



# Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

No. 28 13th September 2023

## Principal's Note

# Newsletter

**Week 9, Term 3 2023**

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

### **CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT**

This week the buzz and excitement for Ag Day has definitely ramped up and people are working so hard behind the scenes to pull everything together for the weekend. It's times like this that make you truly appreciate a hugely supportive and hard working school community like ours - many people have given hours and hours of their time already and we haven't even begun the actual set up yet! I am really looking forward to being able to experience first hand the Karaka School Ag Day excitement. Special thanks to Totally Awesome Window Cleaning for cleaning all the outside windows for free so we can look amazing for Ag Day.

This week we are also proud to be not just acknowledging, but celebrating Te Wiki o Te reo Māori through our Ag Day build up and celebrations. No doubt your children have learnt a new phrase (or at least a few new words) in Te Reo this week that are all to do with our upcoming Ag Day - we hope this has been passed on at home too. By doing this, we are upholding the theme for 2023: Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori (making the language stronger).

Each newsletter, I usually like to give a brief update about things in general..... but with the sporting results of this past weekend, I've decided to steer clear of anything sporting related!! Instead, I'll share that I have been extremely fortunate to be able to attend the NZ Principals Conference for the first time down here in Queenstown.

As I sit at the airport writing this while waiting for my 3pm flight home, I can't help but feel a sense of awe and inspiration not only from the world class speakers and keynote presenters (including Dame Valerie Adams which was a real treat!), but also from the connections I've formed with other principals across NZ.



After the conference sessions ended yesterday, we were all encouraged to choose an activity that promotes hauora/wellbeing - and I decided that if my own 10 yr old daughter can do indoor skydiving and make it look easy, she must get the genes from somewhere.... turns out they could well have been from me (see the photo for proof). It has definitely been a highlight of my few days down here.

Last week at our Assembly, we were blessed to have some of our students along with the support of their whānau, share some cultural dances with us in celebration of Tongan Language Week. A special thank you to Kotelia & Moka, Israel & Isaiah, Tua, and the Pole and Kepu families - and an extra special thank you to the Wesley College students who also ended the week for us with an impromptu (and very entertaining!) performance too.

And lastly, ka pai to our 'Good News Call of the Week' recipients from last week who have been working hard both in and out of the classroom. We're always super proud to hear about our Karaka students demonstrating our LEARN value - kei runga noa atu!!

**Junior:** Georgia S - for fantastic commitment to her learning. In particular, she has made awesome progress in her Reading recently and works so hard to achieve her best. She has been really focused to achieve her goals. Georgia has also been noticed by multiple teachers as being an amazing helper too.

**Middle:** Hadlee N - for developing independence and strong work habits. Hadlee is striving for excellence in class and is displaying kindness and understanding towards her peers. She is also working really hard towards her learning goals.



**Senior:** Jett I - Showing perseverance with his learning and a can do attitude. He interacts well with adults and his peers and provides a real spark within our classroom. He has come a long way with his learning and overcomes barriers with his positive, can do attitude.

Ka mau kē te wehi!!!

**Nga mihi nui,**

**Anna Powrie**

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

### **Enviro Group**

On Ag Day the Enviro group will be selling beeswax wraps. The team has made these to fundraise for gardening supplies.

Wraps are approx. 30x25cm and will be \$5.00 each. They are perfect for sandwich or snack wraps in lunch boxes and can be cleaned and used over and over again instead of glad wrap. There is a range of cute fabric designs to choose from but get in quick to secure your first choice.

Also on offer will be new reusable produce bags for \$2.00 each. These will be great for carrying home all that bargain veg that will be on sale right nearby our table on Ag Day.

Come and support us on Saturday! The Enviro table will be under the Junior shade area near Kotare and Tui classrooms.

### **Enrolments for 2024**

- NO out of zone enrolments will be accepted for 2024 unless they fall within Priority 2-5 categories (refer to our Website).
- Out of zone priorities as above need to have their applications in by Wednesday 11th October.
- If you are in zone we would love to have your applications too as soon as possible.
- If you are changing schools, moving or have any information that may impact on the organization of our school next year, please let the office know.



# 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	Summer W	Mila-Rose T	William-Connor A
Kapowai	Kate A	James R	
Tui	Zoe M	Sadie P	Shelby E
Ruru	Eliza H	Frankie B	Georgia S
Pateke	Chloe W	Brodie V	Balroop S
Pukeko			
Mokomoko	Jack H	Cohen C	
Kokako	Elizabeth C	Blake F	Jack A
	Aysia C	Bradley S	Emma R
		Levi C	Reid H
Mangopare			



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
Henry B	Rocco G	Sebastian B	Cooper R	Luke R
Rocco G	Edie W	Sadie P	Frankie G	Alexis T
Charley P	Shelby E		Jezelle C	Shelby E
Sofia R			Lucy E	Amelie H
Georgia S			Blake G	Sadie P
Mason M			Hudson C	Katrien H
Luke R				
Oliver B				
Martin S-R				
Max N				
Jezelle C				
Charlie T				
Jack H				
Kiara C				

# AG DAY



**MUFTI DAY FRIDAY:** Mufti day this Friday. Students can come to school in “farm theme”.

**AG DAY CHECKLIST:** An Ag Day checklist will be coming home tomorrow. Please read as there is important information regarding the day’s events and parking.

On Saturday students are to report to their teacher at some point during the day. Students are not required to wear school uniforms on Ag Day.

## **KARAKA KASH:**

- Pre-ordered Karaka Kash and wristbands can be collected on Saturday morning from the office steps.
- Pre-orders of Karaka Kash and wristbands close on Thursday at 12.00 midday. Please do not make any more direct credits after this time as we will be unable to process them in time for Saturday. Kindo sales close at midnight tonight.
- If you have paid online, we require your pre-order form as well. We are missing some forms, please contact the office if you haven’t handed in a form. Also, you may have handed in a form, but forgotten to pay online. Please check that you have made your payments.
- Karaka Kash can be purchased from the office on Saturday (Eftpos or Cash).
- Eftpos will be available to pay for auction items.
- The office will be open from 8.00am on Saturday
- **It is important you use all the tickets you have purchased as there will be NO REFUNDS for unused tickets.**

**WHERE’S DAISY RAFFLE TICKETS:** All books need to be returned to school urgently - either sold or unsold! Please return to the office by no later than Friday.

**Chickens needing a home after Ag Day?** If you do not wish to keep your chicken after Ag Day, then please contact Kirsty—[kirstyc@karaka.school.nz](mailto:kirstyc@karaka.school.nz) or Janine 027 6441574 or Diana 027 5866222

**URGENT - STALL HOLDERS NEEDED:** We still need a number of helpers to work on stalls on Ag Day. Booking information go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) Type in the event code: **sc2kz**. Follow the steps to book your time. We hope EVERY FAMILY will give some time on the day. Just one hour of your time is all we need. Please book under your child's class and/or any other stalls you wish to - the class and stall is listed. If you need help, please contact Katey Pope 027 4165697.

**SILENT AUCTION:** Please click on the link to find out about how the Silent Auction works and the items involved in our silent auction. [Silent Auction 2023](#)

**AUCTION:** Here are some more of our awesome items up for auction:

- 1/2 dozen bottles of Diamond Heart Brut Cuvee, **sponsored by Marisco Vineyards**
- Panasonic Beer Fridge, **sponsored by Panasonic**
- Makita 18V Jib Site 5 Piece Brushless LXT 5.0AH Kit Includes: DHP486 Cordless Brushless Hammer Drill, DTD153 Cordless Brushless Impact Driver, DGA504 Cordless Brushless Angle Grinder, DHS660 Cordless Brushless Circular Saw, DJR187 Cordless Brushless Reciprocating Saw, Included accessories: 2 x 5.0Ah batteries (BL1850), Charger (DC18RC), Tool Bag, **sponsored by Wallace Construction**
- Sports package including Adidas Sports Bag, \$150 Stirling Sports Papakura voucher, 2 x tennis racquets, tennis balls, 1hr private tennis lesson and 2 x two week memberships at F45 Karaka. **Sponsored by Stirling Sports Papakura, Karaka Tennis Club and F45 Karaka.**
- Two hours of accountancy services at Robertson Bixley Chartered Accountants, **sponsored by Robertson Bixley Chartered Accountants.**

**SPONSORS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** Please support our wonderful sponsors. New sponsors onboard this week are:

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**Don't forget to report to your teacher on Ag Day so they can mark the rolls for attendance**



# PTA News

## **WE NEED YOU!!!!**

We need some more parents, family or friends to help us on the PTA! Team work makes the dream work afterall :) All are welcome!

Our next meeting on Monday 18th September has been **POSTPONED**. Our next meeting will be **Monday 9th October** at 7pm in the staffroom.

**If you are interested in attending, please email [kateyapope@gmail.com](mailto:kateyapope@gmail.com)**

## **SAVE THE DATE - FOTOMAN**

Put a note in your diary - David the Fotoman will be at school on 15th October! We will send out more information shortly!

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

The uniform shop is open on Mondays only 8.15-9.00am. Uniforms can be tried on for sizing.

Uniform items can be ordered and paid through Kindo and the uniform will be delivered to the child's class during the week.

If you have any uniform queries please send an email to:  
[uniformshop.karaka@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshop.karaka@gmail.com)

## **CALENDAR ART**

This week the students will be putting the finishing touches on their Calendar Art for 2023 and proudly displayed in their classrooms for Ag day.

Orders forms have been sent home and are due back before Wednesday 20th September, 3pm.

Product examples on display in the office. Great for gifts and getting organized!

Any questions/fundraising ideas you can email us on [karaka.pta@gmail.com](mailto:karaka.pta@gmail.com).

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**[uniformshop.karaka@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshop.karaka@gmail.com)**

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



## **KINDO IS LIVE!**

Kindo is now live! Our lunchroom and uniform shop are now running and loaded in Kindo. For the rest of the term, you will be able to pay cash, but we are highly encouraging the use of Kindo. Thanks for everyone's support!

## **KARAKA SCHOOL WHĀNAU FACEBOOK PAGE**

Thank you to all those Families who have joined our [Karaka School Whānau](#) closed group on Facebook. We have had a huge amount of families join and it is great to see!

When sharing, please advise family and friends, that they need to accept the rules and answer the question, in order to be approved to join the group. This makes it far easier for our group admin :)

## **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!



When you make a purchase, at checkout, select Karaka School from the dropdown menu. They will then donate 10% the total amount of your order to us. It's as easy as that!

# Reminder Dates

<b>15 September</b>	Setting up for Ag Day (Friday), Judging of class projects
<b>16 September</b>	Ag Day (Saturday) Don't forget to report to your Teacher
<b>22 September</b>	Term 3 ends
<b>9 October</b>	Term 4 starts
<b>11 October</b>	Applications close for out of zone enrolments (Priorities 2-5)
<b>20 October</b>	School Closed for Instruction
<b>23 October</b>	Labour Day
<b>24 November</b>	Teacher Only Day

## Community Notices



**Counties**

**BASEBALL**

Have a go day  
Sunday 17th & 24th September 2023  
11am-1pm  
Free Sausage sizzle

Location - 372 Blackbridge Road, Karaka

# KAS

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Spring

## Holiday Programme

Spring has sprung and the holidays are almost here!

KAS are keeping the kids entertained with all sorts of activities – A Spring Festival, Outdoor Adventure, Kiwi As plus a Ken & Barbie Party! Keep the excitement going with Ninja Valley, Wizard of Oz Theatre Show and a special screening of 'Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken' at the Movies!

Open Monday to Friday 7am-6pm. Variety of sessions available.

Full week discount applies 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](http://www.kidsafterschool.co.nz)

Any questions please contact our office on 09 236 4078

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## Holiday Activities


### Drury Library

**Tues October 3rd**

**From 10:00am - 2:00pm**

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awesome  
sculptures  
using tinfoil.**

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cool puppet.**

 **Play some games.**

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the date on  
your calendar.

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needed.



**KARAKA**  
CRICKET CLUB

## CRICKET IS BACK!

**Registrations are now open at Karaka Cricket Club for the 2023/2024 Season!!**

Welcoming all current and new players, girls & boys, to register via <https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/6127c1> or email [admin@karakacricket.co.nz](mailto:admin@karakacricket.co.nz) for more information!

## MUSTER EVENING

**Wednesday 20th September**

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Wednesday 27th September  
& Friday 29th September

**Registration Link**

[www.cmsport.co.nz](http://www.cmsport.co.nz)

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