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Reminders & Updates Flyer

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Week 8 Term One 2018

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

What a busy week our learners had last week! Our Junior and Middle school classes visited the Howick Historical Village as part of this terms inquiry learning. Lots of interesting learning occurred and the children had a lot to share upon their return. Meanwhile a group of talented athletes participated in in the Franklin Triathlon - congratulations to you all!

Our newly renovated library is now open! Thank you so much to Jackie, Sandy, Mrs Thorby and Mrs Corlett for all their hard work putting it all back together again - it was a huge feat! If you have not had the opportunity to look through the new library, pop your head in when you are passing - it is fabulous!

REMINDER:

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 26th** 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.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL TODAY:

Thanks Kat and Bohdi from the Breathe project, we enjoyed your visit very much.

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

Principal@karaka.school.nz

Jundles Trip to Howick Historical Village

The Junior and Middle students had a lovely time at Howick Historical Village last week. They were learning about Responsibilities in Communities and how these have changed over time. School has definitely changed a lot! Thanks to the PTA for subsidising this trip, and thanks also to all our fabulous parent helpers - we couldn't have these learning opportunities without your support.





William Pike

We are excited to announce that William Pike will be visiting Karaka School to not only launch the 2018 William Pike Challenge Award, but to inspire our school and wider community about overcoming obstacles and being able to achieve anything!

This is an exciting opportunity for our Intermediate and up-and-coming students that aspire to be a part of this in future years (Year 5&6 will be our 2020 participants).

As a 2015 Young New Zealander of the year finalist, 2017 Blake Leader Award recipient and a national role model – William is a leader and an achiever who resonates passion and success without limits.

Thursday 12th April 6pm - Karaka School Hall

Thank you to Dominion Constructors for sponsoring William Pike to come and speak at Karaka School.

Fundraising for Camp

Kokako will be having an Easter bake sale to fundraise for our Year 5&6 camp.

We will be selling Easter themed cupcakes, chocolate cake, chocolate crackle and chocolate brownie.

We will be selling these on the Kokako deck on **Thursday 29th of March** after lunch eating.

The cost of the items will be \$2 for everything being sold!



EVENT

WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE AWARD LAUNCH



LAUNCH EVENT

Come and listen to William's real life account of being critically injured on Mt. Ruapehu when a volcanic eruption occurred. William was trapped, crushed and became severely hypothermic. In addition to other life threatening injuries, his right leg was amputated below the knee. Even after having his leg amputated, William is still a fanatical outdoorsman. He will challenge you to be passionate, resilient, embrace challenges and make sure Every Day's A Good Day.

William will also be here to speak about his phenomenal story and launch our William Pike Challenge Award programme. In this youth development programme, students will participate in outdoor activities, community service and personal development. During the year-long programme, our students will be empowered to embrace challenges, step outside their comfort zone and develop life-long skills.

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THURSDAY 15TH MARCH

Lucky Book Club – Scholastic Orders

Issue 2 for 2018 will be coming home this week. All orders are due in by Thursday 29th March. The easiest way to order is on-line via the Loop orders (mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). Otherwise please hand in the order form and payment to the office by Thursday 29th March. Thanks.

Photolife

Shoot key codes will be coming home in a couple of weeks. Please look out for these in your child's school bags so you can complete your online orders.



Congratulations Toby N

Toby won for the school \$100.00 due to his wonderful art work in the Karaka Vintage Day colouring completion.



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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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PTA News

- ♦ **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.

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

12-3031-0851231-00

Reminder Dates

26 March	NZEI union meeting, collect children 12.20
28 March	PTA meeting 7.00pm
30 March	Good Friday
2 April	Easter Monday
3 April	School closed
12 April	William Pike visit 6.00pm in the school hall
13 April	Term 1 ends
30 April	Term 2 starts
21-25 May	Year 5 and 6 camp



Community Notices



Ramarama School Twilight Gala

4-8pm
Friday 23rd March
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Fun With Art

Glenbrook School Hall 9am-3pm

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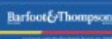
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