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"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

No. 18 21st June 2023

Principal's Note

Newsletter

Week 9, Term 2 2023

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

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

So here we are in the second to last week of term and with lots of things going on to keep us busy till the end of term. I have a few things to celebrate and acknowledge so here goes....

Last week the majority of our Year 7 & 8 students, along with a select few Year 6 students, attended Sports Camp in Matamata. They had a phenomenal week - in fact Mr Glover and Mrs Sutton said it was one of their most successful Sports Camps in their entire time here at Karaka School! The behaviour of our students was exemplary, as was their sportsmanship and their sporting performance. Karaka School came out winners in the following sports: bowls, softball, touch, girls tag, rugby (drawn 1st equal), tug of war and ultimate frisbee. We also came runners up in chess, darts, spikeball, athletics, quality living, and 'Second Overall' in performance and in Sportsmanship. To say we are proud is an understatement! A special thanks to all the parents and caregivers who volunteered their time throughout the week as well - camp simply cannot happen without our parent support so we thank you sincerely.

On Thursday last week, a group of students also competed in the 'Ethics Olympiad' (think debating but slightly different and live screened between us and other schools). These students found it a challenging, yet valuable experience - I myself, enjoyed watching my office be transformed into a live recording studio with My Dyer excitedly keeping close tabs on his laptop screen in his office next door! Ka pai to the team: Areet, Charlee, Josie, Elizabeth, Madison, Melody. We look forward to competing in the 2024 competition.



This week we have the Art Expo on display in the Hall before and after school. Thank you to the PTA volunteers and staff for their hard work setting up on Monday, and also to all our families for supporting it by purchasing the AMAZING pieces of artwork!



Bright and early yesterday, 60 students along with Mrs Redshaw, Mrs Collie, Mrs Sutherland, and a group of keen parents, headed off to Ngāruawāhia to compete in the 'Tough Guy & Gal Challenge' (aka the 'Mud Run'). They had an absolute blast and returned to school happy (and extremely muddy) yesterday afternoon.



Also bright and early yesterday, our ECCS Under 45kg Rugby team headed off to represent our cluster at the Auckland Champs. Mrs Sutton was really proud of the team who experienced a couple of wins and a couple of losses, came third overall and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Ka pai to Archer, Kieran, Tom, Toby, Daniel P, Harry, Mrs Sutton and thanks to Craig for coaching the team.



The last thing we need to go our way this week is for the weather to hold off long enough for our Cross Country to go ahead tomorrow.... Please keep an eye on HERO for updates, and ensure your child brings their uniform and spare shoes in their bag to get changed afterwards as there is a good chance they may get a little wet. Thank you to Classic Builders for kindly supporting this event with a free sausage sizzle at lunch time tomorrow! Also, thank you to Artz on Show for providing us adults with much needed coffees and hot drinks - it is much appreciated.



As part of our annual assessment and reporting schedule, all Mid-Year Report Comments and OTJs (Overall Teacher Judgements in accordance with the NZ Curriculum achievement expectations) will be published on HERO next Wednesday. Please keep an eye out for these.



And finally, a huge congratulations to our Good News Call of the Week recipients:

Junior: Kate A - for always showing our school LEARN values. Kate is always respectful and focused with her learning. She is a great role model for others!

Middle: Jack H -for showing adaptability (urutau) while teachers and peer support were away. Jack is showing increased independence when completing his work and is happy to ask for help and clarification. He is a kind, caring class member who shows nurture (poipoi) to all around him. He strives for excellence (hiranga) in everything he does and is always showing respect (whakaute) inside and outside of the classroom. He is working so hard on his learning (akoranga), and should be super proud of himself. Keep up the great work Jack!

Senior: Qasim H- for showing nurture (poipoi) towards his peers and teachers. Qasim has really grown in maturity this year and has been very helpful around the classroom. He has shown improved focus and is making good choices within the classroom. This week in particular he made sure that a student that didn't have a buddy was included when it came to camp planning, and has been supportive and helpful to his friends in need.



Have a great rest of the week - we look forward to ending the week in our PJs with cookies and milo on Friday!!!

**Nga mihi nui,
Anna Powrie**

Principal@karaka.school.nz



PJ Mufti Day

Milo and Cookie Fundraiser



Friday 23rd June

PJ Mufti Day - Gold Coin donation

\$2 Milo and Cookie

\$5 Milo and 3 Cookie Combo

Pre-order with your classroom teacher Tues, Wed or
Thurs morning.

**ARTZ
ON
SHOW.**

Thank You Artz on Show

We are extremely grateful to Artz on Show (Govorko family) who are sponsoring a coffee cart again for Cross Country on Thursday. There will be complimentary coffee for all staff, parents and supporters.

Onsite 8am–11am

COUNCIL CORNER!

KARAKA SCHOOL



A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, IT WAS SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK AND WE SANG A SONG CALLED LE AUTE TO CELEBRATE. CLASSES HAVE ALSO BEEN LEARNING ABOUT SAMOAN CULTURE. NOW TIME FOR YOUR SAMOAN COUNTING LESSON... TASI, LUA, TOLU ,FA, LIMA, ONO, FITU, VALU, IVA,S EFULU!
DON'T FORGET TO KEEP COLLECTING YUMMY APPLE STICKERS!

GREAT NEWS - THE FLAGS HAVE ARRIVED!

ON FRIDAY IN ASSEMBLY WE WILL UNVEIL ALL OUR COUNTRY FLAGS AND THE WONDERFUL FAMILIES THAT HAVE SPONSORED THEM! CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME ON STAGE AND TELL US ABOUT THEIR COUNTRY FLAG, AND WHY IT IS SPECIAL TO THEIR FAMILY

FYI - THE COOK ISLANDS, TONGA, THAILAND, NIUE, PHILLIPINES, INDIA, ZIMBABWE AND THE RAINBOW PRIDE FLAG ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO BE SPONSORED - CONTACT MR DYER!

WEEKLY CHALLENGE!

SAY HELLO TO OUR NEW WEEKLY CHALLENGE. THIS WEEK - THE SAMOAN TOUNGE TWISTER. CHALLENGE YOUR FRIEND TO SEE HOW CAN COUNT UP IN SAMOAN!

BY ELIZABETH CAMMOCK

The logo for 'AG DAY' features the words in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. A kiwi bird is perched on the letter 'G', and a string of green triangular bunting flags is draped across the letters. The background consists of a white scalloped border above a solid blue base.

AG DAY

16th September 2023

Pony Update: Unfortunately due to lack of potential pony entries, the committee has made the hard decision to not have a pony category this year. We will relook at this next year.

Calf Opportunity: Chris and Sally Guy would like to offer the opportunity for children to have a calf for Ag Day. The farm is located directly opposite Karaka School, with the entrance to the milking shed from Karaka Road. Chris will select the calves with the children from the herd which will be put into a shed next to the milking shed where the children are required to come to feed, groom and walk their calves. Milk will be provided onsite daily.

What is required: maximum 4 children, at least 2 senior students, calves must be fed daily between 2.45-3.15pm. Calves must be fed on weekends as well however feeds may be done between 12-4pm. Children must be supervised by a parent/guardian while onsite. A course will be set up on site for the children to practice leading their calves through. Families must bring a halter, lead and brush.

In addition if anyone is interested in raising a beef calf there are some available. These would be either purchased or returned to the farm after Ag Day.

Little Guys would like to offer their help to feed and care for lambs during the day so that they can be fed while families are at work. We can take a maximum of 4 lambs. All milk, and bottles would need to be supplied daily. Drop off and pick up times are from 8am to 4.30pm.

Email Karaka reception if you are interested in any of the above and either Chris or Sally will be in touch.

Animal Stuff: Please support Animal Stuffs Drury as they have kindly donated food starter packs for students to take home when their chickens arrive. Animal Stuffs stores (Drury, Takanini and Waiuku) have been offering support and sponsorship to local schools for many years. They will also be supporting us by providing vouchers which we will use as part of prize packs on Ag Day.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 18th July at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome.

Reminder all chickens entered for Ag Day need to be sourced from school.

Chicken Order Forms DUE THIS FRIDAY 23RD JUNE Cost \$10.00 each

[Chicken order form](#)



Keeping our students safe

Please help us to keep everyone safe by -

- Do not walk your child through the carpark, especially behind parked cars. Please use the marked pedestrian crossing
- Do not park in front of the Waste Management rubbish bins
- Please do not double park outside the School
- Please do not park and leave your vehicle in the bus bay. The buses arrive at various times and need access to their parks
- Be careful when parking just outside the entrance gate to the staff carpark. If the back of your car is sticking out over the driveway, the buses cannot turn into the carpark. We would hate to have a car hit by the bus.
- Please do not park on any yellow lines, inside and outside the carpark. Parking on these restricts visibility for turning traffic.

ART EXPO THIS WEEK!

The Hall looks absolutely amazing with all our students art work on display. If you haven't visited yet please do! Tomorrow (Thursday) is the last day! Please visit in the morning before school or after school! We look forward to seeing you there!

ART EXPO RAFFLE ITEMS & ROCK PACKS

Please check out our raffle items & Rock packs on display in the Hall all packaged up. Tickets available now - \$2 each or 3 for \$5 - For sale now :)

The Rock packs are selling fast - so get in quick! \$20 will get you some rocks and some paint marker pens which are amazing! This makes an amazing holiday activity!



Thanks to Harvey Norman & Arty Farty for your corporate donations. Thank you for our communities on-going support.

COOL CARS

Thank you to those who have expressed interest with their cool cars. If anyone else knows of anyone with an amazing car - 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 26th June** at 7pm in the school staff room. All are welcome! If you are interested in attending, please email

kateyapope@gmail.com.

Any questions/fundraising ideas or if you require uniform items urgently, you can email us on karaka.pta@gmail.com.

Come and join in the fun at our spectacular ART EXHIBITION!

Our classes have been busy creating beautiful masterpieces and are now ready to reveal them to you! You're sure to enjoy this exciting event so don't forget the details.

When: 20th – 23rd June

Where: Karaka School Hall

Time: 8.15am – 9.00am & 2.30pm – 3.00pm

You can support our fundraising goals by purchasing a quality A3 picture frame to fit your child's masterpiece. \$20 gets your child's original piece of art in a classic black frame.

There are raffle tickets and rock painting kits available for purchase at the school office.



ART EXHIBITION

**Support your PTA
ROCK PAINTING PACK \$20**
50 available to purchase – taking back orders if sold out.
Includes 5 x Finesse Acrylic Paint Markers
45 x Flat Decorative Rocks to paint
*10% discount code from www.artyfarty.biz

PENCIL CASES \$5 each (limited quantities available, get in early!)
Raffle Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5



ART EXHIBITION!

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to our generous donors of items and to Harvey Norman Pukekohe and to Arty Farty for corporate donations!

Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5, raffle drawn at assembly 23th June 2023

Pencil cases \$5 each, limited stocks

Reminder Dates

19-23 June	PTA Art Expo
23 June	PJ Mufti Day for Year 5/6 Camp fundraising
26-30 June	Year 5/6 Camp
26 June	PTA meeting
30 June	Last day of Term 2 (normal finish time 2.45pm)
17 July	First day of Term 3
17 July	BOT meeting
18 July	Ag Day meeting
15 September	Setting up for Ag Day
16 September	Ag Day (this is a school 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
Held at Karaka War Memorial Hall
319 Linwood Road, Karaka

*View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz
or contact Hayley on either
artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129*

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Winter Holiday Programme

Ready for excitement & entertainment these holidays?
Beat the Winter blues with our PJ Day, Hip Hop tutors, KAS Bingo, Snowball Disco, a trip to the Movies and KAS Pizzeria!

Open Monday to Friday 7am-6pm.

Full week discount available when you book 7am till 6pm (5 days)

Get in quick! Check out all that's on offer & make your bookings at:

www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Any questions please contact our office on 09 236 4078

MSD Social Sector Level 3 Accreditation

WINZ Subsidies available for eligible families

Winter 2023 Holiday Programme

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

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



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

<p>Monday 3rd July PJ Day Kickstart the holidays with fun, laughter and games in your oodie or pyjamas! Wear your slippers too for our fancy feet catwalk!</p>  <p>\$37</p>	<p>Tuesday 4th July Elemental Science Fire, water, earth & wind! We're doing experiments and activities based around the elements - toast marshmallows, make kites and so much more!</p>  <p>\$37</p>	<p>Wednesday 5th July Trip Day Event Cinemas Manukau We're off to enjoy our very own special showing of:</p>  <p>Elemental</p> <p>Order movie food using the 'Comments' section online. REGURE Finalising your booking Movies subject to change</p> <p>\$60</p>	<p>Thursday 6th July Inhouse Tutor Cake Decorating Learn new skills to make your baking look even more scrumptious! Design & make a yummy cupcake & cookie to take home!</p>  <p>\$45</p>	<p>Friday 7th July KAS Bingo Come along to play this classic game you know & love! Have fun - call a line or even 'BINGO' to win prizes Plus bingo art & dodgeball!</p>  <p>\$37</p>
<p>Monday 10th July Balloon Mania! Get artistic and try your hand at making funky balloon creations! Balloon sculpting, balloon crafts plus balloon sports & games!</p>  <p>\$37</p>	<p>Tuesday 11th July KAS Pizzeria Mamma mia it's pizza time! Mix up the dough, choose your topping combination and then enjoy your pizza masterpiece!</p>  <p>\$45</p>	<p>Wednesday 12th July Inhouse Tutor Hip Hop Move, shake & groove with the awesome tutors from Groovit! Learn cool hip hop moves and put on a mini performance!</p>  <p>\$50</p>	<p>Thursday 13th July Snowball Disco Ice, ice, baby - dress up in wintery themed clothing and warm up with funny snowball, snowman & snowflake games plus prizes for best dressed!</p>  <p>\$37</p>	<p>Friday 14th July</p> <p>KAS Closed Matariki Day</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 available when booking Monday-Friday 7am-6pm
Click on the "book now" button to register your child

[BOOK NOW](#)

MSD Social Sector Level 3 Accreditation



DROWNING PREVENTION AUCKLAND

Drowning Prevention Auckland has just released a series of water safety programmes for the July school holidays that will run at pools around Auckland.

The Splash Holiday programme is a fun and safe opportunity for children aged 8-15 to improve their water safety competence and knowledge, while enhancing their swimming ability. Places are limited to 25 per day and cost \$30 per child.

Splash is now in its 10th year, and our experienced instructors provide a friendly and inclusive environment where confidence is built, and kids are encouraged to give new aquatic activities a go! Activities include lifejacket safety, snorkelling, bystander rescue, beach safety with safer boating and Manu safety (bombing) on offer for the older age group sessions.

Further information and registration is available on our website. Parents will need to enrol their children in the correct session based on age group (8-10, 11-15) and select the location and date that suits.

www.dpanz.org.nz/community/holiday-programmes

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A Message from Fulton Hogan and Waka Kotahi for the Community

The night of Monday 26 June, we will fully close (24/7) the Papakura southbound on-ramp for up to three months, ie through to September. In addition, the Papakura southbound off-ramp extreme right-hand turn (Karaka direction) will be fully closed (24/7) for two months.

Motorists wanting to get onto the motorway heading south will be detoured via Beach Road and Great South Road to access the motorway at Drury Interchange.

Other key journey information follows

There will be an increase in vehicles on Great South Road and Beach Road during this extended southbound on-ramp closure.

During morning (AM) and afternoon peak (PM), moderate delays are expected at the following intersections:

- Hingaia Road, Harbourside Drive and Hinau Road (AM and PM)
- Beach Road, Elliot Street and Chichester Drive (PM only)
- Great South Road, Settlement Road and Beach Road (AM and PM)

Moderate delays at peak times are also expected for motorists on Waihoehoe Road approaching Drury's Great South Road/Waihoehoe Road/Norrie Road roundabout.

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<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!

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