



# Karaka School

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Newsletter

## Principal's Note

Week 7, Term 1 2018

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

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

What a great assembly we had last week. Not only did we celebrate the fantastic achievements of some of our students, we also had a lot of fun! Thank you to our house leaders who took part so enthusiastically in our lip syncing competition and congratulations to **Hobson** for a well deserved win - well done Joseph and Cameron! All points will now be recorded on our brand new 'House Points' board at the front of our administration building. The new token system of house point collection is working well and we will be adding this to the front of the building also in the near future so that we can see the points grow before our eyes!

Hauora - complete wellbeing - is one of our strategic goals. In support of this, 'Breathe', a real life approach to managing stress and anxiety is visiting Karaka School on **March 21st** and will involve both staff and students. The mindful breathing will be able to be integrated into daily practice which will promote wellbeing for all. This is a whole school approach and is supported by resources to use alongside students. We look forward to their visit.

You may be aware from recent media reports that there is currently a nationwide crisis recruiting and retaining teachers. Attached to this newsletter is more information from NZEI regarding this. As a result, **Karaka School** will be attending a paid union meeting on **Monday March 26<sup>th</sup>** at 1.30pm. While we will have a small number of staff onsite, we ask that if at all possible you **collect your child/ren at 12.20pm** (lunchtime) on this day or arrange to have someone do this for you. Please ensure your child knows if they will be collected. The buses will run at the normal time. Children unable to be collected will be supervised until the close of the normal school day. After school care will operate as normal. We thank you for your support.

We have received a request from the Karaka Sports Park Trust to share the following link with you. They are seeking submissions to support their development of this area for our community. Submissions close March 28th.  
[Karaka Sports Park](#)

Attached to this newsletter is some information from Murphys regarding a recent change to the bus route from Karaka Lakes:

## **COACH & TOUR OPERATORS**

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### **Karaka Lakes Bus Stop Change**

Due to ongoing Traffic issues we have changed the Karaka Lakes pick up point. We have changed the pick point from Hinau Road to 4 Bridgeview Rd. This will help the bus getting through the traffic and will help the bus to get to school at a better time.  
Apologies for the late notice.

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

## Wesley Bus Students

We have today been informed by Murphy Buses that as the gates are now open they will be going inside the school to pick up and drop off at the usual point. This starts this afternoon.

### New Parents Morning Tea Thursday 15th March 9.15 – 10.00am

If you are a new family to the school, please come along tomorrow to our morning tea and information sharing time.

We will have representatives from the Board, Ag Committee and PTA as well as staff members speaking about the school and our values.



## IMPORTANT MEDICAL NOTICE

We have a student in 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. This can include peanut butter, Nutella and muesli bars.

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.

## William Pike Challenge Sponsorship

Karaka Intermediate students would like to thank **AG Brougham Buses** for their generous sponsorship towards the William Pike Challenge Award for 2018.

If you too would like to sponsor this challenge please contact Meagan Flett.

## 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 school values. The following students have received a principal's award recently in relation to our LEARN values.



<i><b>Awarded at assembly on the</b></i>		<i><b>TUI:</b></i>	<i><b>RURU:</b></i>
<i><b>9th March</b></i>		Emma R	Carter C
<i><b>PUKEKO:</b></i> Dean W	<i><b>PATEKE:</b></i> Harry S	<i><b>MANGOPARE:</b></i> Brooklynn W	<i><b>MOKOMOKO:</b></i> Quinn H
<i><b>KOKAKO:</b></i> Maddison Y	<i><b>KOKAKO:</b></i> Conor L	<i><b>KOKAKO:</b></i> -	<i><b>CAUGHT BEING GOOD:</b></i> Lilly-Anne H
<i><b>TE AO MAORI/THE ARTS:</b></i> Kotelia P (Jnr), Saumya S (Middle), Anton P (Snr), Blake M (Int)			

### **Photolife —Monday 19th March**

Photolife will be here on Monday. They will be taking individual, class and sibling photos.

Please pick up a sibling photo booking form from the office before photo day if you wish for your children to be photographed together.

Photos can be viewed online as soon as you receive your photo shoot keycode. There will be free delivery to the school for approx. 3 weeks from the date the shoot keys are dispatched. These should come home a couple of weeks after photo day.

**Police Vetting**—Please remember that if you wish to help out in the classroom, go on a trip, help on camp etc that you must be police vetted. Please call into the office to pick up a form to do this.



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## Message for school whanāu

You may be aware of the **nationwide crisis** in recruiting and retaining teachers.

Children need teachers with enough time to teach so they can give each child the attention they deserve, and children need talented and inspiring people to be attracted to teaching. Children are missing out on some opportunities to learn because teachers are bogged down in administration or are struggling to get enough support for children with additional learning needs.

Teachers at our school are joining an NZEI Te Riu Roa campaign, called *Kua Tae Te Wā – It's Time* to address these issues. Our goal is to free teachers to teach, and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. And we'll attract more people to teaching by respecting and paying them as the professionals they are.

NZEI Te Riu Roa members at our school have been invited to paid union meetings in March so that we can plan and discuss the campaign and their upcoming collective agreement negotiations.

The meeting schedule has been planned so that teachers and principals across the country can work out the best meetings for them to attend, including the option of groups of teachers attending meetings at different times. This is to help reduce disruption to teaching programmes, children and parents.

Our children deserve the best education in the world, and New Zealand can afford to provide it. It's just a matter of priorities. Thanks for your co-operation in this important matter.

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- ♦ **Ice Blocks**—Thursdays \$1.00 each. Juniors order in the morning to your teacher. The rest of the school can line up and order at lunchtime.

- ♦ **Results from our AGM:**

**Co-chairpersons:** Pam Wardenburg and Courtney Webber

**Secretary:** Jenny Glover

**Treasurer:** Sarah Wilson

**Staff Rep:** Kristeen Peters

Congratulations on your elected positions.

- ♦ **Lunchroom**—Council require us to register our kitchen for the purpose of heating pies/sausage rolls etc. The cost to the PTA is \$650.00 and we were wondering if there was a family or business who is willing to contribute to this amount. If so, we would be extremely grateful—please advise the office if you can help.

## **IMPORTANT—School Updates**

You will have recently received change of details update sheet for your child. As you will appreciate the school needs to be updated and informed of any contact and address changes to keep our records accurate. We are also requesting that you **please** check your e-mail address is correct. This will ensure that you receive the newsletter when it is e-mailed out. We also require your e-mail in case of an emergency when we may possibly have to evacuate or lock down the school we can e-mail out notification to parents. Updated custody arrangements are also very important and copies of any custody orders need to be on file at the school. Please check your details and have any changes back to the Office by **Friday 16th March**.

# Reminder Dates

<b>14 March</b>	BOT meeting 5pm
<b>15 March</b>	Fulton Triathlon
<b>19 March</b>	Photolife (Class and Individual/Sibling)
<b>21 March</b>	"Breathe" visit
<b>26 March</b>	NZEI union meeting, collect children at 12.20
<b>28 March</b>	PTA meeting 7.00pm
<b>30 Mar-3 April</b>	<b>School closed for Easter holidays (includes Tuesday 3rd)</b>
<b>13 April</b>	Term 1 ends
<b>30 April</b>	Term 2 starts
<b>22 September</b>	Ag Day

## Community Notices



### Karate classes offered after school at Karaka School

Karate classes Tuesday straight after school in the school hall.

Classes are taught by, Laura Fourie, an experienced instructor who specializes in primary school coaching.

**First class is free, so come along and give it a try. (Cost \$15 per lesson)**

Benefits of learning karate: Co-ordination, Spatial Awareness, Balance, Memory, Confidence, Muscle Strength, Sequencing Body Awareness, Concentration, Fitness, Social Skill Development, Safety Awareness and Response.

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Drury Junior Rugby Muster  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2pm-4pm  
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## Junior Kids Registration



**At: Papakura Sea Eagles League Club**

**Address: Green Street, Papakura**

**Times: 5.30pm - 7.00pm**

**Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th March.**

**Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd March.**

**ID is required for all new players.**

**Fees: \$50 per child (Sibling discount apply)**

**Coaches & Managers to apply for positions.**

Does your child want to learn to code? Code Club Aotearoa have free coding projects for kids age 9-13! We can help you set up a club, or find you a club in your area. Whether you are a parent, teacher, student, or volunteer, getting involved is easy! Drop us a line at [team@codeclub.nz](mailto:team@codeclub.nz) or visit our website: [codeclub.nz](http://codeclub.nz).

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