



Karaka School

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"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Principal's Note

Newsletter

Week 5, Term 4 2023

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

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora Karaka whānau. We've hit the midpoint of Term 4 and despite the fact there is lots going on, our community spirit remains on a high. On the sporting front, our Intermediate Touch team came 2nd at the Counties tournament last Wednesday after a final that came down to 'drop outs' (a term I have recently learned), our Athletics Day on Thursday was a success after being postponed from the Tuesday due to the weather, and our Community Picnic/Tabloids afternoon on Monday was also very well attended. To add to the mix, our 'Neon Disco' on Friday night was a super fun evening thanks to our amazing PTA (without whom things like Discos wouldn't happen), the staff who came along to help and support, and of course our awesome DJ Rob!! And to top it all off, our Senior Team enjoyed their EOTC experience in the Hunua Ranges yesterday. Next week our Year 4 students are looking forward to their 'sleepover experience' at Kelly Tarltons. I have to say, I just love being part of a kura where everyone enjoys the feeling of connectedness and excitement by coming together for such events.

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.

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Property Update:

Now that we are heading into what is really beginning to feel like summer (finally!), we have put together a schedule for use of the school pool for the remainder of Term 4. It seems a timely reminder for me to update you on the pool maintenance plans for the January holiday period. Those of you that have seen the pool recently will know that the exterior is in dire need of some TLC (I'm pretty sure it's four different layers of paint I can see in the sections that have now peeled away to expose the bare concrete underneath...). Upon closer inspection, we have also discovered a couple of cracks under some of the interior tiles on the pool sides; in time these will cause a slow, yet steady leak.

For a bit of background knowledge, the Ministry will not provide any money for schools towards the maintenance of school pools. The main reason for this comes down to inequity as not all schools have pools (and no new schools will have a pool built from now on), therefore they deem it an unfair allocation of crown funds. But not to fear - our fantastic Board has supported and approved the upgrade to ensure our pool is up to spec and will survive many more years of enjoyment in the summer months. The best news is that all of this work will take place over the Christmas holiday period, so when we return to school for 2024 our students will have a school pool that looks 'brand new'!! Come the middle of February you might even find me tempted to get in and join the kids lol!

On a sadder note, I have another update on the staffing front to share. Mrs Thorby has accepted a position at St Ignatius Catholic College which is due to open in January next year. Mrs Thorby has been part of the Karaka School whānau as a highly skilled Teacher Aide for many years and she will be sorely missed. However, the opportunity to become part of a foundation staff for a brand new college doesn't present itself often, and we wish her all the best. We also know she'll enjoy her continued connections with those Karaka students and families who attend St Ignatius in the future.

And finally, in light of the upcoming Diwali (festival of lights) celebrations, Mrs Fong will be available at lunchtime on Friday to create some beautiful Rangoli patterns with any students who would like to join in the fun. Have a great week and Happy Diwali to you all!

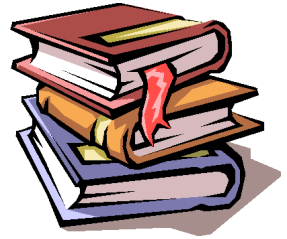
Ngā mihi nui,

Anna Powrie

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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 8 - days/times TBC (we can work around any amazing helpers)!

END OF YEAR TROPHIES AND AG DAY TROPHIES

Please can you return these to school by **FRIDAY** undamaged and in a clean condition so we can get them ready and engraved.

Thanks



Gumboot Friday

10th November

Gold Coin Donation

Gumboots only, not mufti

Year 7 next year? Have you ordered your Intermediate Uniform yet? Forms have been sent home. Last day for orders is this Friday 10th November. Payment by Kindo or Eftpos.

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	Henry E	Ines S	Annabel H
Kapowai	Chloe B	Stella C	Benji M
Tui	Dan P	Sadie P	Kiara C
Ruru	Annabelle C	Parker P	Orla C
Pateke	Darcy C	Sophie T	Tapaita T
Pukeko	Oscar W	Khylan T	Izna K
Mokomoko	Charlotte T	Noah B	Harper A
Kokako	Richard R	Jezelle C	Hunter T
	Grayson C	Hazel G	Kotelia P
		Ava M	Hazel G
Mangopare	Quinn H	Kaylee S	Mikayla C
	Tom P	Charlotte E	Madison L



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 Kereku badge.

Learning	Excellence	Adaptability	Respect	Nurture
Beaudene S	Ella H	Blake F	Indie P	Charlie T
Paige SH	Hayden R	Grayson C	Logan B	Emanuera S
Ayron C	Mason M	Riley C	Qasim H	Emma R
	Charley P	Sofia R	Sanaa S	Riley C
	Ayron C	Alexis T	Mason M	Sebastian B
		Shelby E		Sofia R
		Charlotte T		Joshua B
		Noah B		Taiks N
				Georgia S
				Cohen C

School Athletics Day

A big thank to you all the **students that participated** in the whole school athletics day. We were all impressed with your determination and perseverance while completing in all the events.

Thank you to those **parents that helped** out whether it was as a photographer, during the track and field events or helping run a tabloid event - without your help days like these wouldn't be as successful as they are.

A big thanks to Tom Good, our caretaker who spent endless hours during the weekends to ensure that we had lines for the 100m track. We really appreciate the time and effort that it took you.

Thanks to Sian and Jenny who stayed after school to help me type up and print out all the athletics certificates ready for presenting at next weeks assembly.

Thanks to the parents who came along to support and watch your child/ren today - I'm sure you're all as proud of them as we all are for their efforts today.

Our Karaka School students (Year 6 to 8) will participate at the E.C.C.S. Athletics event on Tuesday 14th of November, at Massey Park in Papakura.



Karaka School Athletics Sports Results 2023

Track Events		Boys			Girls		
		1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd
60m	Year 0	Manhar S	James R	Henry E	Evie R	Yvette R	Yana P
	Year 1	Parker P	Cohen H	Cooper G	Chloe B	Millie N	Kate A
	Year 2	Taiko N	Rocco G	Mason M / Cedric T	Frankie B	Rebecca Y	Georgia S
	Year 3	Boston P	Darren R	Khylan T	Fitimoka P	Hadlee N	Aurora C
	Year 4	Oscar W	Conor G	James R	Ruby H	Leilani S	Charlotte T
	Year 5	Jack A	Lehan vR	Richard R	Chloe S	Emma M	Chelsea L
	Year 6	Tua S	Cooper R	Martin SR	Ella H	Kotelia P	Lucy E
	Year 7	Daniel P	Tom P	Manase S	Grace M	Kaylee S	Charlee C
	Year 8	Jake M	Cooper F	Archer J	Emily SB	Mahalia-Rose S	Charlotte E
100 m	Year 0	Manhar S	James R	Henry E	Evie R	Yvette R	Yana P
	Year 1	Parker P	Cohen H	Cooper G	Millie N	Chloe B	Chloe D
	Year 2	Taiko N	Mason M	Rocco G	Frankie B	Rebecca Y	Eliza H
	Year 3	Boston P	Darren R	Ayden V	Fitimoka P	Hadlee N	Aurora C
	Year 4	Oscar W	James R	Conor G	Leilani S	Ruby H	Charlotte T
	Year 5	Lehan vR	Jack A	Richard R	Emma M	Chloe S	Chelsea L
	Year 6	Tua S	Cooper R	Martin SR	Ella H	Liberty W	Lucy E
	Year 7	Daniel P	Tom P	Manase S	Grace M	Aliyah M	Charlee C
	Year 8	Archer J	Jake M	Cooper F	Emily SB	Charlotte E	Mahalia-Rose S

Track Events		Boys			Girls		
		1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd
200m	Year 3	Boston P	Reyansh C	Brodie V	Fitimoka P	Hadlee N	Aurora C
	Year 4	James R	Lucah G-B	Oscar W	Leilani S	Ruby H	Nadia C
	Year 5	Jack A	Ayaan K	Lehan v R	Chloe S	Emma M	Chelsea L
	Year 6	Cooper R	Israel K	Martin S R	Kotelia P	Ella H	Libby W
	Year 7	Daniel P	Tom P	Manase S	Grace M	Olivia P	Aliyah M
	Year 8	Archer J	Toby C	Cooper F	Emily S-B	Paikea H-F	Mikayla C
400m	Year 3	Boston P	Bill G	Cohen O'L	Thea P	Livia C	Aurora C
	Year 4	James R	Oscar W	Cohen C	Leilani S	Charlotte T	Ruby H
	Year 5	Jack A	Ayaan K	Lehan v R	Chloe S	Emma M	Chelsea L
	Year 6	Cooper R	Martin S R	Tua S	Ella H	Lucy E	Liberty W
	Year 7	Daniel P	Tom P	Kieran D	Grace M	Olivia P	Aliyah M
	Year 8	Toby C	Cooper F	Archer J	Paikea H F	Mikayla C	Charlotte E
800m	Year 5	Jack A			Chloe S	Aysia C	Hannah P
	Year 6	Cooper R	Max N	Charlie T	Ella S		
	Year 7	Daniel P	Tom P		Grace M	Aliyah M	Tatum Z
	Year 8	Toby C	Archer J		Paikea HF	Mikayla C	Charlotte E
House Relay	Senior	Kowhai	Pohutukawa	Harakeke	Ponga		

Field Events		Boys			Girls		
		1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd
Long Jump	Year 5	Jack A	Isaiah K	Franklin G	Emma M	Kaitlyn B	Chelsea L
	Year 6	Tua S	Martin SR	Israel K	Kotelia P	Liberty W	Ella H
	Year 7	Daniel P	Tom P	Kieran D	Grace M	Olivia P	Charlee C
	Year 8	Jake M	Archer J	Lucas H	Emily SB	Paikea HF	Mahalia-Rose S
High Jump	Year 5	Cooper G	Franklin G	Jack A	Kaitlyn B	Chelsea L	Chloe S
	Year 6	Israel K	Martin SR	Carter C	Liberty W	Lucy E	Ella H
	Year 7	Daniel P	Flynn W	Manase S	Aliyah M	Olivia P	Grace M
	Year 8	Jake M	Lucas H	Archer J	Paikea HF	Mahalia-Rose S	Charlotte E
Discus	Year 5	Isaiah K	Bradley S	Franklin G	Kaitlyn B	Chloe S	Chelsea L
	Year 6	Cooper R	Israel K	Oliver B	Kotelia P	Liberty W	Lilly-Anne H
	Year 7	Daniel P	Manase S	Flynn W	Deeann C	Grace M	Emma M
	Year 8	Quinn H	Jake M	Patrick-James A	Paikea HF	Mahalia-Rose S	Brooklyn T
Shot Put	Year 5	Isaiah K	Jack A	Bradley S	Kaitlyn B	Chloe S	Emma M
	Year 6	Israel K	Jaxxon T	Emanuera S	Kotelia P	Liberty W	Jezelle C
	Year 7	Manase S	Daniel P	Tom P	Deeann C	Emma M	Grace M
	Year 8	Jake M	Quinn H	Mac M	Mahalia-Rose S	Emily SB	Brooklyn T
Turbo Jav	Year 5	Bradley S	Jack A	Isaiah K	Kaitlyn B	Chloe S	Chelsea L
	Year 6	Cooper R	Israel K	Carter C	Kotelia P	Ella H	Liberty W
	Year 7	Flynn W	Tom P	Devan C	Tatum Z	Grace M	Deeann C
	Year 8	Jake M	Harry S	Jett I	Mahalia-Rose S	Emily B	Brooklyn T



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Payment options: Internet banking, instant transfers, and credit card options available.

The swimming pool is open for business! Children can bring their togs from tomorrow. We have set up a roster to give all year groups the chance to swim each day. Bring your togs, towel and optional goggles to school and splish, splash splosh!



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**.

Disco—A massive thank you to everyone who came and supported our Neon Disco and a big thank you to all the parents and staff who helped make the disco such a fun and fabulous night. Special mentions to DJ Rob for the awesome tunes on the night, Matt Keller for the black lights that made the neon glow, which was a huge hit with the kids.

Final amount raised will be confirmed in the next week or two.



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

10 November	Assembly, Gumboot Friday, Intermediate Uniform orders due
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
12 December	Year 8 Graduation Dinner
13 December	Karaka's Got Talent 1.15-2.30pm
14 December	Prizegiving 5.30-6.30pm
15 December	Last day of Term 4— School closes at midday , buses will be at this time
25 January	Uniform Shop will be open 8.30-10.30am
25 January	Office open 8.30—12.00



Community Notices

MONSTER MASH UP

Teacher Only Day - Friday 24th November 2023

Mash it up with us!
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