

# KARAPIRO CHRONICLE

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Kia ora ki nga Whanau me nga hoa o te kura tuatahi o Karapiro. Greetings to all families and friends of Karapiro School.

The issue of bullying is certainly in the media at the moment. It is in no way a new issue for schools and, in fact, wider society in general but we have recently seen some high profile cases that have brought the topic sharply into the public arena. At Karapiro the issue of bullying is constantly on our radar. We work proactively at ensuring that our school is 100% bully free and we do that by working exceptionally hard at developing positive relationships and focussing on positive behaviour through our virtues and leadership programmes. Recent community surveys have shown that our school families are very happy with the standard of behaviour at our school. Of course disputes and arguments happen from time to time, this is completely natural when groups of children work and play closely together. Many siblings are a perfect example! Our focus is on helping our students develop the resilience and coping strategies necessary to deal with challenging situations. On the very rare occasions when we feel we have had an occurrence of bullying, we act swiftly to record the incident and deal with the problem. There are no simple answers to the issues of bullying and with increasing use of cell phones and social media as well as some dubious role modelling in the media these issues are likely to become more complex. We will continue to prioritise the development of social skills and the building of positive relationships as the best way to help our students develop as caring, respectful and confident young people.

Have a great week  
David

## QUIZ NIGHT QUIZ NIGHT QUIZ NIGHT QUIZ NIGHT

Your entry form to this fun night on Saturday the 21st of May is enclosed.

Our Quiz Nights are very popular events so get together with family, friends and neighbours, form a team, and get your entry in early. If you would like to be part of a team just phone Jenny in the school office. Most teams have a theme and dress-up which adds hugely to the fun of the night.

In between the rounds of questions (*don't worry you don't have to be Einstein-questions are answered as a team*) there will be quick fire raffles and an auction item or two so bring along some money.

**The Fund Raising Committee is asking for the support of all school families to provide raffle prizes/auction items.**

Here are a few suggestions of what we are after:- Bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates, meat packs, scratch tickets, items to make up a 'Man's Pack' (tape measure, socks, tools, WOF voucher etc.), items to make up a 'Woman's Pack' (cosmetics, jewellery, magazine etc.), items for a coffee pack (coffee, mugs, teaspoons, speciality teas etc.), vouchers, make up a gift basket of small items etc. Families may know of a business willing to donate a prize. It would be a huge help to the organizers if the items were brought in to the school office by the end of term as they plan to meet during the holidays to organize the programme for the night. Even if you can't get the item just yet please let us know what you plan to donate. Thank you for your support.

### SAILING / KAYAKING

Next week we will be holding one of our most rewarding activities when we take our Year 5 and 6 students to Lake Karapiro to spend the day sailing and kayaking. Our Year 6 students will be building upon the skills that they developed last year while our Year 5 students will receive an introduction to the basics of handling these water craft. Earlier this week the students took part in a water safety session with a focus on rivers and lakes as part of this programme.



### REMINDERS:

Sarah Ulmer Series **Cambridge**, May 8th, several distance options, walk, run or cycle.  
**Huntly** 10k run/walk and half marathon, May 22. To register for either of these events phone Caroline 823 5284 / 021 035 5748.

### Lunch Orders for Fri 8th April

Hamburgers \$2.50  
Flavoured Milk \$1.60  
Juicie 80c



### Monthly Diary

Mon 11 April	Sailing/Kayaking Day Room 1 Students.
Fri 15 April	Last Day Term 1 3.10pm finish.
Mon 2 May	First Day Term 2.
Thur 12 May	Kids for Kids Concert Founders Theatre.
Sat 21 May	Quiz Night.



New enrolments are always welcome at any level of the school

We operate a bus service from Cambridge, Karapiro Village and surrounding areas.

Join us for a quality education in a safe, friendly country school

### BOOST THAT FRUIT

## OLD FAITHFUL

Back in the day meat and 3 vege was the staple dinner. This week aim to make your dinner look like this every night. For those vegetarians out there, substitute the meat for another protein source - fish, beans, legumes, eggs etc.



**CRICKET:** Bodie's team won their cricket game in the weekend.

Wade Vincent was awarded Batsman of the Season for his team and Sam Hogan took out the Bowler of the Season award for his team.



Sam and Wade holding their trophies.

### SCHOOL LEADERS

We would like to congratulate Okoko and Sarah who have been selected as our school leaders for April and May. They take over from Abigail and Bodie who did a terrific job last month demonstrating excellent role modelling and leading discussions around the current virtues study.



**MINIBALL:** Results from Friday the 1st April: The Hot Shots won 57-31 and Jared was the Player of the Night with some very accurate shooting.



The Giants just missed out on winning their game by one goal. Hannah was the deserving Player of the Night-she had a great game and was not the least bit intimidated by a taller opponent.

The All Stars won their game by a huge 48-6 points. Mac was the Player of the Night for good skills and Nziwa deserves special mention for her great shooting.

**Draw for this Friday the 8th of April 2011:**

All Stars	Court 2	6.30pm
Hot Shots	Court 1	5.30pm
Giants	Court 1	6.30pm

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Thank you to all those who have purchased this year's Entertainment Book. The school received \$11 for each book sold and we are confident that you will get great value from your purchase. **Please have all unwanted books returned by tomorrow Friday the 8th of April.**

### LEARNING AGENTS

We had an incredibly difficult job selecting this year's learning agents from the high calibre applications received from our year six students. We could have selected any one of them with the confidence that they would do a great job. We would like to congratulate Thomas, Hannah, Abigail and Sam who will be performing this important role this year. Today the learning agents spent the day in Hamilton getting to know the other learning agents from the Cambridge Rural Schools. Tomorrow they will be working at Horahora School on their first mission which will be to define the 'ideal learner.' They will then complete some research around this idea before sharing their findings with different audiences. We wish them lots of luck!

The virtue we are focusing on for the month of April is **SELF DISCIPLINE**. Our school leaders, Okoko and Sarah, have shared some ideas around this theme with the school. They shared the importance of controlling our emotions even when we are angry to help to ensure that we make the right choices.

**Don't forget the local community catch up at Caroline's tonight, 7pm at 1560 Bucklands Road. All welcome, bring a bottle if you require some of the stronger stuff to drink! Nibbles provided.**



**WEBSITE** Check out the website at [www.karapiro.school.nz](http://www.karapiro.school.nz) Did you know that we get around 1000 visitors a month to the site. We hope that you are one of them. The site has a search box that lets you find just what you were looking for.