



Karaka School

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"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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5th April 2023

Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 10, Term 1 2023

Kia ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

What a busy term we have had! It seems to have disappeared far too quickly.

As my journey at Karaka School is now coming to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my sincere thanks to the staff, learners, their families and the Board for their support over the years. Karaka School holds a special place in my heart and I will miss the people, big and small, very much. It has been an honour to be the lead learner, the principal/ tūmuaki of this very special place of learning.

I have been extremely lucky to have worked alongside some amazing people. Our incredible staff are dedicated, talented and passionate - I will certainly miss working alongside them.

Our learners, past and present are tāonga, and it has been a true privilege to have been their principal. I will not forget them.

I wish Karaka School, the Board, the staff, our learners and their whānau all the very best for the future as they begin their own new journey alongside Mrs Powrie.

Have a wonderful Easter break everyone, be safe and be kind!



Congratulations to our wonderful learners who are our Good News Calls this week!



(Seniors) Ella H- Since coming into Mangopare, Ella has shown excellence as a focused and committed learner. She is very nurturing to other students, has confidence to support others, and has formed strong relationships with her peers. Ella completes work to a high standard, is kind and caring, rises to challenges set and has involved herself in new activities (kapa haka), while embracing all opportunities for learning.

(Middles) Sophia G - For consistently showing all of our Karaka school learn values. Sophia is always trying hard to do the right thing. She is focused and dedicated and produces work that is of a very high standard. She is always willing to help in the classroom and supports her peers wherever possible.

(Juniors) Sofia R - For consistently showing Excellence in everything she does, and demonstrating a really positive attitude towards all areas of her learning. Sofia is developing great confidence to give things a go in her writing and is growing in confidence throughout life at school.

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

I would like to say a huge thank you and farewell to all the fabulous kids, parents and colleagues I have worked with at Karaka. I can honestly say that this is my favourite school in all my 20+ years of teaching. The kindness and sense of fun here are outstanding, and I have loved being part of this community. I will miss you all very much.

Miss Davis xx



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

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</i>		<i>KAPOWAI:</i>	<i>KOTARE:</i>
<i>31st March</i>		Georgia P	Erick Y
<i>TUI:</i>	<i>RURU:</i>	<i>PUKEKO:</i>	<i>MOKOMOKO:</i>
Joshua B	Edie W	Alayna K	Nadia C Isla C
<i>PATEKE:</i>	<i>KOKAKO:</i>	<i>MANGOPARE:</i>	<i>MANGOPARE:</i>
Ruhaani S	Lucy E Alina P	Paikea H-F	PJ Allnutt Octavia D
<i>CAUGHT BEING GOOD: Dominic</i>			
<i>TOP CLASS AWARD: -</i>			






Ag Day—16th September 2023

Ag Day Meeting— Dad's and Mum's, 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.

Thank You Counties Manukau Sport Foundation

What a lovely surprise! We received a cricket set and bag valued at \$720.00 from Counties Manukau Sport Foundation. This was received as part of the Air Rescue and Community Services grant. Thank you so much.

Name	Learning Akoranga 	Excellence Hiranga 	Adaptability Urutau 	Respect Whakaute 	Nurture Poipoi 	Woohoo! Badge Earned!
Hayden R						
Israel K						
Archer J						
Lilly-Anne H						
Deeann C						
Olivia P						
Madison L						
Ella H						
Charlotte E						
Paikea H-F						
Tom P						
Brooklyn T						
Daniel G						
Alfie W						
Sophie T						
Ella H						
Saana S						
Oscar W						
Emanuera S						

Community Picnic and Games Tomorrow!
Thursday 6th April 12.30-2.20pm

Send your children to school wearing house colours tomorrow. They can stay in these clothes for the day.

12.15pm

Families are all invited to meet on the Bottom Flat. Children will be brought down for lunch for a 12.30pm start. They will sit in their house groups and have lunch together or join their families for a picnic lunch (unfortunately we have not been able to secure a sausage sizzle, so please bring your own picnic lunch).

1.00pm

We will bring everyone forward in their house lines near the speakers and Mr Dyer (we will stay on the Bottom Flat) to farewell and celebrate Mrs Hynds and Miss Davis' last day at Karaka School. We will sing and share some stories together.

1.20pm

Children (family members welcome) will rotate around the Bottom Flat with house leaders and through a range of fun activities in their house groups. Each activity will be led by a teacher.

2.20pm

We will gather everyone back near the speakers with Mr Dyer who will end the fun, announce the Term 1 House point winners and say goodbye! Children will return in mini-schools to class with their teachers ready for the end of the school day. Children leaving with parents need to sign out with their teacher from class, remembering to collect all their belongings.

Mrs Hynds and Miss Davis will be free and available throughout the afternoon during the picnic and activities so make sure you come and have a chat and say goodbye and good luck!



Immortalise yourself in Karaka History - Sponsor a School Flag!

We love to celebrate our learners and their whanau at Karaka School and make connections with our community. With that in mind, we want to offer you the opportunity to immortalise your family in Karaka history through sponsoring a country flag. The cost is \$50 to purchase a flag (the same size and quality that we fly from our school flagpole) and have your child and family names plus the year embroidered onto it. If you would like to sponsor a flag...



- 1) Email Mr Dyer (johnd@karaka.school.nz) the name of the country you wish to sponsor and the name(s) to be embroidered onto the flag.
- 2) Pay \$50 into the following Karaka School bank account (12 3031 0734641 01) Include your child's name as a reference.



Poppies for Sale
Gold Coin Donation
Sold daily at the flagpole before 8:45am.
By the Karaka School Intermediate Students

**Remember school is closed
24th April and 5th May for
Teacher Only Days.**

Term 2 starts 26th April.

A Message from Scholastic

Back orders for Issue 1 and all the Issue 2 orders will not be available until Term 2. They advise that there are freight issues out of their control.

HERO FINANCES



Making payments to the school for any fees / donations owing can be done in the following ways:

Our Preferred payment method is by internet banking to the school account 12-3031-0734641-01 using the students name and what your payment relates to as the reference. e.g. Joe Blogs School Donation

NEW - There is now also an option to pay your fees / donations online via the HERO App. This will allow parents to pay via Stripe by Debit or Credit Card. Please be aware that this option will incur a Stripe fee of 2.7% +.30c on top of your fee / donation costs. These charges will be clearly visible to you if you choose to pay using this option before you complete your payment.

You are also able to pay EFTPOS or CASH at the Office if you prefer this payment method .

Please contact either Debbie or Lynne in the Office if you encounter any problems accessing your financial information in HERO.

Bus Fees—these are due for payment within the first 2 weeks of the Term. If you still have bus fees outstanding could these please be paid immediately. Thanks

PTA News

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

Uniform Shop—The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday 26th 8.15-9.00am due to Monday being a Teacher Only Day.

Samosa and Oxford Pies Fundraiser—Forms were sent home this week. Please return forms to the office and pay online by 3pm Monday 1st May. Collection is from 2.30pm Thursday 11th May from the School Hall.

School Fundraising Shop NZ

<https://www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz/>

The School Fundraising Shop is an online shop assisting the fundraising efforts of Parents and Teachers Associations (PTA) of schools across New Zealand. You shop, and they will donate to us!



When you make a purchase, at checkout, select Karaka School from the dropdown menu. They will then donate 10% the total amount of your order to us. It's as easy as that!

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.

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

Reminder Dates

6 April	Community Picnic 12.30pm, Last day of Term 1
24 April	Teacher Only Day (Strategic Priorities Professional Practices)
25 April	ANZAC Day
26 April	Term 2 starts, New Principal (Anna Powrie) Powhiri 9.00am, Uniform shop open 8.15-9.00am
01 May	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
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

Autumn 2023 Holiday Programme

KAS

Based at Karaka School
12 Blackbridge Road, Karaka
Programme: 027 694 3000
WINZ Subsidies available for eligible families
Office 09 236 4078 Email admin@kidsafterschool.co.nz

Programmes also available at Harrisville, Bombay, Waiuku, Pukekohe Hill, Patumahoe & Pokeno Primary Schools

<p>Monday 10th April</p> <p>Programme Closed</p> <p>Public Holiday</p>	<p>Tuesday 11th April Autumn Antics</p> <p>Come dressed in orange, yellow, red or green as today is all about Autumn! Start the holidays with plenty of fun, games & beautiful, colourful crafts!</p> <p>\$37</p>	<p>Wednesday 12th April Trip Day MOTAT</p> <p>Experience this massive collection of transport & technology! With hands on, interactive displays plus a tram ride!</p> <p>\$60</p>	<p>Thursday 13th April KAS Kitchen</p> <p>Let's make a food court at our programme! Create your restaurant and make yummy food to serve your customers!</p> <p>\$40</p>	<p>Friday 14th April Moment Of Laughter Day</p> <p>Celebrate this international day by putting on our own kids comedy show! Jokes, funny skits or a mini play. See who can make our judges laugh!</p> <p>\$37</p>
<p>Monday 17th April Arty Crafty!</p> <p>Dress in old clothes for gluing, painting, creating! Work on an art project today or make a puppet to take part in a group puppet show.</p> <p>\$37</p>	<p>Tuesday 18th April Multiport Madness!</p> <p>Wear your activewear for this fast paced & fun multiport competition! Bring togs & a towel for a cooldown after it's sunny - finger's crossed!</p> <p>\$37</p>	<p>Wednesday 19th April Trip Day Botanical Gardens</p> <p>Come explore the gardens and compete in our very own KAS amazing race! Will your team be our champs?</p> <p>\$50</p>	<p>Thursday 20th April Trip Day Event Cinemas Manukau</p> <p>We're off to enjoy our very own special showing of:</p> <p>Super Mario Bros</p> <p>Order movie food using the Comments' section online BEFORE finalising your booking Movies subject to change</p> <p>\$60</p>	<p>Friday 21st April Science Club</p> <p>Fizz, pop, bang! Let's put some experiments to the test & play amoeba tag for an exciting end to your holidays!</p> <p>\$37</p>

Programmes Available:
Main Programme: 8am to 3pm
Before & after care available: 7am to 8am, 3pm to 4.30pm & 3pm to 6pm
Full week discount* Week 1 discount doesn't apply (only 4 days). Week 2 \$320 (Monday-Friday 7am-6pm)

Click on the "book now" button to register your child

BOOK NOW

MSD Social Sector Level 3 Accreditation

Wanted from Term 2: Busy fulltime working parents looking for engaging capable Year 8 student for in-home after school tutoring of Mr 5 and Mr 8's daily homework (Maths/Reading/Writing). This would be for 50min (30min/20min split) after school for 3-4 days a week (Mon-Thurs). We are located within walking distance from school, and there is always a parent in the house (working in the home office). Paying \$100 per week (or prorata). Message Kat on [021 714 644](tel:021714644), or email kat.kelly@hotmail.com if interested.



KARAKA U12'S RUGBY TEAM FUNDRAISER
For the Queenstown Junior Rugby Festival

QUIZ NIGHT

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DALE BUDGE**

Includes:
Fundraiser Auction & Prizes for
Best Dressed Team
& Best Dressed Individual
(open theme)

SAT 10 JUNE @ the Karaka Community Hall
Doors open 6.30pm | Quiz starts 7.30pm

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1pm - 2.30pm

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