have any type of nut listed as an ingredient (e.g. peanut butter) are not sent to school in children's lunches.

The support we have received in regards to this situation has been extremely positive and we thank you for this.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Every fortnight we hold a whole school assembly, which parents and whanau are invited to. Prior to the assembly each teacher chooses one student who has displayed our current values The following students have received a principal's award recently in relation to our values:

Awarded at assembly on the		TUI:	RURU:
9th February		Hayden R	Saana S
PUKEKO:	PATEKE:	MANGOPARE:	МОКОМОКО:
Grace McK	Amelia B	James M	Alexander Y
KOKAKO:	Kokako:	KOKAKO:	CAUGHT BEING
Emma B	Dane H	Anton P	GOOD:
			Alexander Y

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.



PTA News

Ice-Block Thursdays \$1.00 each

Juniors order in the morning to your teacher. The rest of the school can line up and order at lunchtime.

Samosa Fundraiser

Order forms have been sent home this week.

Return form and money to the office by Monday 5th March.

Collection—From 2.30pm Monday 12th March from the Hall.

Payment by Eftpos, cash, cheque or internet banking (see order form for details)

For further information please email: karaka.pta@gmail.com

Lunchroom

Big News!! The PTA have just purchased two new pie warmers. The old ones were dinosaurs and were unreliable. We want to thank Debbie H very much for the way she has gone above and beyond these last few weeks to get all the children their hot pies etc for lunch these past Fridays. Thanks Debbie.

Uniform

The uniform shop now holds the Intermediate uniform for sale.

For all PTA queries you can email us on karaka.pta@gmail.com

If you want to pay anything direct our details are: Karaka School PTA

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Reminder Dates

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22 February	Senior swimming sports		
23 February	Assembly		
1 March	ECCS swimming sports		
2 March	Mufti Day—fundraiser for Year 5 and 6 camp		
7 March	PTA AGM		
13 March	"Jundles" trip to Howick Village		
14 March	"Jundles" trip to Howick Village		
14 March	BOT meeting 5pm		
19 March	Photolife (Individual and Class)		
28 March	PTA meeting 7.00pm		
30 March	Good Friday		
2 April	Easter Monday		
3 April	School closed		
13 April	Term 1 ends		
30 April	Term 2 starts		
21-25 May	Year 5 and 6 camp		

Community Notices



SPCA

Free spaying, neutering and microchipping for cats 5th—16th March. Call 09 2567310 to find out your nearest area.

contact Ben Winkelaar on 021 954 125 for more info. Pay online to Franklin United, acc # 12-3023-0044974-00, Ref: Name/Futsal

WAIAU PA HOCKEY CLUB JUNIOR MUSTER / REGISTRATION Wajau Pa Hockey Club junior muster will be 11th March 2018 from 1.30pm -3.30 pm at the Strathallan ACG Hockey Turf. Come along on the day and have a friendly hit with the hockey ball and stick and see if you like it. If you don't have a stick no worries, there will be some there on the day to play with. If you are unable to attend on the 11th, or would like more information about us please call Karen McConnell on 027 283 2585 or email karen.mcconnell@pmconsulting.co.nz. We are looking for players for every grade, U7 (yr 1 & 2), U9 (yr 3 & 4), U11 (yr 5 & 6) and U13 (vr 1 & 8) Fees to be paid with registration - Cash or Cheque



Expressions of interest - Karaka Holiday Programme

We would love to offer a holiday programme this April at our Karaka Programme, however we need to know whether this is something you would like to see at your School.

Please email <u>admin@kidsafterschool.nz</u> with your expression of interest, along with any questions you may have. We look forward to hearing from you by 09th March 2018.

For more information please call us on 09 236 4078 or visit our website <u>www.kidsafterschool.co.nz</u>

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.

