

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.

Enclosed with this week's newsletter are two survey forms. Your board of trustees would be very grateful if you could take the time to fill these in sometime over the next three weeks to provide us with some feedback on how your school is going and to help us set our future direction. In the past your ideas have helped shape our reporting to parents practice, our learning programmes and the day to day running of our school. Traditionally we have received a relatively low return rate but we are hoping that this time everyone will take some time, at a busy part of the year, to give us your thoughts. Your forms can be anonymous and all responses will be shared in a way to ensure confidentiality. We realize that there are quite a few questions but we value your opinions on a range of important topics and we use these surveys to help with our strategic planning. We will be comparing this year's surveys with the responses we received in 2007 and 2009 to assess the progress that we have made. We will also be summarizing the information that we receive and presenting these findings in a newsletter before the end of the year. Thank you in advance for your efforts with the surveys. We really do appreciate your time and support.

Have a great week David



Roll Growth

Over the latter part of this year we have taken a larger than usual number of new enrolments. It has been wonderful to welcome our new students and their families to our school community. We are very close to reaching the number of students required to open a 4th classroom at the school but it is now too late in the year to establish this class. At the end of this year we will be farewelling a wonderful group of year 6 students as they leave for intermediate school, this will reduce our roll number for the start of the year but our roll projections indicate that we will have sufficient students to open a 4th classroom at midyear. It is **anticipated** that class organisation for next year will be as follows...

Start of year

Room 1: Year 4/5/6, 27 students
Room 2: Year 2/3, 25 students
Room 3: Year 1, 13 students

From mid Year

Room 1: Year 5/6, 17 students
Room 2: Year 3/4, 26 students
Room 3: Year 1/2 17 students,
Room 4: Year 1, 8 students*

*Increasing to 16 students by the end of the year.

This organisation is based on projected numbers. Some changes may be necessary. Some children will be moving classes at midyear. We will be ensuring that disruption to their learning will be kept to a minimum. Placements will also be considered on a case by case basis. Parents will be well informed of any changes well in advance of changes being made. We anticipate being able to continue a 4th class into the future. Please continue to promote our school as a fantastic place to learn and grow!

First Aid

NZ Red Cross will be running a first aid refresher course at Karapiro School over two afternoons at a cost of \$85 per person. All the school staff will be taking part and there are spaces available for others who may be interested. The course will take place in the school library from 3.30pm until 6.30pm on both the 21st and 22nd of November. See Jenny in the school office to book a place.



Assembly Awards 4 Nov 2011

Room 1: Rose Seavill & Sarah Murphy.
Room 2: Millie Dunlop & Jessica Upston.
Room 3: Jack Lennox & Thomas Sulzberger.
Leaders' Award: Luke Hatton & Charlotte Mitchell.
Principal's Award: **Bodie Mechell**

Learn to Ride at Ponies R Us, Tamahere
Open throughout the summer holidays.
Phone Andie 021 443799
poniesrusnz.com



Monthly Diary

Fri Nov 25 Rural Schools' Athletics.
Sat 3 Dec Cambridge Christmas Parade.
Wed 14 Dec School Concert & Yr 6 Farewell.
Thur 15 Dec Last Day Term 4, 3.10pm finish.
Wed 1 Feb 2012 Ist Day Term 1 2012.
Mon 13 to Fri 17 Feb Camp 2012 Mangawhai Heads.



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

Get in early for your choice of Christmas Cards from Sandy's beautiful handmade selection on display in the school office. From \$2.00 per card!

SCHOOL POOL KEYS
Don't forget to get your school pool key, just \$35 for summer long fun in our solar heated pool.

Lunch Orders for Fri 11 Nov. 2011
Sausage Sizzle \$1.50 Potato Top Pie \$2
Juicie 80c Pizza \$2.40
Flavoured Milk \$1.60

Tomorrow is the last day for calendar, card and diary orders featuring your child's art-work. The calendars are just \$10 and make great personalized gifts for family and friends.

Barry's Newsletter Service is in the process of producing our next newsletter cover. We send out 110 newsletters every school week so this is a great opportunity to advertise your business to the local community and support your local school at the same time. If you are interested please call 0508 733 733, email admin@bns.co.nz or see Jenny in the office.

Trade Me wants to help our school.
Trade Me will donate \$5 to our school every time someone lists their service in the Services category on Trade Me (for the first time) before 31 Dec 2011, then emails 5bucks@trademe.co.nz with the following information:
• the email address they use on Trade Me
• the name of the school they wish to support (please state our school's name!)
• the school's location.
All sorts of people advertise their services on Trade Me's Services section, including tutors, babysitters, builders, gardeners etc. It's a great place to let the 2.8 million Trade Me members know what you can do and it only costs \$19 for a 90 day listing. www.trademe.co.nz/services

MINIBALL: Three wins last Friday for our miniballers! The All Stars had one of the best games of miniball that I have watched. They won 34-17 but the score does not represent the close fought game that it was. Mac was the Player of the Night with some great attacking play. The Hot Shots also had an excellent game winning 36-12. Bodie was the Player of the Night with accurate shooting. The Giants had a huge 55-11 win. Quinn made a great debut and was deservedly voted Player of the Night. Nice controlling play from Hannah.

CRICKET: Wade was Player of the Day for his cricket team with 4 run outs and 2 bowls. Bodie's team won 120-119.

SWIMMING: Charlotte and Emma competed in a St Peter's swim meet in the weekend with Charlotte taking away 2nd, 3rd and 5th placings.

Hamilton Community Centre of Music offers affordable group tuition in a wide range of instruments from pre-schoolers to adults. Visit on their Open Day, Sat 11 Feb 2012 9am to 12noon. University of Waikato, Faculty of Education, TT Block, Gate 4 Hillcrest Road. Enquiries: www.hccm.org.nz or phone 838 4611

Cambridge Racquets Club, Thornton Road.
Tennis Club Day SUNDAYS 4pm
Open to everyone of any age and ability.
(\$5 for non-members) Equipment available to use.

The Maunga Challenge
Bikes 'n Trikes School Challenge
Sunday 13 November. Registration from 8am at Albert Park Te Awamutu. Bring the entry form (available from the school office) and \$2 to enter on the day. Family challenges as well. Visit www.themaungachallenge.co.nz for more information.
The Maunga Challenge promotes the Waikato, the Maungatautari Ecological Island Trust Education Facility and provides a challenge of riding around the majestic Maungatautari Mountain. A fantastic fun day out for all. Are you up to the challenge? Mr Graham and Miss Smith are--go ahead and join them!