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Principal's Note

Newsletter

Week 3, Term 3 2023

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

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

In the spirit of Cook Island Language Week - Kia Orana!!

Despite the fact that Sunday saw the end of our Football Ferns FIFA World Cup campaign, I'm sure we are all proud of the way they captured the hearts of NZ and inspired the next generation of players with their efforts. I know I've never talked about women's football so much in my life (despite marrying into a family from Bolton Lancashire, and seeing firsthand the football hype when I went to my first game at the Reebok Stadium years ago!).

Now, with Nweke's injury ending her Netball World Cup journey, we can only keep hoping the Silver Ferns pull through with the grit and determination our NZ teams manage to find when their backs are to the wall! I'm tempted to set my alarm for 4am tomorrow to watch them play South Africa - it will be nail biting I'm sure.....

Sticking with the sporting front, a huge congratulations to all our students who represented Karaka at the ECCS Cross Country yesterday (thank goodness the rain held off until today for you all!). Mrs Sutton came back super excited; she said it was one of the best results we've had at ECCS level with so many of our students placing in the top 10! More of the excitement will be shared later in the newsletter but I want to say thank you to Mrs Sutton, Mrs C and all the parent supporters who were able to make it along yesterday.

Yesterday Mr Dyer, Mrs Sutherland (on behalf of the Board) and myself attended a Ministry hui about the next two year cycle of strategic planning and reporting. This will inform our next steps as a school in every facet - it will inform our staff PLD (Professional Learning and Development), our engagement with the NZ curriculum refresh and the design of our local school curriculum. It is an exciting time in terms of future planning for our school and I am very much looking forward to consulting with our community to gather your thoughts and ideas, dreams and aspirations for our tamariki. Watch this space.....!

And now for an update on school uniform:

As a staff, we have noticed we are battling more and more with students wearing non-regulation uniform items. We understand that the weather is pretty cold and miserable at this time of year. However, we do still need to maintain our high standards and encourage students to wear the correct uniform. This is mainly in reference to hoodies, jumpers and jackets (note that the Karaka Rugby Club jumper is not considered a Karaka School uniform item). Students may wear a jacket or raincoat to and from school, but this needs to be hung up or put in their bag once the school day starts. Black or navy socks have also made way for other colourful and pretty designs - please also keep an eye on this, as well as any colourful hair accessories. And arguably the most important thing to remember, is to name your uniform items to prevent them from being forever lost in the never ending pit that we call our Lost Property Box.

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



Junior: Kiara C - for her consistent display of Learning and Excellence, completing all activities with enthusiasm and such a positive attitude. She is an absolute delight to have in the classroom. Kiara is also always so nurturing to her peers and is quick to help those who need it.

Middle: Cohen C - for demonstrating nurture during our Science Rotation by helping younger students. He showed really good enthusiasm and an eagerness towards the activities. Cohen also stayed behind and helped tidy up afterwards going above and beyond, cleaning lots of equipment that needed sorting without even being asked to.

Senior: Grace C - for demonstrating skopene with improved concentration

Senior: Grace C - for demonstrating akoranga with improved concentration and effort to complete her work, taking on board feedback about how she can improve. She always shares her ideas during class and group discussions and listens thoughtfully to others. At camp she showed poipoi making sure her team was ok and always encouraging everyone. Grace has a fantastic, positive attitude, she is always happy, cracking jokes and sharing her joy with others.

Mako rai ('well done' in Cook Island Māori)!!

Meitaki maata, Anna Powrie
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Welcome to Karaka School -

Yana P

Emma M



kindo.
coming soon!

**online payments on our
school website**

- payments
- sports registrations
- forms
- school trips/camps
- fundraisers

Kindo—coming soon—Watch this space!

E.C.C.S Cross Country



What an outstanding effort from all our cross country runners that represented Karaka School at the E.C.C.S Cross Country Event at Te Puru Park yesterday. Karaka School is very proud of your efforts!

We took 38 runners from Year 4 to 8 and these were their results:

- 25 of our students placed in the top 20
- 19 of our students placed in the top 10
- 6 of our students placed in the top 3
- Cooper R - 1st Year 6 Boy
- Daniel P - 1st Year 7 Boy
- Jack A - 2nd Year 4-5 Boy
- James R - 3rd Year 4-5 Boy
- Max N - 3rd Year 6 Boy
- Emma M - 3rd Year 4-5 Girl
- 1st - Year 4-5 Girls Team (top 3 runners)
- 2nd - Year 7 Girls Team
- 2nd= - Year 8 Girls Team
- 2nd - Year 7-8 Boys Team
- 3rd - Year 4-5 Boys Team
- 3rd - Year 6 Boys Team
- 9 of our Year 7 & 8 students will go on to represent E.C.C.S. at the Counties Cross County event next Friday.

A massive thank you to the parents that helped out yesterday, to marshall and record the places - these events can't run smoothly without your help. Thank you to all those parents that came along to watch and support our students.

EGCS CROSS COUNTRY



1st August 2023

Thanks Paikea

For the second year in a row Paikea has coached the Year 3/4 girls Karaka Gems netball team. This year she has found her voice and stepped up. She stays after school on a Thursday to train the girls and she arrives at 7.40am on a Saturday for their 8am game. She then has to wait until lunchtime for her own game and so does her Mum (Thankyou). She is an amazing role model to these girls.



Thank You

Thank you Julie Wilson for the rolls of fabric donated to the School. These have been greatly appreciated by the teachers for upcoming projects.

Following on from this, is there anyone in the community that has an over locker that could make some tablecloths for the School? Please call into the office if you can help.



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.

Stationery Sale

We have a few old stock exercise books, paintbrushes etc that are no longer required. Call into the office with a gold coin if you would like something. Ideal for drawing or extra home learning.

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.

Attendance—Lateness and Pick Ups

- We are noticing a number of students are becoming regularly late to school. Please make sure they arrive on time so they establish positive learning relationships and friendships.
- Please remember to notify the office if your child is—going to be away, going to be late i.e. early morning appointment e.g. dentist or doctor, going on holiday etc. You can use Hero, email the office, email the teacher, leave a message on the dedicated absentee line or ask a sibling to advise the office. If we haven't had any contact with an explanation then they are marked as Truant (which appears on their reports).
- Please make sure your children are picked up on time after school. Due to the office closing at 3.00pm and the teachers being in meetings after school, children not collected by 3.00pm will be taken across to KAS.

Last Tuesday, 25th July, I had the pleasure of accompanying four Mangopare students, Ella H, Paikea HF, Grace M and Charlotte E to the **E.C.C.S Netball** held at the Browns Road netball courts in Manurewa. The E.C.C.S teams were made up of players from other East Counties schools. It was hard going for our girls though, facing school teams, who were able to practice and play extensively prior. Our girls played their hardest and represented Karaka School and our values superbly. Well Done Girls! Mrs C



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	Annabel H	Henry E	Yvette R
Kapowai	Sophie C	Cohen H	James R
Tui	Rebecca Y	Chloe D	Erick Y
Ruru	Georgia P	Parker P	Blake G
Pateke	Adam H	Ante G	Jaxon C
Pukeko	Ruby H	Tomas S	Zac V
Mokomoko			
Kokako	Chelsea L	Charlie T	Isaiah K
	Emanuera S	Sebastian B	Levi C
		Bradley S	Jezelle C
Mangopare	Areet B	Emily B	Grace M



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 Kerehu badge.

Learning	Excellence	Adaptability	Respect	Nurture
Elizabeth C		Sanaa S	Ella S	
Emanuera S		Martin S-R	Sadie P	
Grayson C		Logan B	Kiara C	
Libby W				
Reid H		Sophia G		
Sebastian B		Leilani S		Ruby H
Hudson C				
Hunter W				
Annabelle C				

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. All entries are due by next Friday 11th August. So far we only have 88 entries received. If you have any problems completing the form, please call into the office or see Kylie Thorby at the flagpole after school.

Please see the Hero post on 24th July or click this link—[Link to form](#)

2022 TROPHIES RETURNED: Please return all trophies from last year to the office by next Friday 11th August. Trophies are to be polished, please do not use Silvo, Hagerlys is recommended.

RAFFLE ITEMS: Please support Ag Day by sending to school (at least one item per family per week please). Learners receive ten house points for each item donated. All items donated go toward the raffles on Ag Day and we greatly appreciate your support. *Please check expiry dates on items before sending them to school.*

Week 14 Aug - 18 Aug	Bottles (e.g. vinegar, mayonnaise, sauces)
Week 21 Aug - 25 Aug	Packets (e.g. tea, coffee, paper towels, cereal, pasta)
Week 28 Aug - 1 Sep	Lucky Dip items for the Lucky Dip stall <i>(Please send items unwrapped or send \$5 in an envelope and the Ag Day committee will purchase on your behalf.)</i>
Week 4 Sep - 8 Sep	Tins (e.g. fruit, baked beans, spaghetti)

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ART EXPO

Thank you to all those families that purchased their child's artwork. Along with the raffle, the rock packs and pencil cases, we raised an amazing \$2000! This is an awesome result!

NED SHOW

The NED show will be performing at Assembly on Friday 4th August. NED's Mindset Mission is a character education program that centres around 3 great messages - Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best! Next week, starting Monday 7th August, we require family members to help us sell yo-yo's to support NED's cause. We will be selling these before and after school - from 8.15am - 8.45am and from 2.30pm - 3pm. If you are able to help with this, that would be amazing. Please email kirstyc@karaka.school.nz. It would be amazing to raise as much as we can for this great initiative.

KARAKA SCHOOL WHĀNAU FACEBOOK PAGE

We are excited to announce the launch of the brand-new [Karaka School Whānau](#) closed group on Facebook, and we invite parents and extended whānau to join us there.

This page is going to be where the PTA and Ag Day committee will be sharing details and updates for upcoming events, reminders, details about our meetings, and even the incredible amounts we raise from our events!

Rest assured, we've got your back and the safety of our precious kids is our top priority! When you request to join the group, our group rules are communicated clearly, and one of the most important ones is that no photos of any kids will be posted. Your child's privacy matters to us, and we're here to create a safe space for everyone.

So, let's make this Facebook group a lively, interactive, and supportive platform where we can all connect and celebrate the wonderful spirit of our Karaka School Whānau!

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

LOST PROPERTY

We have lots and lots of unnamed uniforms unclaimed. If your child is missing any items, have a look in the Lost Property Box. This is located on the deck outside the hall.

Remember to NAME your child's uniforms please!

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

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

School Fundraising Shop NZ

<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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Reminder Dates

04 August	NED Show 1.45-2.30pm
11 August	Assembly
14 August	BOT meeting 5.00pm
25 August	Assembly
15 September	Setting up for Ag Day
16 September	Ag Day (This is a school day)

Community Notices



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