



Karaka School

EMBRACING LEARNING. BUILDING RESILIENCE. ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE.

"Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puawai."

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Principal's Note

Newsletter

Week 10, Term 4 2023

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

CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

Kia ora - and here we are in the last week of school for 2023! What an awesome year it has been and I feel extremely grateful to belong to such a wonderful school. We still have a few major events to get through this week before we can all take a break and start to recharge the batteries (well us teachers can - not so sure about all our parents!!).

This morning we had our 'Karaka's Got Talent' show - well done to everyone who performed on stage today, you are amazing! Thank you to our special guest judges - Tim Ganter (guitar teacher), Jeanette Kurz (piano teacher) and Ben Wellstood (Student teacher). Thank you also to Mr Dyer for his hard work pulling it all together. Following that, we also enjoyed the opportunity to thank those who have supported us this year at our 'Helper's Morning tea' provided by the staff. Thank you once again to everyone who supported us this year in all the various ways. Without people to help and support, schools simply don't run as effectively or as smoothly, and we appreciate you.

Tomorrow we are also looking forward to our final assembly at 1:30pm (note the earlier start time), and our end of year **Prize Giving which will kick off at 5:30pm sharp in the Hall. Students to wear full school uniform. The bottom flat will be open for parking—4 wheel drive vehicles only.**



Last week our Year 7&8 students had an absolute blast at camp down in Raglan. This was our first time using these camp facilities. The activities were really exciting and the venue was excellent - so much so that we will be keen to rebook for Raglan in 2025! A huge thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to go down and help for the week - you are all very much appreciated. A special shout out to Patricia McKelvey who did an amazing job as the 'Camp Chef', and also to Mrs Sutton and Mr Glover for being the teachers in charge. All your hard mahi made for an exciting end of year experience for our Intermediate students.

Last night we celebrated with our Year 8 leavers and their whānau at the Year 8 Graduation dinner at Rise'n Shine in Paerata. It was a really special occasion and a lovely way to mark the end of their primary school journey. This week also marks the end of an era for some of our permanent staff members, whom we will acknowledge in different ways later this week. I also want to say thank you to Mrs Colaco who took over our Tui space (along with Mrs Vorster) at the start of Term 4. It's not easy to find teachers at that time of the year and we are very grateful that you were able to step in and support our amazing learners in Tui space. We also farewell Ms Dalziel who has been supporting one of our Kotare learners every Tuesday this year - we will miss you.

Today your child will be bringing home their 2023 Year Book. A huge thank you to Robin Bowkett for sponsoring and printing the magazine this year, we are extremely grateful. Thanks also to Miss Ballard for coordinating all the magazine pages on our end (and making sure we all kept to our deadlines - I have promised her I won't be late with mine next year lol!).

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. Our school office and uniform shop will be open on Thursday the 25th of January next year. Until then, have a wonderful Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. I look forward to the first newsletter edition in 2024.

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

School Closes at 12.00 on Friday 15th
School buses will be running at this time

Accounts—We would appreciate payment of any outstanding accounts especially where we have already paid funds to outside providers:

**Mathletics **Technology fees **Bus **Stationery Consumables **Camps

Stationery for 2024

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



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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

Prize Giving

14th December 5.30pm

Full school uniform

Children will be sitting at the front of the hall



Karaka's Got Talent Winners

Congratulations to all our contestants, finalists and performers. We are incredibly proud of you.

First place—Tom P

Second place—Manhar S

Third place—Dayson L

Wild Card—The Maori Boys



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

The Karaka School PTA account is 12-3031-0851231-00

Reminder Dates

14 December	Assembly 1.30pm, 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
6 February	Waitangi Day
Term 1	30th January—12th April
Term 2	29th April—5th July
Term 3	22nd July—27th September
Term 4	14th October—13th December

Community Notices



Bricks 4 Kids Holiday Programme

Lego STEAM 8-26 January 9.00am—3.00pm

3 Papaka Road, Hingaia Peninsula School

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Message from Traffica

We have to do 5 days of stop/go traffic management at the intersection of Blackbridge Rd/Linwood Rd/Dyke Rd intersection. This will be from Monday 18/12/2023 to Friday 22/12/2023.

AGES
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KIDS AFTER SCHOOL
KAS

SUMMER
holidays

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

END OF YEAR SCHOOL FINISH DATES- 22ND DECEMBER

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