



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Principal's Note

Newsletter

Week 3, Term 4 2023

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

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora Karaka whānau. I trust everyone enjoyed the extra long weekend - my little escape to our caravan up in Mangawhai at the holiday park made it feel like Summer is not far away. And of course the weekend was topped off with the All Blacks convincing win against the Pumas on Saturday morning. No doubt we'll all be glued to the TV this Sunday to watch the Final (and many of us will be jumping around our lounges shouting at the TV in pyjamas - am pretty sure that's not just in my household lol!).

Today we have five teams at the ECCS Touch tournament at Te Puru Park in Beachlands. Although the weather looked dicey this morning, we are really glad the event was able to go ahead. I haven't managed to make it out there to watch today but no doubt Mr Glover, Mrs Sutton and Mrs Redshaw are proud of our teams (about 70 students in total!). Thanks to the parents who have gone out to support, and especially those who have volunteered to help ref the games. This Sunday we have about 80 Karaka students participating in the final part of the Kids Marathon - ka pai for the huge commitment from all these students who have been running their laps in the mornings before school. A special shout out to Mrs Sutton for organising this awesome opportunity for our tamariki. Next week we have our Athletics Day on Tuesday which we're really looking forward to as well.



In last week's newsletter, I mentioned we have our 'Learner Led Celebrations' coming up on Monday the 6th of November (Week 5). This will be a great chance for you and your whānau to come in and spend some time in your child's class to celebrate their learning and achievements, join in a family picnic on the field, and participate in some fun tabloid sports (think good old egg and spoon and 3-legged races). Classrooms will also be open after school for an hour for those who are unable to make it during school time. If the weather doesn't play ball, we have scheduled a 'Save Day' for Monday 20th of November (Week 7).

There won't be any 'formal' booking slots for this event; if you would like to make a more formal 'sit down' time to talk to your child's teacher, you will need to schedule this for a separate date/time sometime between now and the end of the year (our teachers are always available for these types of meetings whenever needed). A separate post will come out about this outlining all the details/times on HERO tomorrow.

Now for some news of a sadder nature. Recently we learned of the passing of a long standing staff member of Karaka School, Mrs Judith West. Judith was a valuable member of staff here from 2005-2017, and served as Assistant Principal and Middle Team Leader. Judith introduced many fun activities such as the Big Day Out, Middle Team Sleepover and Bubble Day in the pool. There will be a memorial service for Judith on 4th November 11.00am at Chapel Downs School for those families that may wish to attend.



Lastly, a big Ka Pai to our Good News Call of the Week recipients from last week who have been demonstrating our Karaka LEARN values in action. Keep up the good work.

Junior: Chloe D - Chloe strives for excellence in everything she does and is committed to her learning in all areas. She is a caring friend and quietly gets on with her work. Chloe is working so hard especially on her Maths and Reading, and getting some great results! Well done Chloe, you are a star!

Middle: Matias B - Matias is developing independent work habits and is showing focus and commitment towards his learning. He demonstrates the LEARN values both inside and out of the classroom and is a kind, helpful class member. Matias asks excellent questions and shows a great interest in our topics. Keep up the great work Matias!

Senior: Emily B - For always striving for Excellence with all her learning. For taking on a variety of extracurricular activities with enthusiasm. For always showing respect towards her peers and adults and for producing an outstanding Ponga poster with Mrs Thorby.

Have a good rest of the week - I'm looking forward to ending next week with my first ever Karaka School Disco!

Ngā mihi nui,

Anna Powrie
principal@karaka.school.nz



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You can sign up through our School Website

Going forward this will be our preferred method of payments

Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 boys volleyball team (Quinn, Daniel, Harry, Lucas, Archer, Mac, Tom) who competed at the Counties Volleyball tournament at Bruce Pulman Park last Thursday. The boys competed well and came 8th place overall out of 12 teams and received the Sportsmanship Award. Well done boys on your efforts and what an awesome experience it was to compete against a variety of schools and be challenged with your volleyball skills.



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	Cooper G	Amari M	Lyla S
Kapowai	Laurelle	Wilson M	Evie R
Tui	Taiks N	Rebecca Y	Sadie P
Ruru	Alexis T	Mason M	Charley P
Pateke	Georgia B	Lucas M	Ivory M
Pukeko	Leilani S	Tomas S-R	Miller P
Mokomoko	Nadia C	Parker O	Reyansh C
Kokako	Grace C	Jack C	Cameron B
	Cooper G	Harry P	Martin S R
		Lucas M-M	Sienna W
Mangopare	Aliyah M	Lucas H	Charlee C
	Archer J	CJ M	Daniel G



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
Parker P	Emma R	Harry P	Orla C	Frankie B
Josh B	Chloe D	Qasim H		
Izzy G		Reid H		
Hunter G		Tua S		
		Elizabeth C		
		Kayden G-B		
		Henry B		
		Hudson C		
		Edie W		



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*

*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!



Group Day Results -

Congratulations to our five students who entered Franklin Central Group Day on 18th October.

- Toby C—Senior Beef—2nd Rearing, 1st Type
- Nicola S—Intermediate Beef—3rd Leading, 3rd Type
- Charlotte S—Junior Heavy Calf—2nd Leading
- Annabel H—Junior Lamb—1st Export
- Aliyah M—Senior Heavy Calf—2nd Leading, 1st Rearing, 1st Type. Dairy Type Reserve Champ (Sash), Senior Child Effort—Champion Calf (Sash) and Forman Cup (and Sash) Reserve Champion of Champion Calf

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 **10th of November** undamaged and in a clean condition so we can get them ready for this year's event.

Thanks

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.

'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!

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

Any uniform queries can be emailed to: uniformshop.karaka@gmail.com

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

Reminder Dates

24 Oct-3 Nov	Life Education Caravan here
25 October	ECCS Touch Tournament Year 5-8
27 October	Assembly
31 October	School Athletics Day
3 November	Rangitahi Festival, PTA Neon Disco, Gumboot Friday
6 November	Learner Led Celebrations
7 November	Senior Team Suspension Bridge Tramp
10 November	Assembly
14 November	Year 4 Kelly Tarlton's Sleepover
17 November	Hunua Principals Association Cultural Festival
24 November	Teacher Only Day
4-8 December	Year 7 and 8 Camp to Raglan Holiday Park
15 December	Last day of Term 4

Community Notices



Ray White Papakura Colouring Competition

Ray White are running a Christmas colouring competition with the first place prize of a \$100.00 Toy World voucher for students 10 years and under. If you are interested please contact Winton at Ray White Papakura to get an entry form—winton.bebbington@raywhite.com

Papakura High School Year 8 Orientation Day

Papakura High School invites all enrolling students to our Annual Year 8 Orientation Day—Monday 11th December 9.30am-2.30pm

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