



# Karaka School

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"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

No. 14 24th May 2023

## Principal's Note

Newsletter

**Week 5, Term 2 2023**

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

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora koutou,

Yesterday I escaped school and accompanied the Year 5&6 teams to the ECCS Netball Fun Day - I even enjoyed a few games by helping out with umpiring (my legs did not thank me for it this morning). I did really enjoy watching our four teams throughout the day - some were experiencing playing netball for the first time which is the whole point of the 'Netball Fun Day'. Ka pai to mahi to our players and Ka mau te wehi Charlotte, Paikea, Grace and Olivia for your umpiring skills!

Keeping with the sports theme, our Yr 5&6 rugby team is playing in the Barbarian's tournament this Sunday at Bruce Pulman from 9-11:30am - it would be awesome if people can head down to support them (I know I'll do my best to make an appearance and cheer them on!).

Next week is our Book Fair - we will have a range of amazing books on sale in the Library both before and after school every day - see HERO for more details (and to sign up to help Miss Ballard if you are able please....). Next Friday is our dress up book character theme and I know we are all excited about our staff theme we have planned - watch this space.....!!!!

NZEI - Possible strike update - There has been a temporary pause issued on all industrial strike action until May 30th. Recent negotiation meetings have indicated that hopefully the MoE/NZEI will reach a resolution without having to continue plans for a strike. However, there is still a chance this may occur on Wednesday May 31st and notice will be sent out on Sunday May 28th if this action is likely to take place.

On an exciting note, on Monday this week we welcomed back Miss Agate. She will be working from Mon-Wed in Kokako. Tomorrow we welcome Mrs Fong who is new to Karaka School and we look forward to her working in Kokako every Thursday/Friday.

And now to celebrate our 'Good News Call of the Week' - congratulations to the following students for bringing our LEARN values to life and being great role models for others:

**Junior:** Naihaun Z - he has had an amazing week. He has been on task, focused on his learning and followed all instructions. Really big efforts for him!

**Middle:** Chloe W - for her excellence in learning and always wanting to do better. She sets herself high standards and doesn't stop until she has reached them.

**Senior:** Mahalia-Rose S - for demonstrating Excellence with her Maths learning and making pleasing progress with her algebra test to a 5P! She only produces work of a high standard and aims for Excellence in everything that she does. Mahalia is a kind and nurturing class student, always looking after her peers and demonstrating respect.



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



Help support year 5/6 camp fundraising!

# PIZZA LUNCH

Friday 2nd June  
\$2 a slice  
Order forms will be coming home on Monday 29th May.

## 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/>

## Yummy Apple Stickers

The School Council is going to get behind this and try to get us crunchin' and a munchin' our way to free sports equipment. Shop at your local New World, Pak'n Save and participating Four Square stores. Purchase Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy stickers. Each class has a Sticker Collection Sheet to add to. Give any cut out labels to Mr Dyer or Mrs Fell in the office. We'll be collecting until the end of September.

## Reading Mileage

We are looking for volunteers to help us run this programme. The programme runs on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9-11am and involves listening to some of our junior learners read a book. If you are interested in helping on any of these days, please see Kylie Thorby at the flagpole after school or email [kyliet@karaka.school.nz](mailto:kyliet@karaka.school.nz).



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

## Welcome to Karaka School

Welcome to:

Sophie J

Cassie W



## **UNIFORM** - Important reminders

With the wet winter weather arriving please remember to ensure your child has their school jersey, a raincoat and covered in shoes. That way we can keep the winter colds at bay!

Now seems to be a good time for a few reminders about wearing our school uniform with pride.

- Please make sure that your child(ren) is wearing the correct uniform each day. If your child has lost an item, please check the lost property box. We have some uniform items that we can loan people available at the office but these must be returned.
- It is important that all uniform items are named. This is so we can return lost items to their correct owner.
- Please make sure the correct shoes or sandals are worn also - navy (dark) blue or black only.
- Plain socks, tights, tracksuit pants and thermals can be worn providing they are navy (dark) blue or black only and do not have any branding or patterning.
- Remember to tie back hair and please leave the multi coloured and/or large bows and other hair accessories for the weekends. Navy blue, black and red hair ties and clips that match with our uniform only please.
- If your child is not wearing the correct uniform they will be reminded of what the expectation is. We will follow this up with a call home to see what support we can offer if the incorrect uniform continues to be worn.

We appreciate that there has not always been consistency of expectation, so we are looking at ensuring that there is moving forward. Wearing the correct uniform demonstrates our values of Respect (Whakaute) and Excellence (Hiranga) and therefore is important at our place of learning. Please support us with the development of these values, by ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Let us know if you need any help with uniform items, we are happy to help.



2023

On Tuesday 25th May, 35 Year 5 and 6 Kokako students went to the netball funday.

Highlights of the day were playing lots of different teams, trying out new positions and learning new skills.



# NETBALL FUNDAY

A big thank you to the four amazing Intermediate umpires and our fantastic parents who managed a team.





# AG DAY

**16th September 2023**

**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.

**Information Booklet**—Coming home this Friday.

**Animals**—If you would like to have an animal and don't know where to start, you can contact Richard Mansell 021 463173.

**Projects**—All children who are not able to bring an animal are required to complete a Growing or Construction/Art project. Information about these projects will be in the booklet.

**Set Up Day**—Friday 15th September is our set up day at school from 9am. If you are able to help out on this day, it would be much appreciated.

**Next Meeting**—13th June 7.00pm in the staffroom

## Returning 2022 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.



# BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is nearly here!

From next **Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June**, the Book Fair will be open in the school library.

It will be open **everyday** before school **from 8:15am to 8:45am** and after school **from 2:45pm to 3:15pm**.

On **Friday 2nd June**, we will be having a **Book Character Dress Up and Parade** in the school hall from **9am - 10am**. Parents, grandparents or other whānau all welcome to join in the fun!

On Friday, after the Parade, the **Book Fair will then be open from 10am - 11am**, where we invite you to pick up your children from their classroom and take them to browse the Book Fair in the library.

We **desperately** need some lovely parent volunteers to help run the fair during these times - if you can spare 1/2 an hour of your time, please get in touch ASAP with Miss Ballard - [hayleyb@karaka.school.nz](mailto:hayleyb@karaka.school.nz)

Thank you!



## 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 - please contact Kirsty @ krclark2009@gmail.com



## 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 [kateyapope@gmail.com](mailto:kateyapope@gmail.com)

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>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>26-30 June</b>	Year 5/6 Camp
<b>15 September</b>	Setting up for Ag Day
<b>16 September</b>	Ag Day (this is a school day)

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[www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz/](https://www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz/)

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