



# Karaka School

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No. 21 26th July 2023

## Principal's Note

# Newsletter

**Week 2, Term 3 2023**

*Tena koutou Karaka friends and whanau. Welcome to this week's newsletter.*

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

I hope the past week has gone well for you all - despite the Black Ferns coming away disappointed last night after their 1-0 loss to the Philippines.

Now onto more positive news, a huge congratulations to our E Pro 8 teams from Mangopare for their performance at Pukekohe Intermediate last Wednesday night. One of the teams came away with a 1st equal win; this means they will now progress to the Semi-Finals at Papatōetoe Intermediate in September. Congratulations to Charlotte, Daniel G, Harry and Tom! Yesterday we also had 4 students (Charlotte, Paikea, Ella and Grace) represent ECCS at the Netball tournament - they also had a great day on the court. A big thanks to Mrs C for taking them to the tournament and supporting them throughout the day.

Here are a couple of dates for upcoming events you can enter into your calendars:

- On Tuesday **19th of September** (Week 10 of this term) we will be holding our next round of Learner Led Conferences. More detail will come closer to the time but for now you can lock this date in.
- Final 2023 MoE mandated Teacher Only Day - Friday **24th of November**. We only had a very small window of dates within which we are allowed to hold the last Teacher Only Day for the year to continue working on the Curriculum Refresh. With the Hunua Cultural Festival on Friday the 17th of November (which will affect our Kapa Haka roopu) we have opted for Friday the 24th of November instead.

Late last term I sent out a Google Form to collect some community voice around the re-direction of the 2022 Ag Day funds (just under \$34,000). We had a really positive response with 68 families submitting their thoughts - thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey! After discussing this at the Ag Day meeting last night, we can now update you as to the outcome....

The community survey results outlined the following top 6 priorities in order:

- 1 - Sliders/droppers to create shelter in the Junior playing area (37 responses)
- 2 - Sand carpet on the top flat (area is currently unusable in wet weather) (36 responses)
- 3 - Heat Pump in the Hall (34 responses)
- 4 - Concrete under the shelter off the Kokako deck (area is currently unusable in wet weather) (32 responses)
- 5 - Defibrillator on site (approx cost is about \$3000) (32 responses)
- 6 - Kapa Haka uniforms (we currently don't have enough - about \$3000 has been requested) (28 responses)

We are now in consultation with the Ag Day Committee, staff and the Board as to how we proceed from here. We do have a few factors to consider in terms of logical priorities (some are around cost; another is the fact that our Hall has been deemed 'leaky' and the Ministry Water Tightness Team are hoping work on the exterior will commence late 2023/early 2024). I will endeavour to keep you posted on all of the above as we go!

**Welcome to Karaka School -**

Yana P

Emma M



And finally, ka pai to our Good News Call of the Week recipients from last Friday:



**Junior: Eliza H** - has started the term again with such a positive attitude and great enthusiasm towards her learning. She demonstrates Excellence in everything she does and is so respectful towards all peers and adults. Eliza also shows wonderful nurture and has been particularly nurturing to a peer who has needed it this week.

**Middle: Ethan B** - for displaying our values of Learning, Excellence and Nurture. Ethan has started the term off by setting himself up for success. While we have been learning some new routines in the classroom Ethan has been showing nurture to his peers, helping them to

find their way around, and understand the new tasks. He has also come into the classroom each morning ready to learn. He finished this week's tasks with excellence, no fussing or wasting time and then used his spare time to tidy up the classroom on his own accord.

**Senior: Phoenix G** - for demonstrating all our school values during the Year 5&6 camp. You challenged yourself to take on new opportunities and always tried your best. Learners and adults all noticed and appreciated your positive attitude and easy going nature. You should be proud and confident to demonstrate your resilience back in your life at school.

**Nga mihi nui,  
Anna Powrie**

[Principal@karaka.school.nz](mailto:Principal@karaka.school.nz)

# Board News

Can you help us?

The Board is looking for someone to provide some support and guidance in terms of a cultural lens, particularly as we look to move forward with the Te Mataiaho (the NZ Curriculum refresh) and the development of our own local curriculum. Co-option on to the Board for this project is one way this can be done; we can also look at more flexible options.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Lisa Tate—[lisat@karaka.school.nz](mailto:lisat@karaka.school.nz)

## Mangopare Matariki Celebrations



## **NED Show Friday 4th August 2pm**

Our School will be experiencing NED's Mindset Mission assembly! This is a **no-cost** 45 minute show for ages 4-12. NED stands for:

Never give up

Encourage others

Do your best

Students will Learn:

- The **Power of Yet**—If you're not good at something, it just means you're not good at it yet
- How to **spark courage** in others
- How to keep **learning and growing**, even when they think they already know something

The show is free to all our students as their payment will be proceeds made from the sales of yo-yo's the following week. Please keep an eye on Hero early next week for further information.

## **Lucky Book Club—Scholastic Orders**

Check out Issue 5, coming home this week, as it has a bonus book giveaway for all orders over \$30. Please make sure your orders are placed by Friday August 10th. You can order online via [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) or the Book Clubs Loop App. Once your account 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.

## **Accounts**

Account statements were sent out last week. Bus fees are due within the first two weeks of term. Also we would greatly appreciate payments of -

- Athletics and Education Perfect fees
- Technology fees
- Class stationery consumables
- Any camp balances

These have already been paid by the School to outside providers.

## EPro8 Competition

Last week Karaka School had two teams competing in the EPro8 competition held at Pukekohe Intermediate. They were competing against 12 teams from local schools in the area. The students were using: science, technology, engineering and mathematics to complete various challenges.

Karaka Red Team—Tom P, Harry S, Charlotte E, Daniel G

Karaka Blue Team—Emily SB, Paikea HF, Mikayla C, Quinn H

Congratulations to the Karaka Red team for coming first equal with Ararimu School in a very close, nail-biting finish. These four students now qualify for the next EPro8 competition.

A big thanks to George for all the pre-competition in-school prep that he did with the students before the competition.



## **Piano and Guitar Lessons at Karaka School**

Piano with Tim Ganter—timgantermusic@gmail.com Ph: 0210 740878

Guitar with Brady Cronin—bradycroninmusic@gmail.com Ph: 021 1244499

## **Stationery**

The office has a small amount of stationery that we sell for your children's requirements. If your child requires any more books etc, we require payment before we give out the stationery.

## **ICAS Exams 2023**

Dear Karaka Whanau,  
Karaka School will provide the opportunity for learners in Year 3-8 to compete in ICAS Exams during Term 3 in English, Mathematics and Science. Participation is voluntary. There is a cost of \$20.70 for each exam. Please see the letter shared on HERO for more details or visit the office for a paper copy.

If you would like your child to participate, visit <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>. Use school access code: **RKP111**

Sign up before 31st July. Contact Mr Dyer with any essential questions :)

## **Enrolments for 2024**

The Board resolved on 12th June upon consultation from the Ministry that we would NOT be accepting any out of zone enrollment applications apart from those that fall within Priority 2-5 categories (please refer to our Website).

For forward planning, if your child lives in zone and is starting next year, or if you fall into the Priority 2-5 categories, please can you complete the online enrollment application (also found on our Website).

We are beginning to plan for 2024. If you have any information that may impact on the organization of our school next year e.g. moving, please let us know within the next couple of weeks so that we can ensure we are well organized for our learners come the new year.



# AG DAY



**16th September 2023**

**ENTRY FORM:** EVERY child must have an entry form advising whether they are rearing an animal or completing a project. This year the only way of doing this is online. Please see the Hero post on 24th July or click this link -

[Link to form](#)

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Are you interested in sponsoring our ribbons and/or miniature trophies for Ag Day this year? The investment will be approximately \$900 for the ribbons and \$400 for the miniature trophies. If so please email Sarah Sutherland [sarahs@karaka.school.nz](mailto:sarahs@karaka.school.nz).

**AUCTION ITEMS AND/OR 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. This may include auction items i.e. vouchers, event tickets, products or cash which the committee can use to invest in purchasing auction items. Please contact Kelly Hitchcock on 027 886 8950 or [hitchcock.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:hitchcock.kelly@gmail.com).

We would also love to hear from anyone who may have products we could sell on one of our stalls i.e. jams, chutneys.

**BOOK STALL:** We are having a second-hand book stall again this year. A box will be left in the Hall foyer for you to drop off any donated books, cookbooks or magazines.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 15th August 7.00pm in the staffroom



**SPONSORS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Without the amazing support of sponsors we would not be able to have Ag Day. Each week leading up to Ag Day, we will be acknowledging any new sponsors with their logo to this section of the newsletter. Please support our wonderful sponsors. Our first list of sponsors are:



# PTA News

## School Lunches

We have some exciting news in regards to school lunches. We will share these updates with you over the next few weeks.

## PTA Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 21st August 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)

## School Fundraising Shop NZ

<https://www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz/>

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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).

# Reminder Dates

<b>28 July</b>	Assembly
<b>1 August</b>	ECCS Cross Country
<b>11 August</b>	Assembly
<b>14 August</b>	BOT meeting 5.00pm
<b>25 August</b>	Assembly
<b>15 September</b>	Setting up for Ag Day
<b>16 September</b>	Ag Day (This is a school day)

## Community Notices



### **SAMARA FUNNELL**

Clubs & Schools Development Officer  
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[franklinbasketball.org.nz](http://franklinbasketball.org.nz)

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Programs start this week—Franklin Basketball 7U Hoopsters (Beginner Program), Franklin Basketball Clubs, Franklin Basketball Girls Got Gam (Beginner Program)

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