



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

No. 10 26th April 2023

Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 1, Term 2 2023

Kia ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora koutou!!! I am super excited to be writing my first ever newsletter as Principal of Karaka School.

First of all, thank you to everyone who made my Mihi whakatau so special this morning. It was really amazing to have all the students in the Hall together to make me feel so welcomed, along with the staff, Board and other members of the community. A special thanks to Mr Glover and Mr Dyer for organising this special event and ensuring it all ran smoothly.

The term started off on Monday for most of our staff at the Rosehill Pathways Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day (bit of a mouthful I know). The event was hosted by Rosehill College and for some of our staff this provided a bit of a trip down memory lane having been students at Rosehill College themselves! It was a really exciting day filled with lots of learning - some fabulous keynote speakers and workshop presenters. It also provided us a chance to network with the staff from the seven other schools in our Kāhui Ako who attended (Rosehill College, Rosehill Intermediate, Papakura Central, Ramarama, Te Hihi, Drury and Mangopikopiko schools). The focus of the day was around building collective capacity in terms of culturally responsive practice, and upskilling in the teaching of Literacy and Numeracy.

Our upcoming Teacher Only Day next Friday (May 5th) will have a different focus where we will look at the upcoming changes with the refresh of the NZ Curriculum in more depth.



Yesterday we observed ANZAC Day, and I'm sure many of you spent precious time with your whānau. To those of you who were able to make one of the community parades (or maybe even participate in one), I trust you found the experience both humbling and rewarding. Many of our classes will be learning about ANZAC Day and all it stands for throughout the rest of this week.

And lastly, a snapshot of my holiday highlight with my husband Stu and daughter Emily, celebrating a family friend's 50th birthday in the Gold Coast - because who wouldn't want to carry a giant sized banana around Seaworld for the entire day right...!!!!!! Thank goodness it deflates and we were able to bring it home in a suitcase (or we may not have been popular on the plane!).



Nga mihi nui, Anna Powrie
Principal@karaka.school.nz

Welcome to Karaka School

Welcome to:

Mrs Powrie

Adalia W

Mckenzie P

Ines S-R

**Remember school is closed Friday 5th
May for a Teacher Only Day.**

Congratulations to our wonderful learners who were our Good News Calls last term!

- Junior: Izzy G - for having the most determined attitude we have seen. She always approaches challenges with so much focus and positivity. Izzy is super cheerful, always has a smile on her face and shows kindness to all of her peers. A role model of our values of Excellence/Hiranga and Nurture/Poipoi
- Middle: Ary T- For always having a positive learning attitude, and being ready to help others. Ary's confidence has grown hugely this year and we love hearing her voice and opinions in class conversations. Congratulations Ary, you are a role model of our values of Learning/Akoranga and Nurture/Poipoi.
- Senior: Alina P - for consistently showing all our LEARN values. She is an incredibly hard worker, always striving for Excellence/Hiranga and going the extra mile with her learning and everything else she does. Ary is diligent, extremely respectful, polite and very caring and inclusive to all. Congratulations and thank you Alina for being a role model of all our LEARN values!



Ag Day—16th September 2023

Ag Day Meeting— Dads and Mums, are you looking for a way to get involved in your school? Come along to our first Ag Day meeting **Tuesday 16th May 7.00pm in the staffroom.** All new families welcome, along with all your wonderful ideas and skills. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** You can contact the office if you have any queries.

Last year Ag Day raised approximately \$39,000.00. We were hoping to use some of these funds to develop the old junior playground area. However, we have been advised by the MOE that this area maybe required for additional classrooms in the future. Therefore, we are reconsidering our options.



PTA News

Next Meeting—Monday 1st May in the staffroom. All are welcome! If you are interested in attending, please email kateyapope@gmail.com

Sushi Fridays—Place your orders by 8pm Thursday, to have Sushi delivered for Friday lunchtime. Online orders can be made at - <https://sushiwakimchef.co.nz>

Friday Tuck Shop—The tuck shop will be open this Friday morning from 8.15am to 8.45am in the school hall. We have lots of your old favourites like Moosies, Juicies and Cookie Time cookies, as well as some new snacks for you to try.
If there are any parents who are able to help out in the tuck shop on a Friday morning, please let us know.

Samosa and Oxford Pies Fundraiser—Order forms were sent home in the last week of Term 1. Please return forms to the office and pay online (PTA account) by 3pm Monday 1st May. Collection is from 2.30pm Thursday 11th May from the School Hall.

Any questions/fundraising ideas or if you require uniform items urgently, you can email us on karaka.pta@gmail.com.

The Karaka School PTA account is 12-3031-0851231-00 From the PTA team

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Cookbook Fundraiser

Do you have any experience in photography and food styling or have any contacts that could help? The PTA are hoping to create a Cookbook with selected recipes from our School families. Please email Kirsty krclark2009@gmail.com if you can help.

Finance for Sports Camp and Kokako Camp

- All funds raised from the sale of chocolates will go off the Intermediate Sports Camp total
- Kokako Camp History-a-thon funds raised will be taken off individual camp fees. At this stage we do not have a final figure for this camp but we have a record of fundraising funds collected.

Financial Statements

Statements have been emailed out.

Please call into the office if you have any queries.

Note: Bus fees are due to be paid within the first two weeks of term.

Absentees

Please remember to call the office, email or use the absentee Hero app to report an absence.

This is a Health and Safety requirement.

Reminder Dates

28 April	Assembly (due to 5th May being a Teacher Only Day)
01 May	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
02 May	Middle Team trip to Auckland Museum
04 May	Junior Team trip to Auckland Museum
05 May	Teacher Only Day (NZ Curriculum Refresh)
15 May	BOT Meeting 5.00pm
16 May	First Ag Day meeting 7.00pm
18 May	Learner Led Conferences

Community Notices



Young at Art offer Children's, Teens & Adult Art classes in Pukekohe. Term 2 ART ADVENTURES after school classes commence in the 2nd week of term. for children aged 6-9yrs, 9-12yrs and 13yrs+ on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's. If there is no space in your chosen class, please email Anna to join the waiting list we often have an odd spot come up at the beginning of term. Adult workshops include a family Watercolour the day before Mothers day, Resin Art & Resin Cheeseboards . For more information or to book please check out: <http://www.youngatart.co.nz/> / email: admin@youngatart.co.nz. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

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