



Karaka School

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"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

No. 12 10th May 2023

Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 3, Term 2 2023

Kia ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Yesterday's weather circumstances meant the day did not quite work out as planned....

Our staff were all prepared to be on site till 7:30pm for our First Aid refresher certificate (this was cancelled at the last minute), our students were prepared for a 'normal' school day only for many of them to find themselves picked up early, and our parents and caregivers didn't expect to be panicking about whether the roads and motorways would prevent them from being able to pick up their children and loved ones throughout the afternoon! I want to thank you all for your communication and patience. Despite a large number of students being collected from school early, our amazing office staff were able to ensure the process ran as smoothly as possible.

We do hope that no one in our school community was adversely affected; for those who have families in areas that were, we offer our care and support.

Next Thursday (May 18th), we are holding our Learner Led Conferences. These will take place between 1:00-4.30pm and school will finish at 12:30pm. Supervision will be provided at school for those who are unable to collect their children from school early (bus children will also be able to catch the bus as per usual).



It is really important to note that the purpose of these conferences is to share and celebrate your child's learning. It is not a time to discuss individual concerns or issues (eg behaviour). If you would like to book a time to discuss matters of this nature with your child's teacher, this will need to be organised for a different day/time. Please keep an eye on HERO tomorrow for details on how to book your session, as well as some more information on the purpose and organisation for Learner Led Conferences.

Next Friday we farewell Mrs Allnutt from the Kokako learning space. Mrs Allnutt is looking forward to returning to her true teaching passion - Food Technology at Papakura Intermediate School. We thank her for everything she has done for her learners and colleagues here at Karaka and we wish her well for her future career endeavours. She can look forward to her students coming to her for Technology over the next couple of years when they are in Year 7&8!!

From Monday May 22nd, we welcome back Mrs Agate from maternity leave. We also welcome Mrs Fong who is joining us from Mt Roskill. Mrs Agate will take over Mrs Allnutt's Awhina Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Fong will have them Thursday/Friday.

Next Friday 19th May is also Pink Shirt Day and many kura across NZ will be supporting this cause.

Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

We are proud to support Pink Shirt Day at Karaka School, and are planning a gold coin 'pink' mufti day on Friday. We have a really fun afternoon planned and students will participate in a range of different activities with their houses. All proceeds will be donated through the official fundraising site. I will make sure I have my 'pink outfit' prepared too!

Feel free to check out this link for more

information about the kaupapa behind Pink Shirt Day: <https://pinkshirtday.org.nz/about>



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

Welcome to Karaka School

Welcome to:

Evie R



Thanks

Thanks to Robin Bowkett for printing off the Karaka Kash for us. This was greatly appreciated.

We are already getting prepared for Ag Day!



Found down Karaka School Lane this cute little kitten. Has anyone lost a cat?

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.



Junior Museum Trip!

The Junior Team had a fabulous trip to the Auckland Museum last Thursday. We attended an education session on Volcanoes, as a fun and exciting way to launch into our Natural Disasters topic.



Sign up to Hero to receive all your financial details, the newsletter, class information, notices, calendar of events etc

Lucky Book Club—Scholastic Orders

Issue 3 came home last week. All orders for this issue are due this Friday - May 12th. Please order online via mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz or the Book Clubs Loop App. Once this is set up it is very easy to use for future orders. When orders arrive they will be delivered to your child to bring home, unless you have informed the office otherwise. Thank you.

Measles

Measles is highly infectious and babies, young children and non-immune pregnant women are vulnerable to serious illness.

Anyone born after 1969 should check that they have had two MMR vaccinations or having had measles. If we have a case of measles at our School, Public Health will work with us to decide who will need to stay at home because they are not immune.

Bank Accounts

Please check the bank account you are paying funds into to make sure you have the correct one -

School Account (fees, trips etc) -

12 3031 0734641 01 Karaka BOT

Please include—Child's name, Class and reason for payment eg MOTAT trip

PTA Account (uniforms, lunches and fundraisers e.g. Oxford Pies) -

12 3031 0851231 00 Karaka PTA

PhotoLife Studios

You should have received by now an email direct from PhotoLife with your unique code to order. If you have not received this, please contact the School as we have a list of the codes.

Free Delivery expires Sunday 14th May.

Bus Fees are Due!

Term 2 bus fees are due now. Please can you pay these immediately into the School account.

AG DAY

16th September 2023

- The first **Ag Day meeting is on Tuesday 16th May at 7.00pm** in the staffroom. All families are invited and welcome to attend.
- **Entry form and Information Booklet**—the office and committee are currently working on producing a booklet with all the information you may need to know e.g. animal care, projects, stall information. We hope to have this out in a couple of weeks.
- **Animals**—children are given the opportunity over preceding months to rear, train and prepare calves, lambs, goats, chickens, horses/ponies.

Lambs and goats do not have any set dates to be born, however, they must be this seasons. Calves must be born between 1st June and 31st August. Chickens are to be ordered through the school. More information will be in the information booklet.
- **Projects**—all children who are not able to rear an animal are required to complete a Growing or Construction/Art project. Information about these will be in the booklet.
- **Sponsorship**—do you have a contact within a business? Each year Ag Day is generously supported by businesses and the school community. We would love to hear from anyone with contacts who may be able to support us in some way.





BOOK FAIR

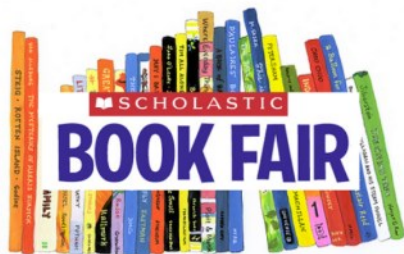
We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Karaka School!

The Book Fair is a fantastic opportunity to purchase new, high quality books and foster a love of reading.

The Book Fair will be run during **Week 6** of this term. It will be open before and after school each day.

On **Friday 2nd June**, we will be having a **BOOK PARADE**, where you can dress up as your favourite book character! More details about this day to come.

We will be on the lookout for volunteers to help sell books during the fair at different times. If you are interested and available to help, please see Miss Ballard in Ruru or email - hayleyb@karaka.school.nz



PTA News

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.

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 2.30-2.55pm Thursday 11th May from the School Hall. You will need to organize for someone to collect these on your behalf if you are unable to make it during this time as we do not have space to store these overnight.

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

11 May	Oxford Pies/Samosas collection 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
19 May	Pink Shirt Day
26 May	Assembly 1.50pm
29 May	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
9 June	Assembly 1.50pm
12-16 June	Intermediate Sports Camp

Community Notices



School Fundraising Shop NZ

[https://](https://www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.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!

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!



TOOLS TO SUPPORT OUR TEENS

FREE 6 WEEKS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF 12-18YR OLDS

COURSE DETAILS:

MONDAY EVENINGS 6PM - 830PM

FRANKLIN FAMILY SUPPORT COMMUNITY HUB

START DATE: MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- ✓ Connecting with your teen
- ✓ Having fun as a family
- ✓ Setting family boundaries
- ✓ Strategies to support drugs, alcohol, sex, teenage behaviours

TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT:
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