



# Karaka School

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No. 32 17th October 2018

## Newsletter

### Principal's Note

Week 1, Term 4 2018

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

Welcome back to all our wonderful Karaka School families and a special welcome to our new families, it is lovely to have you join us. We are now 3 days into the term and students have settled in beautifully. The classrooms are buzzing with learning talk and the playground is filled with children burning off their energy and enjoying time with their friends, perfect!

This week's highlights:

\*Our student's returned to school keen and ready to learn – Staff were really looking forward to seeing the students on Monday morning and as expected they arrived with their wonderful LEARN values and their eager learning attitudes. We are so very lucky to have such amazing learners here at Karaka School.

\*Year 7/8 are on camp at Finlay Park – It's been great to see photos of the students participating in a wide variety of activities; kayaking, paintball, water slides, team building tasks, glow worm caves and the list goes on! We look forward to seeing them all on Thursday afternoon and hearing more about their adventures.

\*Wonky Donkey visit tomorrow – Craig Smith has become world famous and we are going to have him here at Karaka School, how exciting! Our Senior students will participate in a creative writing session where Craig will share various processes and techniques he uses to come up with his stories/songs and then the whole school will have the opportunity to be entertained with some of Craig Smith's classics such as The Wonky Donkey, Kaha the Kea, Willbee the Bumblebee, My Daddy Ate an Apple, as well as some new stories. I know the students and teachers are really looking forward to this visit.



Reminders:

**\*Wonky Donkey payment – Thank you to those that have paid already. We do still have a large number of students unpaid. If you know this is your child could you please send \$4.00 to school with your child tomorrow.**

**\*Sun hats – We are working hard to ensure our students are sun safe at break times. You can support us by ensuring your child has a sun hat and sunscreen applied every day. If the students do not have a hat they will be expected to play under our shade areas.**

**\*Powhiri and Whanau Hui– We encourage everyone to join us on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to officially welcome our new tamariki and their whanau to our Karaka School learning community. Please meet outside the school office at 9.00am. Following the powhiri we will have our next Whanau Hui (approx. 10.15am). This is an opportunity for all parents, caregivers and extended family to discuss what has been achieved and what we will be working towards in the future. It is vital we have many voices, so please come along.**

**\*Halloween Disco – This is a PTA run event and is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. It's time to get your costumes ready and start practising your dance moves J.**

Lucky last.....a reminder there is no school this Friday (Day in lieu of Ag Day) and no school this coming Monday (Labour Day). We look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Nga mihi nui, Carla Cook**

**[carlac@karaka.school.nz](mailto:carlac@karaka.school.nz)**

## **AG DAY AND END OF YEAR TROPHIES**

Can all Ag Day 2018 and End of Year 2017 trophies, please be returned to the office as soon as possible. We would like to get these away on 29th October to get them engraved and back as soon as possible.

**There will be an AG day de-brief Tuesday  
24th October 7.00pm, in the staffroom.  
All welcome.**

We have a family looking for a chicken. Do you still want your chicken from Ag Day? Would you like to send it to a good home? Please contact the office for details.

## 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.

<b><i>Awarded at assembly on the 28th September</i></b>		<b><i>TUI:</i></b> Hayden R	<b><i>RURU:</i></b> Logan B
<b><i>PUKEKO:</i></b> Liam S	<b><i>PATEKE:</i></b> Thomas M	<b><i>MANGOPARE:</i></b> Jessica G	<b><i>MOKOMOKO:</i></b> Cooper W
<b><i>KOKAKO:</i></b> Jessica C	<b><i>KOKAKO:</i></b> Jorja K-H	<b><i>KOKAKO:</i></b> Maddison R	<b><i>KOTARE:</i></b> Bianca M
<b><i>TE AO MAORI/THE ARTS:</i> Emma D, Georgia W-M, Liam S, Dane H</b>			
<b><i>CAUGHT BEING GOOD:</i> Grayson C</b>			
<b><i>END OF TERM PRIZES:</i> Kandyce C, Cooper R, Olivia S</b>			

### 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 (In zone or out of zone). If so, it would be very much appreciated if you could let us know. Any out of zone enrolments need to be received in our office **by 18 October 2018** to be eligible for our ballot on 30th October.

Please email [lynnef@karaka.school.nz](mailto: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.

### Trench Digging

We need your help!! We require a small trench dug (300mm deep) around the lunch eating area by Pateke. If you can help with this please contact Mr Jeff or the office. This is spade digging only—we cannot get a digger in there.

# PUKEKOHE DUATHLON

25th September 2018

Gemma 4th Year 6 Female Individual



Connor and Thomas 1st Year 4 Male Team



25 Karaka School students competed



Declan & Charlie 2nd Year 6 Male Team

Run Bike Obstacle Course

Billie & Adi 1st Year 4 Female Team



Cooper and Liam 2nd Year 4 Male Team



Lexi-May 4th Year 5 Female Individual

The Karaka School students displayed the school values and competed to the best of their ability. Well done, everyone.



## PTA News

PTA meeting tonight at 7.00pm in the staffroom—we would love to see more new faces. Everyone is welcome.

Halloween Disco—Save the date! 1st November. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

- For all PTA queries you can email us on [karak.pta@gmail.com](mailto:karak.pta@gmail.com)
- If you want to pay anything direct our details are: Karaka School PTA—12-3031-0851231-00



## Lunch Room is open every Tuesday (sushi only) and Friday morning

Some lovely parents volunteer their time to run the lunch room which helps to raise money for the PTA. The PTA donates this money to the school to support many projects and initiatives for our children. The lunch room is open each Tuesday and Friday morning from 8.20am until the start of the school day at 8.45am. Your child's lunch is then delivered to their classroom in time for lunch. To place a lunch order you can either come to the kitchen in the hall where we will take your order or if you would rather not wait in line to place your order, you may put your order in the white "lunch room orders" box on the lunch room counter. If you do order your lunch using the box please ensure you put your order in a sealed envelope (old or new, or a small plastic bag) and make sure it is clearly labelled with **your child's name, room name / number, the list of items they would like, your money (it is best if you can supply the correct change too please)**

**Tuesday is Sushi only—Friday is pies, sausage rolls, pizza, jucies, moosies, flavoured milk, popcorn, corn chips and fruit drinks**

## The lunchroom needs your help, please help us if you can.....

We would like to increase the number of volunteers who manage the orders each Tuesday and **Friday** morning in the lunch room.

If you would like to join the **Friday morning** team and work with a lovely group of parents taking and processing lunch orders please let text Debbie Holmes (027 239 0304) know as we would love to have some new helpers. It is a great way to get to know your children's class mates and meet some parents. You would be there from 8.15am until approximately 9.30am and there is no food handling required, as it is all pre-packaged. If you cannot join us until after you have taken your child to their classroom you can come along then if you like as we are so busy in the morning any helpers from 8.45 are gratefully welcomed, we will just roster you on from this time. Each lunchroom volunteer is rostered on 2-4 times per term, depending on how many volunteers we have, the more we have the less work for everyone.

If you would like to join the sushi team on a **Tuesday morning** and can spare 45 – 60 minutes to process the sushi orders please text Debbie Holmes (027 239 0304) as we currently have one parent who does this every week. It would be lovely if we could share this role between 2 or 3 people. So, if you have a bit of free time on Tuesday morning (8.15-9.15 max) then please let Debbie know as we would love to have your help.

**We cannot run these services at the school without the assistance of volunteers so please consider helping if you can.**

# Reminder Dates

<b>17 October</b>	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
<b>18 October</b>	Wonkey Donkey Visit
<b>19 October</b>	Day in Lieu of Ag Day—School closed
<b>22 October</b>	Labour Day—School closed
<b>24 October</b>	ECCS Touch Tournament
<b>26 October</b>	School Assembly
<b>29 October</b>	BOT Meeting
<b>1 November</b>	PTA Halloween Disco
<b>13 December</b>	Last day of Term 4, school finishes at 12.00
<b>29 January 2019</b>	Term 1, 2019 starts

## Community Notices

### Summer Fun Football at Drury FC

For 4-12 year olds. Every Wednesday 5-6pm. Gold coin donation to cover sausage sizzle. No registration, just turn up and play.

[www.druryfootball.co.nz](http://www.druryfootball.co.nz)

### Parenting Toolbox Tweens and Teens

Sunday 4th and 18th November and Sunday 2nd December 1pm-5pm. 14 Harrington Hall, Pukekohe

See the noticeboard for more details.



Holiday Programme *special day*  
Day in lieu for Karaka Calf Club

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Centre opening hours:  
8.00am – 6.00pm

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