



# Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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## Principal's Note

# Newsletter

Week 2, Term 4 2023

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

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora Karaka whānau. I'm sure there were more than a few tense households on Sunday morning watching the All Blacks defeat Ireland in what was a nail-biting match. Those last 10 minutes where our defence held out to the nth degree was just incredible - bring on the semi-final this coming Saturday against Argentina!!

Of course the other big news of the moment is the fact that we now know we will see a change in Government, although the exact details of what this will look like are still to come. Now that we do know Christopher Luxon will be sworn in as our new Prime Minister, some of our tamariki who met him at Ag Day can enjoy knowing they spoke with our new PM at their very own school.

This morning I popped out to the Franklin Group Day at the Pukekohe Showgrounds where we had five students representing Karaka School with their calves and lambs. Despite the drizzly weather, both the students and their animals did a fantastic job (as did the parents and Grandparents too). Well done to: Aliyah M, Toby C, Nicola S, Charli S and Annabel H.



In last week's newsletter, I mentioned the survey about our Health & PE Curriculum that came out last term. Here you can find a summary of the results which was collated from the 38 responses we received - [Summary of Survey Results](#). Thanks to all those who contributed their thoughts, ideas and feedback - all of this will be taken into account as we plan our Health & PE programmes over the next couple of years. Please also remember to complete the current Whānau Survey if you haven't had a chance already. This is also a key step for us as we look to plan our strategic goals as a school - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NJS27V>

Coming up on the Monday of Week 5 (6th November), we have our Learner Led Conferences scheduled to take place. We are looking to shake this up a bit with more of a Learner Led 'Celebration' focus, and a chance to come and join in some fun activities at school. Parents will have the chance to come in either during class time or after school, with a possible picnic and some tabloids for all to enjoy in the afternoon. A separate post will come out early next week on HERO with all the final details.

You would have seen a post I put out last night on HERO regarding the maintenance work scheduled to take place on SH22 (Karaka Rd) via Karaka School Lane to install a new culvert drain. Please ensure you have a talk to your children about safety in these types of situations - we all know oversized trucks and diggers are super exciting to young (and old!) children. However, it is important that we all keep our distance and let the work take place smoothly. By Friday 17th November, this work should all be completed (weather gods be permitting of course!).

Finally, ka pai to our Good News Call of the Week recipients from Week 1 of Term 4. We are super proud of all your hard work and being role models for all our Karaka learners!



**Sign up to Kindo Today!**

**You can sign up through our School Website**

**Going forward this will be our preferred method of payments**



**Junior:** James R - James tries hard in all learning areas. He comes to school every day ready to learn and always shows respect towards his learning environment. Well done James!

**Middle:** Rex F - Rex is working independently and showing focus and attention in all tasks. He is completing his work to a high standard and is growing in confidence to share ideas. Rex is a kind class member, helping others when they need it, and is respectful to all. Keep up the great work Rex.

**Senior:** Grace M - she shows an outstanding attitude every time she does kapa haka. She is always pleasant and respectful whenever she interacts with adults and students. Throughout the year I have seen Grace grow in confidence academically and on the sports field. She always displays the school values.

Keep up the good work everyone.

Have a great week, and get your All Blacks shirts ready for Saturday!!

Nga mihi nui

**Anna Powrie**

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

### **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.

**Ag Day Debrief—Tuesday 24th October 7.00pm  
in the staffroom**

**Sun hats** - We are working hard to ensure our students are sun safe at break times. You can support us by ensuring your child has a sun hat and sunscreen applied every day. If the students do not have a hat they will be expected to play under our shade areas.



# 2023 YEARBOOK COVER DESIGN

*The only words to be:  
'Karaka School Yearbook 2023'*

*Must be A4 size and portrait.  
Can be digital or hand drawn.*

*Entries to Miss Ballard, in person  
or - [hayleyb@karaka.school.nz](mailto:hayleyb@karaka.school.nz)*

*Deadlines for entries is Monday  
30th October.*

**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...



**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!



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

Issue 7 came home last week. Orders are due by next Wednesday (October 25th). Please order online via [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) or the Book Clubs Loop App. Thank you.



### **END OF YEAR TROPHIES**

We are starting to collect in all the Trophies awarded at last year's prizegiving.

Please can you return these to school by the **11th of November** undamaged and in a clean condition so we can get them ready for this year's event.

Thanks

Congratulations to the 2 teams that represented Karaka School at the Blue Light Fear Factor today at the Pukekohe Rec Centre. They competed with passion, determination and pride.

They competed against other Year 7 & 8 schools in the following challenges:

- Police car push
- Wild food gobble
- PT course
- Obstacle course in the pool

Thanks Patricia and Kirsty who managed the teams today, cheered on the teams and supported them throughout the day.



# PTA News



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

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

## **'NEON DISCO' - FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 6-8pm !!!**

Get ready to dance the night away, decked out in your brightest outfits! Pizza, hot chips, ice blocks, lollies, drinks and glow accessories will all be available for purchase. All these can be purchased on Kindo before the day! Please refer to the poster in the newsletter and on Hero for more details.

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

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

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

## **Uniform Shop is Open Tuesday 24th October.**

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).

## **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!

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

Any uniform queries can be emailed to: [uniformshop.karaka@gmail.com](mailto:uniformshop.karaka@gmail.com)

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

Karaka School PTA presents...

# NEON DISCO

Get ready to dance the  
night away, decked out in  
your brightest outfits!

**FRIDAY 3RD  
NOVEMBER**

**Karaka School Hall**

**6pm - 8pm**

**Featuring DJ Rob!**

**\$5 entry per child**

(max \$15 for a family of 3 or more, preschoolers free)

**Pizza, hot chips, ice blocks, lollies, drinks, glow  
accessories and more will be available to purchase.**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult for the whole night.**





# Reminder Dates

<b>24 Oct-3 Nov</b>	Life Education Caravan here
<b>20 October</b>	<b>School Closed for Instruction</b>
<b>23 October</b>	Labour Day
<b>24 October</b>	Ag Day Debrief 7.00pm
<b>25 October</b>	ECCS Touch Tournament Year 5-8
<b>31 October</b>	School Athletics Day
<b>3 November</b>	Rangitahi Festival
<b>7 November</b>	Senior Team Suspension Bridge Tramp
<b>14 November</b>	Year 4 Kelly Tarlton's Sleepover
<b>17 November</b>	Hunua Principals Association Cultural Festival
<b>24 November</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day</b>
<b>4-8 December</b>	Year 7 and 8 Camp to Raglan Holiday Park

## Community Notices



**KAS**  
KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

**CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION**  
**20TH OCTOBER 2023**  
**KARAKA SCHOOL**

Slide into KAS for a fun day  
full of everything bright and colourful!  
Wear your most colourful outfit and  
have fun with rainbow themed crafts,  
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