

KARAPIRO CHRONICLE

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Kia ora ki nga Whanau me nga hoa o te kura tuatahi o Karapiro.

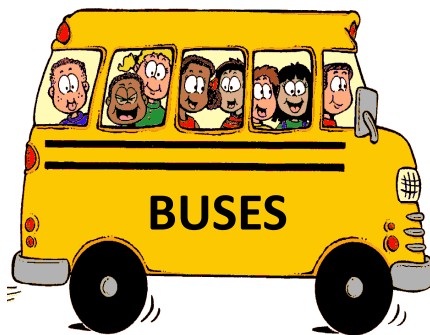
Greetings to all families and friends of Karapiro School.

Nau mai, haere mai ki te wika o te reo Maori. Welcome to Maori Language Week. Thank you to everyone who came along to the reporting to parents sessions last week. We hope that you found the meetings useful and that they helped you to get the most out of your child's report, learning journal and parent-teacher meeting. If you missed the meeting then a PowerPoint presentation is available on the 'learning links' page of our website at <http://karapiro.school.nz/learning-links/>. We hope that you have made the time to sit down with your child to celebrate the successes of the first half of the year and to help them set their goals for the next six months. Please complete the parent feedback form in the learning journal and return the journal to school ready for the start of next term.

I would like to say a huge thank you, on behalf of our students and staff, to our electives tutors. You all did an amazing job. The range of learning activities on offer was wonderful, as was the high standard of the various finished products and / or presentations. To me, electives is one of the stand out times when our whakatauki 'Whakatapu Tahī Tatou – Together we Grow' is clearly demonstrated.

Me te mihi nui mō ō manaakitanga
In appreciation of your kindness
David

Enthusiasm Our new leaders, Cam and Georgina, introduced this month's virtue focus, ENTHUSIASM. Our students usually have this by the bucketful as they take part in learning, sporting and cultural activities across the curriculum. We will also be focussing on how we can show enthusiasm for those tasks that perhaps aren't quite so much fun but which are nonetheless very important.



Please make sure that you let us know when **bus plans change**. While there is nothing quite as exciting as trying to locate a child who has already been unexpectedly collected or trying to find out whether or not a particular child is to go on the bus as the bus rolls up to the gate, it is the type of excitement we could really do without! Please email, phone, call in or send a note **whenever** bus plans change. Please don't assume that we will be able to guess, we need to be certain that we get things right every single time and this often means frantic last minute phone calls.

Agricultural Day We have a date for this year's Agricultural Day; it is to be held on **Wednesday the 28th of September**. Enclosed with this newsletter is some information about our Ag Day and a return slip to let us know what type of animal your child will be bringing along on the day. Please return the slip as much of the organization for Ag Day will be done in these school holidays and we need animal numbers to do this. Thanks.

Ag Day is a big fund raising day for our school and we need your help as many of our regular helpers now work and are unable to give as much support as they have done in the past. Please come along to the meeting on Wednesday the 3rd of August and help organize this fun event. Thank you.

Lunch Orders for Fri 8 July

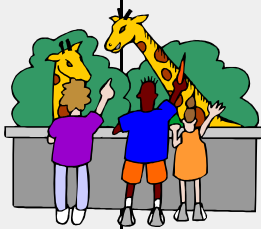
Sausage Sizzle	\$1.50
Potato Top Pie	\$2.00
Mini Pizza	\$2.40
Flavoured Milk	\$1.60
Juicic	80c



FOR SALE: Tandem trailer load of Old Man Pine Firewood. \$170.00
Free delivery in the Cambridge Area.
Phone 827 3244

Monthly Diary

Thur 7 July	Room 2 Zoo Visit.
Mon 11 & Tue 12 July	Visit from Nicky & Harold in the Life Education Truck.
Fri 15 July	Assembly 2.30pm. Last day of Term 2.
Mon 1 August	Term 3 begins.
Wed 3 August	Fund Raising Meeting 3pm re Ag Day.
Wed 28 September	Agricultural Day.
Wed 5 Oct	Group Agricultural Day.



W H A K A T A P U T A H I T A T O U – T O G E T H E R W E G R O W

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

Let's hear it for the teachers!

I came across this little snippet the other day. It is research that shows that the amount of time that New Zealand teachers spend at the 'chalk face' is significantly above the OECD average. The chart features selected countries. New Zealand teachers ranked 3rd in the OECD in terms of hours spent on instruction (behind the USA and Mexico).

This may have something to do with why the OECD education rankings rate our New Zealand system so highly! I would like to say a big thank you to our teachers for the hard yards that they put in. The past few weeks have been especially demanding with many late nights and shortened weekends required to get reports and learning journals completed in time. I also acknowledge the vast amount of time spent researching, planning and preparing learning activities and completing professional development. Not to mention the extra curricular contributions such as camp, discos, parent evenings, fundraising, working bees, cycling events, spelling bees, etc etc etc. We should also acknowledge the many morning tea and lunch breaks that are spent on playground duty or giving students the extra bit of time they need. You may remember the 'rest break' legislation that was implemented in 2009, when that came in teachers just smiled, knowing that on their 'duty days' their first break of the day was likely to come at 1.10 pm after five or so hours of work! At least the holidays will be along shortly with a chance for teachers to spend some quality time catching up on this term's backlog of work and preparing for another exciting term!

At the Blackboard

Average number of hours primary-school teachers spend per year on instruction



Note: 2008; latest data available
Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

WEBSITE

We hope that you regularly visit our website at www.karapiro.school.nz Our latest school newsletter is available on the site every Thursday afternoon. We have revamped our website header and you should see new images appear each time you visit and as you navigate the site! We are getting very close to the next exciting development where each class has their own website linked from the school site. We are just working through some access and cyber safety issues before we go live – so keep visiting often!

ProJoe's Myth Busters!

"Fresh fruit and vegetables are best"

False!

If you like eating raw fruit and veg than go for it - it's a much better snack than chips or muesli bars. But remember that eating frozen and canned are great options too. Just watch the syrup in the canned fruit (it's mainly sugar), but otherwise go nuts!



RUGBY:

Results from Sat 2 July 2011:-
11th Grade won 6-1 and Thomas Fraser was the Player of the Day.
6th Grade won 9-7 and Jackson Wrigley was the Player of the Day.
Tom's team won 60-30.
Cam's team won 63-nil.
Quinn's team won 9-2.
Draw for Saturday the 9th of July 2011:-
6th Grade 3A 10.15am
11th Grade have a bye.
Congratulations to Bodie, Thomas, Josh and Cam who got in to the Year 6 Rep Team.

NETBALL:

Results from Sat 2 July 2011:-
Ferns lost 9-33 Brittany Pitcorn was the Player of the Day.
Stars lost 1-12 Ava Stretton and Tayla Cook were the Players of the Day.
Magic won 21-nil Jessica Upston was the Player of the Day.
Draw for Sat 9 July 2011:
Ferns 10.20am Court 5
Stars 12.00pm Court 6
Magic 10.20am Court 9

The Ferns played in a tournament on Sunday the 3rd of July and had three wins and one loss.

SOCCER:

Sam's team lost 1-3.
Wade's team won 3-nil. Wade was the Player of the Day for scoring all 3 goals.
Sam R's team lost nil-3 and Sam was the Player of the Day.
Devin's team lost nil-6.
Emily's team lost 2-11.

GYMNASTICS:

Kaitlyn entered another gymnastics competition in the weekend and placed in the middle of the field.

