



# Karaka School

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"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

No. 13 17th May 2023

## Newsletter

### Principal's Note

Week 4, Term 2 2023

*Kia ora and welcome to this week's newsletter.*

#### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora Karaka friends and whānau

I hope everyone enjoyed taking some time to celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday. Funnily enough I woke up childless on Sunday (my niece's 10th birthday sleepover clearly trumped Mother's Day at home with me so it was not a hard decision for Emily to make!). I did get an uninterrupted sleep in and got to take my own Mum out to brunch, so I felt I was winning all the same.

We have a few events coming up this week, the first of which are our Learner Led Conferences tomorrow afternoon. School will finish at 12:30pm, and while supervision will be provided at school for those who are unable to collect their children from school early, we would appreciate those who are able to collect them. Bus children will also be able to catch the bus as per usual). If you haven't booked your session, you can find the information on HERO for how to do so.

We are proud to be supporting Pink Shirt Day at Karaka School this Friday through our gold coin 'pink mufti' day. While the weather forecast has prevented some of the outdoor activities we had originally planned, we have come up with a 'Plan B' to ensure everyone will have a fun day working with a buddy class, as well as some dancing fun, and time to share our learning as a whole school along the way.



Feel free to check out this link for more information about the kaupapa behind Pink Shirt Day: <https://pinkshirtday.org.nz/about>

On to something of a more concerning nature, we have found recently that more and more students are being dropped off at school much earlier than 8:15am. This causes quite a few issues for us, and the number of 'silly incidents' before school has increased this term, mostly in the area outside the hall by the Kokako space. We have also had parents coming into class with their children (particularly in the Junior classrooms) before 8:15am, which prevents teachers from preparing their classroom programmes for the school day. We have an expectation that all teachers must be in their rooms and accessible to parents/whānau from 8:15am on. If you arrive before this time, please respect this - and don't be surprised when you find the classroom doors are locked until then. For those who need to drop off earlier, please contact KAS to work out arrangements for supervision before school.

If we have continuing problems with behaviour at this time, children may end up having to wait in the bus bay where I can keep an eye on them from my office window - something both the students and myself won't enjoy much.....!

And finally, this Friday we farewell Mrs Allnutt from the Kokako learning space. We wish her all the very best as she returns to Papakura Intermediate as a specialist teacher of Food Technology. Our best wishes go with her - luckily, our Year 7&8 students will be able to fill us in on how she is when they go to Tech on Wednesday afternoons!

Congratulations to our 'Good News Call of the Week' recipients - we always love to see students displaying our Karaka LEARN values here at school!

**Junior:** Harry M - For displaying Learning and Excellence. He has been working so hard in class to stay focused and has done some fabulous writing this week, and has made some very positive choices in the classroom.

**Middle:** Aurora C - For her engagement and enthusiasm shown on both our trip to the Museum and also in class. She is very passionate about her learning and also impressed our Museum Educator with her knowledge and input during the classroom session.

**Senior:** Lilly-Anne H - For consistently displaying the value of Akoranga and Hiranga by always completing her work to the highest standard. Also displaying Poipoi and whakaute by helping those around her and showing respect to everyone.



**Nga mihi nui, Anna Powrie**  
[Principal@karaka.school.nz](mailto:Principal@karaka.school.nz)

# CELEBRATING SUCCESS

**PRINCIPAL AND CLASS AWARDS:** Prior to the assembly each teacher chooses students who have displayed our school values. The following students have received either a Principal or Class award in relation to our LEARN values.

Class	Principal Award	Class Award 1	Class Award 2
Kotare	Samatha B	Summer W	Lucy M
Kapowai	Kate A	Cohen H	Harper O
Tui	Hatu K	Jena P	Hunter C
Ruru	Hudson C	Hunter W	Blaker G
Pateke	Ethan B	Lucah G-B	Fitimoka P
Pukeko	Kellan H	Samira S	Jasmine L
Mokomoko	Soren R	Noah B	Reyansh C
Kokako 1	Emma R	Adalia W	Harry P
Kokako 2	Martin SR	Cooper G	Ayaan K
Mangopare	Mahalia-Rose S	Areet B	Emily SB



These learners have been identified 16 times demonstrating one of the school values to achieve the matching certificates. Once all 5 certificates are achieved they then earn their Kereru badge.

Learning	Excellence	Adaptability	Respect	Nurture
Ella H	Luke R		Kotelia P	Carter C
Ella S	Dan P		Blake F	
Lilly-Anne H			Jacob H	
Kotelia P			Alfie W	
Harry P			Georgia B	
Kayden G-B				
Sophia G				
Lucah G-B				

## 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

<http://www.karaka.school.nz/school-info/enrolment/>



## Robogals Science and Engineering Day

7 Karaka School students participated in a Robogals Science and Engineering Day held at the Unleash Space at Auckland University on Saturday. Over the day they participated in 3 workshops:

- Coding – where they learnt how to Code using Scratch to play 'Paper, Scissors, Rock'.
- Design and Build Workshop—where they had to design, build and test a bridge using fettuccine, marshmallows, tape and blu tack.
- Robotics Workshop—coding robots where they learnt problem solving and their advantages and limitations in real life situations.

The students thoroughly enjoyed their day.

## Welcome to Karaka School

Welcome to:     Richard R  
                          Charlyn R  
                          Darren R  
                          Nathaniel L



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

## Bus Fees are overdue!

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

## 2022 AG Day Trophies

Please start returning any 2022 Ag Day trophies to the office. Trophies are to be polished, please do not use Silvo - Hagerlys is recommended.

# AG DAY

**16th September 2023**

- **Ag Day Meeting**—the first Ag Day committee meeting took place last night. If you are interested in joining our committee, the next meeting is on Tuesday 13th June at 7.00pm.
- **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. If you would like to have an animal and don't know where to start, you can contact Richard Mansell 021 463 173.

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

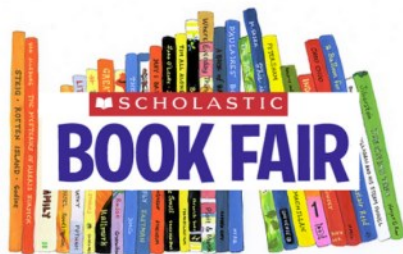
We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Karaka School!

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](mailto:hayleyb@karaka.school.nz)





## Art Expo

We are holding our Art Expo again this year in week 9 (week of 19-23 June)! Our teachers and students are busy working on their masterpieces. The PTA is looking at running a few raffles during the Art Expo. We are looking for donations of any type. If you wish to donate, please hand these items into the office. We will have a box to collect these donations. If you would like to help with the Art Expo over this week, please let the PTA know. We appreciate your on-going support.

## 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.

## Oxford Pies & Samosas

Thank you to all those families who purchased pies and samosas. We will have an update on the amount raised in next week's newsletter.

## 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.

## PTA

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

Any questions/fundraising ideas or if you require uniform items urgently, you can email us on [karaka.pta@gmail.com](mailto:karaka.pta@gmail.com).

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

# Reminder Dates

<b>18 May</b>	Learner Led Conferences 1.00–4.30pm
<b>19 May</b>	Pink Shirt Day
<b>23 May</b>	Year 5/6 Netball Fun Day
<b>26 May</b>	Assembly 1.50pm
<b>29 May</b>	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
<b>2 June</b>	Book Fair–Dress Up Character Parade
<b>5 June</b>	King's Birthday (public holiday)
<b>9 June</b>	ECCS Mathex Competition
<b>9 June</b>	Assembly 1.50pm
<b>12-16 June</b>	Intermediate Sports Camp
<b>16 September</b>	Ag Day

## Community Notices



### **Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop**

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts classes, concluding the week with a performance!

3 - 7 July 2023, 9 am – 4 pm daily  
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