



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 3, Term 1 2019

Kia ora and welcome to this fortnight's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Welcome!

Thank you to all those who were able to attend our powhiri on Monday to welcome all our new learners and their whanau to our place of learning. It was lovely to meet the new families and also to chat with our existing ones who had come along to support.

Congratulations to our students who led the powhiri with pride and to those who have worked with them to enable them to do so. Once again we thank our PTA who prepared a lovely morning tea to share.

Thanks everyone for your support and commitment to our school - this is what makes our place so special!

Introducing Habits of Mind!

At Karaka school, our 5 core L.E.A.R.N values are the cornerstone of our culture. We have now aligned these to 'Habits of Mind' that enable our learners to 'learn how to learn'. Learning occurs when you go into the 'learning pit'. To get out of the pit requires having a set of 'skills' or 'habits' that will enable new learning to occur.

Art Costa, identifies 16 Habits of Mind or thinking dispositions that enable learners to 'know what to do when they don't know what do'. Understanding and improving thinking behaviours underpin all learning. Of the 16 dispositions or habits, 9 have been selected that best support our values, assessment for learning philosophy and promote student agency.



Last Thursday all our learners took part in a whole school rotation that explicitly taught these habits through participating in a range of learning activities. All our habits are below - have a chat with your child/ren about these.

Value	Habits of Mind	What this looks like...
Learning	Ask Questions Think about Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful learners ask good questions and set themselves tricky problems. They are curious about the world. • Successful learners know what they know and what they still need to find out
Excellence	Persistence Making it Right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful learners don't give up easily. If it doesn't work one way then they try another. • Successful learners make their work as correct and accurate as it can be. They check it and check it again.
Adaptability	Use Past Knowledge Try New Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful learners learn from past experiences and apply this to new learning • Successful learners aren't afraid of learning new things
Respect	Listen Stop and Think	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful learners listen to others with their ears, minds and feelings • Successful learners think before they speak and act
Nurture	Work with Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful learners can work with others well - they support and encourage others to work through problems

Good Luck to our senior students (and some very talented younger ones too!) who will be taking part in our school swimming sports at the Franklin Pool & Leisure Centre this Friday!





Wow! So proud of Kieran D - our Good News Call of the Week. Kieran has persisted with his learning - never giving up - and has made outstanding progress already! He is a role model of what can be achieved when you strive for personal hiranga (excellence). Keep it up Kieran!

Nga mihi nui, Sarah Hynds
Principal@karaka.school.nz

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>Awarded at assembly on the 8th February</i>		TUI: Hunter T	RURU: Reid H
PUKEKO: Tua S	PATEKE: Jameson W	MANGOPARE: Nelly J	MOKOMOKO: Kingston W
KOKAKO: Henna A	KOKAKO: Stephen T	KOKAKO: Tara A	KOTARE: Bianca M
CAUGHT BEING GOOD: Jezelle C			
ASB BANKER: Samantha H			

Have you remembered to pay: **Bus fees, camp deposits, athletics, technology fees?** These are all outside providers. We would appreciate payment of these amounts as soon as possible.

The first Board of Trustees meeting of the year was held this week. As is a requirement each year, roles and responsibilities were decided. Keep an eye out on our website and newsletters for BOT meeting dates and updates.

- Scott Penney - Chairperson
- Emma Burn - Deputy Chairperson
- Dee Clark - Elected Trustee
- Gaylene Murdoch - Elected Trustee
- Carla Cook - Staff Trustee
- Sarah Hynds - Principal
- Lynne Fell - Secretary

Chess Club

Mrs Cook is wanting to start a chess club and asks if anyone has a chess set they are willing to donate or lend to the school. If you are able to help out please contact Mrs Cook or send them along to the school office. Thanks for your support!

Guitar and Ukulele Lessons at School

Beginners to advanced. Lessons held here during school time on Tuesdays.
Phone Rachel 02102511752

IMPORTANT MEDICAL NOTICE

We have a student in our Karaka School community that has a severe food allergy to many types of nuts. It is extremely important that there is strict avoidance of this food in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction.

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.

PTA News



PTA Meeting

Wednesday 20th February at 7.00pm

In the staffroom

Please feel welcome to join this friendly team, we would love to see some new faces.

**Year 7 and 8
Camp Fundraising**

Ice blocks for sale

Thursday at lunchtime

\$1.00 each

Reminder Dates

- 15th February** Senior Swimming sports Year 5–8
- 20th February** PTA meeting 7.00pm in the staffroom
- 22nd February** Assembly 1.50pm
- 8th March** Head student speeches
- 6th March** PTA “Welcome Back Disco” (more details to follow)
- 11-15th March** Year 7 and 8 camp to Kokako Lodge

Community Notices



KARAKA JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

Registrations for the 2019 rugby season are now open. Please register your child by going to our website www.karakarugby.co.nz

Key Dates

Feb 14: U8 – U13 weigh in, 5.00pm onwards at Karaka Sports Park

Feb 21, 28, Mar 7, 14: Preseason training for all grades starts, 5.30pm at Karaka Sports Park

Mar 17: Muster/Skills day, 9.00am at Karaka Sports Park

You can follow us on **Facebook** /karakajuniorrugby and on **Instagram** @karakajuniorrugby

Second hand uniforms for sale

See noticeboard for details

\$5.00 each item

Phone Linda 09 2675734



WAIAU PA HOCKEY CLUB JUNIOR MUSTER / REGISTRATION

Waiau Pa Hockey Club junior muster will be 19th February 2019 from 6pm to 7pm at the Strathallan ACG Hockey Turf. We train at this turf during the week and play in Pukekohe in the weekends. 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 19th, or would like more information about us please call Karen McConnell on 027 283 2585 or email juniors@wphc.co.nz

We are looking for players for every grade, U7 (yr 1 & 2) , U9 (yr 3 & 4), U11 (yr 5 & 6) and U13 (yr 7 & 8)

KARAKA NETBALL CLUB

If your daughter is interested in playing Future Fern netball and is in Year 1 - 6 please register your interest below using the online form.

There are two options of where you can play Netball either

Papakura on a Saturday morning or Pukekohe please select your preference below.

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MUSTER DAY – Saturday 2nd March
Papakura Netball Centre – Bruce Pulman Park

- Year 3-4 9am-10am
- Year 5-6 10.30am – 11.30am

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page to stay up to date with Future Fern Netball News.

If you have any further questions please email us on karakanetballclub@gmail.com



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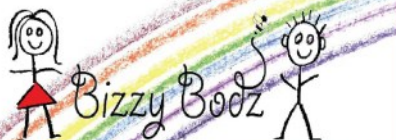
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