



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 2, Term 2 2023

Kia ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora Karaka friends and whanau,

We're only half way through the second week of term and already there have been lots of exciting things happening.

On a personal note, this past weekend saw the start up of Winter sports; we spent the weekend jumping between a Dance Competition at the Hawkins Theatre on Friday night, and the first game of the football season on Saturday. Luckily for us we eased into the season with a home game at McLennon Park and came out with a win against Onehunga/Mangere - hopefully it's a sign for the rest of the season!!

Yesterday was especially exciting here at school for our Middle team (Mokomoko, Pukeko and Pateke) with their trip to the Auckland Museum. They had such an awesome experience and we have no doubt the Junior team will have just as much fun on their trip to the Museum tomorrow.

We have a few upcoming events that you will hear more about in the coming days/weeks. The first, and arguably the most important of which, are our **Learner Led Conferences** which will be held on **Thursday the 18th of May**. These will take place between 1-4.30pm, although supervision will be provided at school for those who are unable to collect their children from school early (12.30pm) and for the bus students (buses being run at the same time). Please keep an eye on HERO in the coming days to find out more details about the organisation of the afternoon, as well as information on how to book your session.

This Friday we have our second (and last!) Teacher Only Day for the term which will be hosted at Papakura Central School. The day will focus on the upcoming changes to the New Zealand Curriculum (Te Mātaiaho) that you may have seen mentioned in the media in recent times. While the timeline for this refresh continues to be affected, albeit some of it due to political reasons outside of our control, what we can be certain of is that some major changes to the curriculum are on the horizon and we have been lucky enough to secure two facilitators from the Ministry of Education to deliver our PLD this Friday (not all schools have been that fortunate!).

Finally, it's time to celebrate our Good News Call of the week (note that this coming week we will not have a Good News Call due to the Teacher Only Day on Friday).

As I mentioned in my HERO post on Friday, it was really heartwarming to see how proud these three students were of each other's achievements - I'm really looking forward to Friday mornings at Karaka School!!!

Congratulations to:

Junior: Annabelle C - For being an all-round amazing learner. She consistently strives to be her best and puts her best foot forward in everything she does. She is also a super kind and inclusive member of the classroom who looks out for her peers.

Middle: Georgia B - Georgia consistently displays our school value of Excellence across all areas of her learning. Georgia never settles for just doing what is required, but will always look for ways to extend herself resulting in outstanding work.

Senior: PJ (Patrick-James) A - for demonstrating a fantastic start to Term 2 - focussed with his learning and striving for Excellence with all his work. PJ is always nurturing towards his peers and adults, readily helps out his peers and uses his initiative. He has displayed Excellence at Boot Camp, and always sets high standards for himself within his fitness.



What a fantastic start to the term for these amazing and self managing learners - and for me personally. Thanks for making my first ever 'Good News Phone Calls' so special!!!

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

Pateke Mini Volcanoes

The Middles (Year 3/4) are off to the Auckland Museum this week to discover more about natural disasters. As an exciting lead in, Pateke made their own mini volcanoes using egg boxes.

Inside we put a spoonful of baking soda and a few drops of food colouring and then we added some white vinegar. The irreversible chemical change as the two mixed released gas and our volcanoes bubbled into life. We were delighted by the reaction and can't wait to learn more.



ANZAC TED

Here are a few of Tui & Rurus pictures after we read, then drew our own Anzac Teds.



Lucky Book Club – Scholastic Orders

Issue 3 is coming home this week. All Scholastic orders are due in Friday 12th May. The easiest way to order is on-line via the Loop orders (mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz). Otherwise please hand in the order form and correct payment to the office by Friday 12th May. Thanks.

Welcome to Karaka School

Welcome to:

Jack H



Ineligible Bus Students

All bus fees for ineligible students must be paid within 14 days of each term (as per the bus contract signed for bus use). Term 2 bus fees are due by 12th May.

If you have not paid Term 1 bus fees, please can you do this immediately.

Enrolments for 2024






Whether you are in zone or out of zone, it's always great for us to know your intentions for the following year. Out of zone enrolment applications close on Wednesday 11th October, with a ballot date set for Wednesday 18th October. Enrolment applications are now online through our website.

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

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 28th April</i>		KAPOWAI: Avyan C	KOTARE: Sally-May T
TUI: Cedric E-T	RURU: Charley P	PUKEKO: Matias B-M	MOKOMOKO: Lachlan B
PATEKE: Thea P	KOKAKO: Kaitlyn B Jack A	MANGOPARE: Charlee C	MANGOPARE: Olivia P
CAUGHT BEING GOOD: <i>Kyle C, Chloe W, Kaitlyn B</i>			
TOP CLASS AWARD: <i>Ruru</i>			

Name	Learning Akoranga 	Excellence Hiranga 	Adaptability Urutau 	Respect Whakaute 	Nurture Poipoi 	Woohoo! Badge Earned!
Conor G						
Ruby H						
Mahalia-Rose						
Emily S-B						
Parker O						

AG DAY

Invitation to all -

Are you looking for a way to get involved in our school?

Come along to our first Ag Day meeting on TUESDAY 16TH MAY AT 7.00pm in the staffroom

All new families welcome, along with all your wonderful ideas and skills

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Many hands make light work!!

Past committee members and staff members will be there to answer any questions

Please contact the office if you have any queries



Fundraising Update The Summer School Disco was an amazing success! We raised \$2800! A huge THANK YOU to all the families that helped out at this event - cooking sausages, chips, making poke bowls and selling drinks, ice blocks and lollies etc. Thank you also to the amazing teachers that helped out too :) We couldn't do it without you! What an achievement!

Sushi Fridays

No Sushi Friday this week as we have the Teacher Only day.

Friday Tuck Shop

The Tuck Shop will be closed this week with the Teacher only day. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help out in the Tuck Shop on a Friday morning. If there are any other members of our community able to help, please let us know.

PTA Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 29th May at 7pm in the school staff room. All are welcome! If you are interested in attending, please email kateyapope@gmail.com.

Samosa and Oxford Pies Fundraiser

Collection is from 2.30pm Thursday 11th May from the School Hall.

Cool Cars



Do you have an amazing or unique vehicle sitting in your garage? Or know of someone with a rad vehicle? For example, an American police car, a Fire engine, Muscle Car, Classic Car or hot rod? Please let the PTA know for an upcoming fundraising event.

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

04 May	Junior Team trip to Auckland Museum
4 May	Learner Leaders Bake Sale from 2.30pm by the Hall
05 May	Teacher Only Day (NZ Curriculum Refresh) SCHOOL CLOSED
11 May	Oxford Pies/Samosas collection from the Hall from 2.30pm
12 May	Assembly 1.50pm
15 May	BOT Meeting 5.00pm
16 May	First Ag Day meeting 7.00pm
18 May	Learner Led Conferences 1.00—4.30pm
26 May	Assembly 1.50pm

Community Notices



Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or other big family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next Thursday 3rd of May and runs from 4pm-5pm over 8 weeks of the school term. It is held at the St Andrews Church facility in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme also runs at the same time, and an Adult Programme will be running over the term for those interested. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact me at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info please go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

Karaka School Closed
5th May 2023
Teachers Only Day
Come along to
KAS
KIDS AFTER SCHOOL
For a winter warmer fun day
Wear your PJs, Oodies or cozy clothes.
We will have movies, milos, games and more!
Bookings open now at
www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

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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!

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