



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Principal's Note

Newsletter

Week 4, Term 4 2023

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

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora Karaka whānau. It would be amiss of me not to start by congratulating our South African sporting rivals for their World Cup win last weekend. Such a tough game with only one point in it by full time - made for pretty tense viewing in my house that's for sure! I'm already thinking that with the next World Cup being held in Australia in four year's time, it could be a good reason for a trip across the ditch.....!

I have some amazing news to start this week's memo with, now that the final numbers have been crunched and bills have been paid for the 2023 Ag Day.... would you believe we raised a whopping \$40,250.60!!! I have it on good authority that we have never cracked the 40K mark before so this is a truly outstanding effort from our community. Being a school with a reasonably low Equity Index Number (think 'High Decile' in the previous system's terms), we don't receive a lot of government funding compared to other schools. Therefore, it really is amazing that we can rely on community support to raise funds of this nature that ultimately benefit our tamariki. I've said it before and I'll say it again - thank you!

On the staffing front, I am excited to inform you we have confirmed our two new appointments for 2024. From January next year, we will be welcoming Miss Rebecca Cheyne to the Middle School team. Miss Cheyne is excited to be joining us at Karaka School, and we have absolutely no doubt that she will go from strength to strength as she embarks on her teaching career. We are also happy to announce that Mr Wouter Vermeulen will be joining Mrs Sutton in Year 7&8 in Mangopare. Mr Vermeulen is highly experienced in Year 7&8 having taught at Kedgley for 10 years before moving to Drury School in 2018. He is also very much into sports and was a huge support to the Sports/PE Coordinator at Drury, particularly with rugby - we feel he will be a big support to Mrs Sutton in this space moving forwards.

Tomorrow we have our School Athletics Day and we are all geared up for a day of sprints, field events and tabloids. All we need now is for the weather to play ball and we'll be sorted. A big thank you to Mrs Sutton for all the work she has done behind the scenes to organise this event - it always makes things trickier when something is postponed and she has covered all our bases well (as always!). On Monday, we hope to see you at the Learner Led Celebrations, school picnic and tabloid sports afternoon - it should be a day of celebrations and fun!

One thing I have been asked to remind people about, is that it is really important that where possible our students arrive at school on time. When students arrive late, it means that they have often missed that crucial time of the day when classes get together to go through important notices and get organised for the day. It also means they feel on the back foot heading into class. Yesterday we had 15 students sign in late for class - let's try and improve that number as we head into the last half of the term.

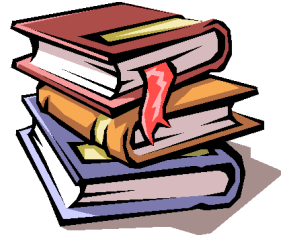
Lastly, you might notice that this week I haven't included the Good News Call of the Week memo in this week's blurb. I have to admit, I carried this over from the previous template when I first arrived, and have now found myself wondering why! With the post being celebrated each week on HERO, it seems a bit of overkill to repeat it in the newsletter a few days later. So from now on, we'll celebrate that in my Friday 'Good News' posts and leave the double ups out of the newsletter.

And on that note, ka kite and I'll see you at the Neon Disco on Friday if not before!

Ngā mihi nui,
Anna Powrie principal@karaka.school.nz

Library Closing Date

It is the time of the year to start hunting for any misplaced library books that may be hiding at home! Please gather them up and send them back to school by the **end of Week 5 - Friday 10th November**. This is important, so that our end of year stocktake can be done. If you're unsure if you have a library book, please check with your classroom teacher.



Please get in touch with Miss Ballard - hayleyb@karaka.school.nz if you are available to help with the stocktake of the library - even just a little bit of your time would be incredibly appreciated! Many hands make light work! The stocktake will likely begin in Week 7 - days/times TBC (we can work around any amazing helpers)!

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

Fees

Please make sure you have paid all fees due especially bus, mathletics, consumables, camps etc. We have had to pay outside providers for these and would appreciate payment to cover these costs.



Gumboot Friday

10th November

Kids Marathon

Congratulations on all those students who completed the last 2.2km of the 42.2km marathon that they've all been training so hard for over the past 10 weeks.

It was great to see all the smiling, happy faces complete this challenge today.

Well done to Cooper R who was the 1st boy in the 10-12 year race and won himself a \$50 ASICS voucher.

Training for the Weet-Bix TRYathlon should have started this week and next week you will be into Week 2 of the training programme. Email me if you would like a **free entry** into this event.

kims@karaka.school.nz



On Wednesday we took 65 Karaka School students to participate in the **E.C.C.S. Touch** event held at Te Puru Park. I want to commend all the students on their adaptability due to the fact that they had to start playing off in the rain and there wasn't one complaint.



Over the day there was numerous wins, some draws and a couple of losses.

A big thank you to: Lynley, Katrina, Nigel, Chris, Craig, Gary, Patricia, Kelly and Kris for supervising the teams and refereeing on the day. Without your help and support we would be limited to the teams we would be able to take. Thanks to Sian and George who helped to ref throughout the day, and support and encourage our students. Thanks Max N who offered to help manage a team on the day, we were all impressed with your initiative and leadership that you showed, well done. Thanks Ruby, Charlotte, Aurora and Charli who stepped up from the Middle Team to help our Year 5 & 6 teams due to limited numbers of girls interest from Kokako.



Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 boys touch team who came first and have qualified to compete in the Counties Touch tournament today. We wish these boys all the very best representing Karaka School at this tournament.



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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.

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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!

Oxford Pies—Order forms were sent home this week. Please pay the PTA by Kindo (preferred payment option) or eftpos in the office. Forms and payment due by Monday 13th November, collection from 2.30pm Thursday 23rd November.

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

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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 :)

Leaving at the end of the year? Changing Schools? Moving?

Please **urgently** advise the office if you do not intend to come back so we can work out class sizes and placements.

admin@karaka.school.nz

Reminder Dates

3 November	Rangitahi Festival, PTA Neon Disco
6 November	Learner Led Celebrations
7 November	Senior Team Suspension Bridge Tramp
10 November	Assembly, Gumboot Friday
13 November	Karaka's Got Talent
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

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