Week 10 Term Two 2018

# CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMEN

Thank you to all those who came and supported our annual cross country yesterday! The sun shone and the rain stayed away making it a wonderful day for participants and spectators alike. We are incredibly proud of all those who ran the course - your resilience was outstanding. A special congratulations to those who placed in their event. Certificates will be handed out during our final assembly of this term on Friday. Whole school events like these take a lot of organisation and I would like to acknowledge Mrs Sutton and Mrs Cook for their superb organisation that led to such a successful event - thanks so much! Take a look at the pics below....

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Reminders & Updates Flyer

BUILDING RESILIENCE, ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

"Ka whanaaia, ka tupu, ka puawai,"

Term 2 has been a wonderful celebration of learning! We have truly enjoyed having so many opportunities this term to involve our community in our learning. Your support is very much appreciated. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back next term.

Once again the PTA Quiz night was a huge success! We are incredibly grateful for the huge amount of time, thought and effort our amazing PTA put into this night of entertainment - a massive undertaking! We are also grateful to all those who attended the night in support of our school. It was great to see you all get into the spirit of the evening - the costumes were fabulous! Thanks everyone!

### **Student Led Conferences**

Our Learners are looking forward to sharing their learning with you this week! Don't forget that you can collect your child's mid-year report during your student led conference. If you do not attend a conference, these will be sent home on Friday.

### Good News Call of the Week

It is always a highlight of my week to make the Good News Call! Last week's recipient was Joseph W. Following our Matariki Festival we received an email from a parent from Te Hihi School who was super impressed with the way in which Joseph represented our school. She noted how proud and respectful he was while ensuring that all the visitors were well taken care of. Congratulations Joseph - we are proud of you!



### **NZEI** News

You may have heard that at the Paid Union Meetings last month, Primary Principals and Teachers voted overwhelmingly to reject the Ministry of Education's pay offer, as it did not address workload issues, extra learning support or ways to stem the growing crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

At those meetings we voted to hold strike action on Wednesday 15 August from 1.30pm. Many of us felt that this action did not go far enough to show the Government the seriousness of the workload and underfunding we face in our schools.

There was a strong groundswell for the strike action to run for the entire day, and our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, is now undertaking consultation with the membership on this possibility. An online member ballot may be held early next term.

Our school's Board of Trustees has decided to close the school if the vote result is to continue with a strike only during the afternoon. We hope to have at least two weeks' notice if a full day strike goes ahead and will advise the school community as soon as the board decides whether to keep the school open. We appreciate the inconvenience of strike action on families, and our member teachers do not take the decision lightly. Primary teachers have not taken industrial action in New Zealand since 1994 and the fact that we are taking such a step shows the grave concerns we have for the future of quality public education if courageous steps are not taken now.

# **Carpark Safety and Etiquette**

Just a reminder that the carpark at times is very busy. Please do not park on the yellow lines inside and outside of the school as this limits vision and is a hazard. Please be courteous to other drivers.

### Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds

Principal@karaka.school.nz















# Year 5 Mathex Competition

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of May four of our Year 5 boys went to the E.C.C.S. Mathex competition held at Ardmore Primary.

Stephen, Haydn, Daniel and Glenn worked well as a team to interpret and answer a number of tricky word based problems.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and are looking forward to attending again in 2019.

A big thank you to Kim Rush for transporting and supervising the team, I really appreciate your help! Our Year 6,7 and 8 Mathex teams will attend the Papakura competition in Term 3.....we look forward to hearing how they go.



# 2019 Enrolments

We are beginning to plan ahead. Do you have a child or know of a child who will be enrolling at our school next year. If so, it would be very much appreciated if you could let us know. Please email lynnef@karaka.school.nz with the details. Enrolment forms are available from our website or can be collected from the school office. Visits are welcomed too.

# AIMs Academy Sponsorship Opportunity

Each year our Intermediate students have the opportunity to participate in the AIMs Games. This sporting tournament runs for an entire week and involves over 9300 intermediate students from around NZ and the Pacific. The costs associated with this event are significant and the students will be actively fundraising over the next two terms to try and reduce these. We are also seeking offers of sponsorship. If you are interested and in a position to help, the team would be incredibly grateful. All sponsors are named on the AIMs Academy sweatshirts and acknowledged in all newsletters and notices relating to AIMs. Please contact us directly if you would like to discuss this sponsorship opportunity further.

Sarah Hynds and Meagan Flett

# Accounts being sent home via email

Accounts are being sent home this week via email. Please remember to pay your bus fees, technology fees, mathletics, camp and any other fees that we pay outside providers.





# 22nd September 2018

- Ag Day Auction—Please bring in items to the office. We also accept cash to purchase items for the auction. Any queries please contact Katrina 0275521604 or Sarah 0276341641.
- Animals—See under community notices adverts for lambs and goats.
  We are still awaiting on confirmation about availability of piglets.
- Chickens Orders Order forms and money for chickens NEED to be back at school no later than FRIDAY 6TH JULY — THIS FRIDAY.
- Chicken Judge—The Ag Committee needs to find a chicken judge.
  If you know of anyone who could help, please contact the office.
- \* Art and Construction Projects All Potato in a Bucket and Fence Palings have been handed out. We do have a small number of potatoes in the office left, but they must be purchased by Friday. All fence palings were sold. Please see the office for details/information if you missed out on these, we can advise you where you can get them from.
- \* **2017 Trophies** Please return all 2017 trophies in a **clean and undamaged condition.** You get to keep the miniatures.
- \* **Entry Forms**—All children must have an entry form. These are due back 3rd August.

# **PTA News**

# Quiz Night 2018

Wow, what an amazing quiz night we had on Saturday! Thank you for the great attendance we hope you all had fun and a laugh! Have to say the costumes were next level amazing :)

Congrats to the French Mimes aka the admin staff and partners winning best dressed team - 2 years in a row! The quiz itself was won by the Magnum PI team in a brilliant display of brain power but had to be said the scores were very close.

Thanks to everyone who was involved in the set up, working on the night and the clean up on Sunday. It is a big effort and it truly would not happen so smoothly (or at all) without so many people pitching in. Also of course to our many sponsors and supporters - you guys are amazing!

We really appreciate you getting in behind this event and it was lovely to see tables with parents from all parts of the school plus staff and some familiar faces from our wider Karaka Community also.

We are just doing the final reconciliation but profits will be around \$7,500 which is an amazing achievement to benefit all our students. Til next year...

### Last day of term -

Everyone seemed to enjoy the American hotdogs so much that we have decided to do them on the last day of term instead of the sausage sizzle. Hot Dog \$3 each, order forms will be in the classroom on Friday morning, as per usual.

### Lunchroom

Remember to look out for Sushi starting next term.

The lunchroom will be open as usual on Friday.













Karaka School PTA want to acknowledge our Quiz Night sponsors and supporters – their help is so appreciated!! Please remember their kindness and use these businesses where possible

Major Sponsors – cash and vouchers

DGE (Tony and Vanessa Dickson) Gellerts (Steve and Gill Gellert) Veterinary Associates Equine and Farm (Ivan Bridge) Z and Paddock to Pantry (Melanie Kennerley) Loveridge Builders (Mike and Adele Loveridge) Pak n Save Pukekohe New World Papakura

Suppliers – discounted and donated goods

Franklin Country Meats - Bakers Delight Pukekohe - Lion Brewery (via Graham Family)
 Earthpac (plates and serviettes via Webber Family) - Games Prizes (via Stacey Family)
 QWizard (quiz via Graham Family) - Wines (via Barnett Family) - Logistics (via Goldfinch Family)
 K North Road Residents (K'uber bus and driver) - Karaka Sports Park (bar equipment via Penney Family)
 Food items and awesome chef skills (Alisa Elsley)

Donated prizes for Mystery Bags

Wine Friend - Red Shed Drury - Gellerts - Roma Coffee Drury Findlays Drycleaning Pukekohe - Mitre 10 Mega Takanini - The Cheesecake Shop Pukekohe Mobil Drury - Town Mouse - OPSM Papakura - Good Home Takanini Paddock to Pantry - Red Shed Candles - Flo Pilates - Urban Soul - Simon Gault 5 Percent Sami Nails - Karaka Kitchen - Stoneybridge Market DBK Hairdresser - Holmes Family - Convenience Store Karaka Harbourside Pacific Purchasing Ltd (via Ben Family) - Hayton Family - Karaka Unichem

# **Reminder Dates**

| 5 July       | Student Led Conferences (normal school day)                                            |
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| 6 July       | Last day Term 2, PTA Hot Dog lunch orders, Lunchroom open, Assembly—starting at 1.30pm |
| 23 July      | Term 3 starts                                                                          |
| 22 September | Ag Day                                                                                 |
| 19 October   | Day in Lieu of Ag Day                                                                  |

# **Community Notices**

### **Goats available**

Oete Goat Farm will have goats available for Ag Day again this year. We have a return option for buck kids that may interest families who can not keep there animals after ag day.

For full details and the how to care for them, please go to our Facebook page Oete goat farm.

### Pet Lambs available

Pet lambs available for Ag Day–Please phone Elizabeth Whitford on 0923 3070



#### PUKEKOHE RACEWAY KIDS OBSTACLE DUATHLON

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Duathlon - Run, Bike & Obstacle Course Run

Compete individually or in 2-person team

Year 3 - 8 students

Enter online: www.bsgevents.co.nz

### Franklin Basketball Term 3 Programmes

More details and registrations for our programs can be found on our website (<u>franklinbasketball.org.nz</u>) or by emailing Nicola through <u>admin@franklinbasketball.org.nz</u>

