



# Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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## Principal's Note

# Newsletter

**Week 9, Term 4 2023**

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

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora e te whānau! I still can't believe we're in the second to last week of term - the past few weeks have flown by. The madness in my household this week centres around getting Emily (my daughter) to all the rehearsals for the upcoming Stewart Dance Studio production which kicks off on Friday night. I have enjoyed seeing all the other Karaka students who dance there racing in and out of the Hawkins Theatre (and swapping looks of understanding about how hectic the week feels with their parents lol!). We also have two staff members (Mrs Noakes and Mrs Wilson) who are heavily involved in the production, which is a really nice connection for us to have outside of school too. I won't say I'll be sad after their final show next Friday on the last day of term...

This week our Intermediates are having a blast at camp down in Raglan. Yesterday I had an update to say they had an amazing time caving, rock climbing and abseiling and were off to enjoy a quiet night in - no doubt exhausted! We are hoping the weather improves for them and the rain disappears for the remainder of the week. I do have to admit that the school seems a little empty without our eldest students on site and I'm looking forward to having them back for the last week of term.



Today was the second of the 'Wet'n'Wild' rotations for our Junior and Middle Teams and they have had an absolute blast. The teachers have also enjoyed running their various stations - I know there was a dash to the shop to get more dishwashing liquid for the water slide after school yesterday, and Mrs Fielder and Miss Ballard have literally spent the last two days in the pool with the kids while they got to enjoy the inflatable raft and kayak activities.

Next week we have lots going on so please make sure you check your calendar to ensure you don't miss out. Karaka's Got Talent is in the Hall on Wednesday at 9:15am and is going to be an amazing experience - we'd love to have you there (if you're in luck you may just get to see a special staff feature item too!). A huge thank you to Mr Dyer for his time and effort that has gone into organising this event. It is a wonderful opportunity to see our learners showcasing their talents that we otherwise may not get to see. Ka pai to all the students who had the courage to get up and perform in the heats. Even though you may not have made it through to the final stage, we are all super proud of you.

Our final school assembly will be held next Thursday afternoon at the usual time and among other things, our students will get to farewell our staff who are leaving us at the end of the year - Mrs Thorby, Mrs Aupa'au and Mr Glover. We are sure this last week and a half will feel a little bittersweet, with a touch of sadness as well as excitement of the new things to come. We know one thing for sure - we will miss you all!

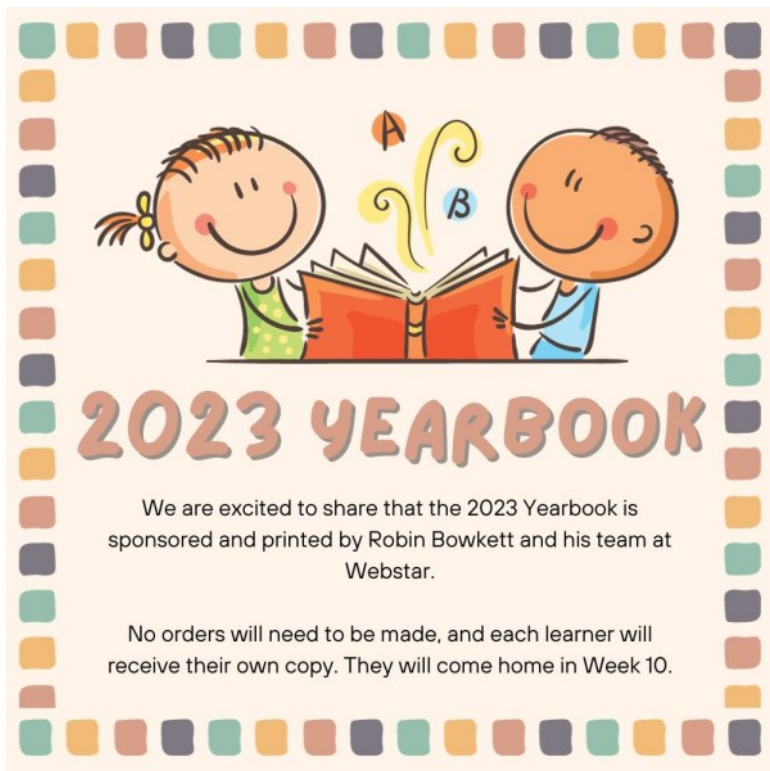
**The last important thing to note is that school ends at midday on Friday. Please ensure you have organised for your child/ren to be picked up early that day.**

**Ngā mihi nui,**

**Anna Powrie**

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

**Classes for Next Year and End of Year Reports  
These will be live on Hero for caregivers to view in  
the afternoon on Wednesday 13th December.**



We are excited to share that the 2023 Yearbook is sponsored and printed by Robin Bowkett and his team at Webstar.

No orders will need to be made, and each learner will receive their own copy. They will come home in Week 10.



Lucas M and William M have both trained hard this year and have received their yellow belts at grading. Pictured here with Mr Good (their instructor).

# Prize Giving

14th December 5.30pm

Full school uniform

Children will be sitting at the front of the hall



## Stationery for 2024

We will once again be using the OfficeMax online ordering system for class stationery.

Stationery lists will be available shortly to view and order by going to [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz)



**After 13th December, when you know your child's class for 2024, you will be able to order their stationery packs.**

**Avoid the rush, order before 31st December and you can be in to WIN 1 of 5 \$1000 cash prizes. Order in December and you can choose whether to receive the goods in December 2023 or January 2024.**

## Start of Year Information

- The PTA Uniform shop will be open on Thursday 25th January between 8.30am–10.30am
- The Office will be open on Thursday 25th January between 8.30am-12.00pm

## Have you created your My Kindo Personalised account?

If you require help setting up your My Kindo Personalised account, the Kindo helpdesk is open 8am to 4pm weekdays.

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Very easy process...

>Visit the school website [www.karaka.school.nz](http://www.karaka.school.nz)

>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	Manhar S	Lucy M	Mila-Rose T
Kapowai	Stella C	Millie N	James R
Tui	Erick Y	Jack H	Beaudene S
Ruru	Edie W	Amelia C	Blake G
Pateke	Jax C	Max H	Thea P
Pukeko	Conor G	Kellan H	Katy C
Mokomoko	Charli R	Boston P	Paige S-H
Kokako	Phoenix G	Chelsea L	Charlie T
	Qasim H	Frankie G	Libby W
		Logan B	Oliver B
Mangopare	Emily B	Devan C	Grace McK
	Manase S	Emma M	Deeann C



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 Kerehu badge.

Learning	Excellence	Adaptability	Respect	Nurture
Carter S	Ethan B	Ethan B	Amaya G	Ethan B
Amaya G	Eddie G	Zac V	Carter S	Kiara C
Orla C	Carter C	Georgia S	Jena P	Israel K
	Cooper R	Frankie B	Rebecca Y	Max N
	Elizabeth C		Harry M	Qasim H
	Kayden G-B		Eddie G	Soren R
	Lucy E		Georgia S	Charlotte T
	Tua S		Charlie T	Orla C
	Hunter W		Oliver B	
			Paige S-H	
			Boston P	
			Charlotte T	





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Your child's class list will be uploaded to **myschool.co.nz**

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## Helpers Morning Tea

**Wednesday 13th December at 11.00 in the Hall**

**Morning tea provided by the staff to say "Thank You" for all those who have helped out throughout the year .**

**We really appreciate all that you do!**

**ATTENTION**

Are you looking  
for a way to  
get involved with our  
amazing school in  
**2024?**

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

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE EMAIL  
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You can email any questions/fundraising ideas to 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

# Reminder Dates

<b>12 December</b>	Year 8 Graduation Dinner
<b>13 December</b>	Karaka's Got Talent 9.15-10.45am
<b>13 December</b>	Thank you Helpers Morning Tea 11.00am
<b>14 December</b>	Assembly 1.45pm, Prizegiving 5.30-6.30pm
<b>15 December</b>	Last day of Term 4— <b>School closes at midday</b> , buses will be at this time
<b>25 January</b>	Uniform Shop will be open 8.30-10.30am
<b>25 January</b>	Office open 8.30—12.00
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>30th January—12th April</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>29th April—5th July</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>22nd July—27th September</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>14th October—13th December</b>

## Community Notices



### **Bricks 4 Kids Holiday Programme**

Lego STEAM 8-26 January 9.00am—3.00pm

3 Papaka Road, Hingaia Peninsula School

Book: [www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/south](http://www.bricks4kidz.co.nz/south) Auckland

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# KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

AGES  
5-13

# SUMMER holidays

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

END OF YEAR SCHOOL FINISH DATES- 22ND DECEMBER

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