



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

No. 30 11th October 2023

Principal's Note

Newsletter

Week 1, Term 4 2023

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

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Bula and welcome back for Term 4. I trust all our tamariki enjoyed the holidays - funny that many parents seemed just as excited as the students coming back to school on Monday morning (can't think why?). I enjoyed the slower pace for a few days. One of the highlights was taking my daughter and her friends to the Auckland Zoo where we ran into none other than Mrs Aupa'au with her family (of course she appeared right behind me just at the exact time I was telling the girls off for tapping the glass to see if the alligator was 'alive or not'!!).

We have a few things going on at school at the moment. This Saturday you'll find our school Hall set up for the General Elections, which is super handy to be able to pop in and cast your vote. Just remember to bring your Easy Vote card you would have received in the mail to make the process even quicker.

Next Friday (Oct 20th) school is closed for instruction to acknowledge the work that went into Ag Day back in late Term 3. And the following week we see our Life Education swing into action - many children are very excited for the return of Harold the Giraffe.



LIFE
EDUCATION

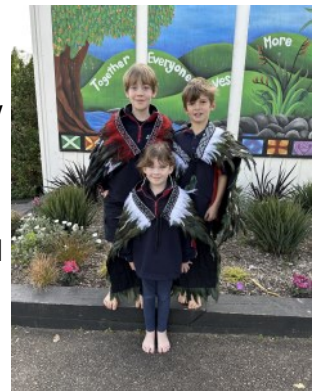
Learning with Harold

Last term, I sent out a survey about our Health & PE Curriculum and the summary of that will be shared to the community next week following our Board meeting on Monday. I now have another survey to ask parents/ caregivers to fill out which is arguably the most important one you will receive from our school for the next couple of years. Our current Strategic Planning cycle is coming to an end, and in order to inform the key priorities to move the school forwards for the next two year plan, we are seeking your input. The survey is being administered by The Education Group via Survey Monkey so all responses will be anonymous. The more people that complete the survey, the more informed we will be as to our next steps. **Please note the survey must be completed by next Wednesday October 18th.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NJS27V>

And lastly, a huge congratulations to our Good News Call of the Week recipients from the last day of Term 3 - we are really proud of you!

Junior: Orla C - For making fantastic progress in her Reading, showing amazing perseverance, and taking greater risks in her learning. Orla is continuing to grow in confidence in the classroom and always shows nurture and respect to everyone around her.



Middle: Oscar W - For being independent and focused and always trying his best in everything he does. Oscar is kind and caring and displays nurture towards all. He is respectful and has a lovely sense of humour. Oscar is growing in confidence and is starting to take on leadership roles. He also spent a lot of time with his calf in preparation for Ag Day.

Senior: Sebastian B - for showing improved independence and focus with his work. Seb shows adaptability throughout the day, and also with his learning. Seb is always super respectful and nurturing towards others.

This week we kicked off the term with Fijian Language Week and are looking forward to some Fijian items to celebrate at our Assembly this Friday. Hope to see you there.

Vinaka,

Anna Powrie

Principal@karaka.school.nz



In 2022, we earned just under \$1,000 of free sports equipment for our school by collecting 'Yummy' apples. We are aiming to hit the \$1K mark this year, and thank you for all your 'Yummy' munching!

Please send any remaining stickers to the office by Thursday - latest. Don't worry if you haven't got a sheet, just send them in on a piece of paper. We will tally them all up and send them off on Friday morning.

We will let you know our totals when we have them. Thanks for your support!

GumBoot Friday is on Friday 3rd November. Wear your Gum Boots and bring a gold coin donation to create a giant 'Golden GumBoot! We will have a 'Gum-Boot' dance off at Good News Call and a 'Gum-Boot Throw' competition on the Bottom Flat at lunchtime! This is the same day as the PTA 'NEON' Disco! - More information on that to come...



Hats Compulsory in Term 4—Hats are due to arrive shortly. In the meantime, learners can wear an alternative hat (not cap) until the school hats are available.

Payments Due—

- **Bus Fees Due within first two weeks of the Term**
- **Have you paid the Year 7/8 Camp deposit?**
- **Various trips and activities for Term 4**

Welcome to Karaka School -

CJ M-M
Lucas M-M
Ivory M
Amara M
Benji M



Karaka's Got Talent - We are holding a talent show! You maybe a singer, dancer, magician, musician, juggling unicyclist or more! You may perform solo, with a sibling or as part of a group. On Wednesday 13th December, we will hold the grand final of Karaka's Got Talent. There will be opportunities for contestants to practice during lunchtimes at school with guidance from some teachers, but you will definitely want to practice in your own time too! You might need to think about costumes, props and music. You will perform to your mini-school sometime before the end of Week 8! 10 acts will then be voted into the final, and a chance to win the grand title of 'Karaka's Got Talent 2023' Parents and whanau will be invited to watch the heats and finals!



Sign up to Kindo Today!

Online payments on our School Website

We are excited to let you know that all your school payments can now be made in one place with your MyKindo account. It's easy, convenient, and open 24/7. This is our preferred method of payment and we encourage all families to sign up.

Go to the School website and find the Kindo "K" - simply enter in the same email address we have on file for you.

All fees and donations, sports payments, trips, uniforms, stationery etc can be paid for by Kindo.

Special Carpark Space

You may have noticed a space in the main carpark that is named. This space is for the Govorko family, who bid for and won the place at the Ag Day Auction. Please do not park in this area during Term 4.

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 | Yvette R | Lucy M | Naihuan Z |
| Kapowai | Harper O | Laurelle E | |
| Tui | Dan P | Kiara C | Hunter C |
| Ruru | Amelia C | Hudson C | Luke R |
| Pateke | Carter S | Bill G | Darcy C |
| Pukeko | Matias B | Alex C | Jasmine L |
| Mokomoko | Katrien H | James R | Rex F |
| Kokako | Israel K | Melody C | Jaxxon T |
| | Franklin G | Chloe H | Lehan v R |
| | | Hayden R | Kayden G-B |
| Mangopare | Devan C | Daniel P | Emily B |
| | Paieka H-F | Jett I | Mac 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 Kereru badge.

| Learning | Excellence | Adaptability | Respect | Nurture |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Charlyn R | Carter S | Amaya G | Sophia G | Ruhaani S |
| Jaxxon T | Orla C | Lucas M | Reid H | Hayden R |
| Blake F | Harry M | Oliver B | Sebastian B | Harry P |
| Eliza H | Georgia S | Lilly-Anne H | Charlyn R | Elizabeth C |
| Gedric E | Alexis T | Libby W | Frankie B | Annabelle C |
| Hunter G | Joshua B | Indie P | Edie W | |
| Boston P | Hunter C | Emma R | Jack H | |
| Nadia C | Charlotte T | Cooper R | Soren R | |
| | Paige S-H | Annabelle C | Nadia C | |
| | | Rocco G | | |
| | | Paige S-H | | |
| | | Soren R | | |
| | | Nadia C | | |
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WE NEED YOU!

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

If you are interested in attending, please email kateyapope@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE - NEON DISCO

The date and theme has been set for our next disco!

The NEON disco - Friday 3rd November!

If you are able to help in any way please get in touch!

UPDATE - RIDE TO SCHOOL

With Ag Day and the chaos of Term 4, we have decided to reschedule this fundraising event to 2024. Look out early 2024 for more details.

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.

Any questions/fundraising ideas you can email us on karaka.pta@gmail.com.

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

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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!

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!

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 :)

Reminder Dates

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|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11 October | Applications close for out of zone enrolments (Priorities 2-5) |
| 12 October | Senior School trip |
| 18 October | Enrollment ballot for 2024 |
| 24 Oct-3 Nov | Life Education Caravan here |
| 20 October | School Closed for Instruction |
| 23 October | Labour Day |
| 25 October | ECCS Touch Tournament Year 5-8 |
| 14 November | Year 4 Kelly Tarlton's Sleepover |
| 24 November | Teacher Only Day |
| 4-8 December | Year 7 and 8 Camp to Raglan Holiday Park |

Community Notices



Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or other big family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next Thursday 17th of October and runs from 4pm-5pm over 8 weeks of the school term. It is held at the St Andrews Church facility in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme also runs at the same time. We are also able to run an Adult group for those interested. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact me at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info please go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

GIRLS HAVE A GO DAY

Wednesday 18th October
4:00pm-5:00pm

Fun & Games,
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REGISTRATIONS
DUE FRIDAY!!!!!!

Karaka Cricket Club **REGISTRATION PERIOD EXTENDED**

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/6127c1>

Our Grades:

- Year 3/4 Friday Night Softball
- Year 3/4 Saturday Softball
- Year 5-8 Saturday Softball
- Year 5/6 Saturday Hardball
- Year 7/8 Saturday Hardball
- Year 3-6 Girls Wednesday Night Softball
- Year 6-8 Girls Wednesday Night Softball



Franklin Girls Got Game - Beginners Program: *(Starts Wednesday 11th - Register now)*

<https://www.franklinbasketball.org.nz/girlsgotgame>

Franklin 7 & Under Hoopsters Program: *(Starts today Monday 9th - Register now)*

<https://www.franklinbasketball.org.nz/hoopsters>

Franklin Club Teams: *(Limited availability - inquire at your nearest club)*

<https://www.franklinbasketball.org.nz/fbaclubzones>

Referee Course:

<https://www.franklinbasketball.org.nz/referees>

The FLASH BANG SCIENCE Club - TERM 4

WEDNESDAY'S (4.00pm - 5.30pm) - COURSE D

THURSDAY'S HOME SCHOOL GROUP (1.00pm - 2.30pm) - COURSE D

Classes commence from 25th October 2023



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