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EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Newsletter

Principal's Note

Week 6, Term 4 2023

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

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora Karaka whānau. Another week filled with lots of exciting experiences and achievements. For those families who have been celebrating Diwali, we hope you've had a special time with friends and family.

To keep you all updated, yesterday we had a large number of students representing Karaka School at ECCS Athletics - ka pai to all of you. Mrs Sutton and Mrs Thorby said the day was really successful. Last night our Year 4 students had their EOTC experience - a sleepover at Kelly Tarltons. The students had an amazing time, and we are pretty sure Mrs Aupa'au and Mrs Collie (along with the parents who volunteered to help out) also enjoyed the amazing experience of sleeping in the aquarium tunnels! On Friday this week our Kapa Haka groups are performing at the Hunua Cultural Festival at Alfriston School which we are also really excited about.

We know that the second half of Term 4 will continue to speed by at an alarming rate so here are a few dates/times to make sure you have in your calendars:



Teacher Only Day - Friday 24th November (this is the second of the Ministry mandated days for the year to continue unpacking the refreshed NZ Curriculum). School will be closed for instruction on this day.

- Yr 8 Graduation Dinner - Thursday 12th December
- Karaka's Got Talent Final - Wednesday 13th December (9:15am)
- Thursday 14th December - End of Year Prizegiving @ 5:30pm
- Friday 15th December - Last day of term (school finishes at midday)

On Monday evening, the Board and Leadership Team had a really productive session analysing all the feedback from all our key stakeholders as part of the Strategic Planning process. It was great to see some clear themes emerging in terms of areas for future focus and improvement. The Board is also preparing an update to share back to you all summarising some of the key points very soon - watch out for this.

We also have one last staffing announcement to update you on for the year. Mrs Aupa'au will be leaving us to begin her new position at Alfriston School from the start of 2024. Mrs Aupa'au returned to us at the start of this year having been on maternity leave, and has enjoyed her time in the Middle Team. Although she will be missed, we wish her all the best for her new adventures.

To finish off, it has been awesome to see the pool back in action and listening to the squeals of delight (or possibly reaction to the cold water!!) as children have their turn in the pool. Having never been in a school with its own pool before, I can't help but feel our kids are super lucky here at Karaka School.

Ngā mihi nui,

Anna Powrie

principal@karaka.school.nz

Library Closed—Return All Books

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 NOW. The Library is now closed to get ready for the annual stocktake



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)!

Karaka's Got Talent Wednesday 13th December

Due to a clash with timing, we are bringing forward the start of Karaka's Got Talent to 9.15am (same date). This will ensure all our learners are able to be there. Family members who want to be part of the audience are welcome to stay after drop off and take their seats in the hall, ready for the show to begin.



We anticipate the show will last around one hour. See the current Hero post for more details. Contact class teachers or Mr Dyer (johnd@karaka.school.nz) with any questions or queries.

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



Have you paid all your fees?

**Bus, Mathletics, Class Consumables, Camps,
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Thank you

Dear Community,

We are holding a working bee on Sunday 26th November from 10am – 1pm to include...

1) Carting, filling and spreading mulch in the old Junior Playground. (mulch, driver and truck kindly donated by Franklin Trees)

2) Plant, stake and wrap new fruit trees on the Bottom Flat (kindly donated by Blackbridge Nursery)

3) Planting of shrubs / trees in Sensory Garden and in native bush areas

4) Keep / chuck / declutter the Rat Shed, Boiler Room, and a variety of other storage areas around school

5) Re-painting giant chess boards

6) Transporting furniture

7) Water Blasting / cleaning

8) General, weeding, sweeping and tidy of school grounds, pool area... and who knows what else!

Lunch and cold drinks will be provided by the school.

Bring along any of your favourite tools that you think can be put to good use.

We will meet at 9.50am by the Flagpole for a 'Health & Safety' briefing.

Please email Mr Dyer (john.d@karaka.school.nz) if you would like to come and join the fun! Thanks in advance!



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>Select create account

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	Charli S	Yvette R	Georgie P
Kapowai	Cohen H	Harper O	Isla H
Tui	Jena	Shelby	Zoe
Ruru	Rocco G	Eddie G	Sofia R
Pateke	Frankie N	Max H	Nathaniel L
Pukeko	Marshall K	Samira S	Alayna K
Mokomoko	Ayron C	Nicola S	Kingston D
Kokako	Tua S	Charlyn R	Ella S
	William M	Emanuera S	Indie P
		Isaiah K	Chloe S
Mangopare	Josie H	Mikayla C	Cooper G
	Jake		



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
Antè G	Grace M	Eliza H	Ethan B	Sophia G
Cohen O	Ruby H	Emanuera S	Henry B	Hudson C
Darcy C	Gurbaaz S	Charlyn R	Amelia C	Eliza H
Tapaita T	Deeva P	Harper A	Tomas S	Edie W
Chloe W	Patrick-James A		Kayden G-B	Emily B
Max H	Areet B		Jaxxon T	Mikayla C
Emily B	Sanaa S		Emily B	Blake F
Patrick-James A	Harry P		Harper A	Lucy E
Quinn H				Martin S
Emily SB				Oliver B
Mahalia-Rose S				Reid H
				Tua S
				Charlyn R
				Logan B
				Harper A

ECCS Athletics Day

Yesterday 30 Year 6 to 8 Karaka School students represented Karaka School at the E.C.C.S. Athletics Day held at Massey Park. The behaviour of the students and the results were outstanding! 48 placings would have to be one of the best results that we've achieved. Well done everyone!

Congratulations everyone on your efforts, determination and pride for Karaka School. Well done to Izzy K and Deeann C who were noticed for their beautiful manners. Thank you to Mikayla C and Harry S who showed their appreciation for the time and effort that goes into these events and thank you to Grace M who offered to help pack down the discus event. Your appreciation and help goes a long way after an event, so thank you again.

A big thank you to Sarah Wilson and Kelly Riley who helped out at the discus all day. Your help is truly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the Year 7 & 8 students who've qualified to represent E.C.C.S. At the Counties Athletics next Tuesday.



2023 E.C.C.S. Athletics Results

Place	Event	Age	Gender	Name
1st	1500m	Year 6	Boys	Cooper R
1st	1500m	Year 7	Boys	Daniel P
2nd	1500m	Year 8	Girls	Paikea H-F
3rd	1500m	Year 6	Girls	Ella H
3rd	1500m	Year 8	Boys	Toby C
1st	800m	Year 6	Boys	Cooper R
1st	800m	Year 7	Boys	Daniel P
2nd	800m	Year 7	Girls	Grace M
2nd	800m	Year 8	Girls	Mikayla C
3rd	800m	Year 8	Boys	Toby C
1st	400m	Year 6	Boys	Cooper R
1st	400m	Year 7	Boys	Daniel P
3rd	400m	Year 8	Boys	Toby C
1st	200m	Year 7	Boys	Daniel P
2nd	200m	Year 6	Girls	Kotelia P
3rd	200m	Year 6	Boys	Cooper R
1st	100m	Year 6	Boys	Tua S
2nd	100m	Year 6	Girls	Liberty W
2nd	100m	Year 7	Boys	Daniel P
3rd	100m	Year 6	Boys	Martin SR
1st	Shot Put	Year 6	Boys	Israel K
1st	Shot Put	Year 7	Girls	Deeann C
2nd	Shot Put	Year 8	Girls	Mahalia-Rose S
3rd	Shot Put	Year 6	Girls	Kotelia P

1st	Discus	Year 6	Girls	Kotelia P
1st	Discus	Year 6	Boys	Cooper R
1st	Discus	Year 7	Girls	Deeann C
2nd	Discus	Year 6	Boys	Israel K
3rd	Discus	Year 7	Girls	Grace M
3rd	Discus	Year 7	Boys	Daniel P
1st	Long Jump	Year 6	Girls	Liberty W
2nd	Long Jump	Year 6	Girls	Ella H
2nd	Long Jump	Year 6	Boys	Israel K
2nd	Long Jump	Year 7	Boys	Daniel P
3rd	Long Jump	Year 6	Girls	Kotelia P
3rd	Long Jump	Year 6	Boys	Martin SR
3rd	Long Jump	Year 8	Girls	Emily SB
2nd	High Jump	Year 6	Boys	Martin SR
2nd	High Jump	Year 6	Boys	Israel K
2nd	High Jump	Year 7	Girls	Olivia P
3rd	High Jump	Year 7	Girls	Aliyah M
2nd	Relay	Year 7 & 8	Girls	Emily SB Mikayla C Mahalia-Rose S Paikea HF
2nd	Relay	Year 7 & 8	Boys	Toby C Archer J Cooper F Daniel P



PTA News

**Oxford Pies—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

Reminder Dates

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 9.15-10.15am
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
30 January	Term 1 starts

Community Notices



MONSTER MASH UP

**Teacher Only Day -
Friday 24th November 2023**

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