

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.

Is it December already? Many people have said that we must be mad to be presenting a Christmas concert at the end of a very short term. They are quite probably right! However, there is method in our madness. We believe that the concert meets a number of our schools goals including helping to develop our students' creativity, confidence and self discipline. We could produce a concert earlier in the year, but we feel that the earlier terms are a time of intense focus on core curriculum areas when classes are fully engaged in regular learning programmes. Preparing for the concert in the last two weeks of the year means that there is no end of year 'wind down' and that students are fully engaged in this slightly different learning experience right until the last day of the year. Holding the concert at the end of the year also provides us with an opportunity to use the costumes and props in the Cambridge Christmas parade allowing us to take part in this important community celebration. The concert also becomes a community celebration and a chance for us all to gather at the year's end to celebrate and to farewell our students and families who are moving on to intermediate school. It certainly is an exciting time with students working hard to learn their lines, songs and dances, parents volunteering time to help with scenery, props and costuming and the staff working hard together to produce the show and prepare the float. Whakatupu tahi tatou!

Have a great week
David

CHRISTMAS PARADE

All the children taking part in the Cambridge Christmas Parade this Saturday should have received a slip with regard to costume requirements. They are mostly wearing what they will wear in our end of year production with a few exceptions. The most important item to have, for those walking behind the truck, is suitable footwear. The following characters will be on the deck of the truck: Mad Hatter, March Hare, Dormouse, Caterpillar and the Flowers.

SCHOOL SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who completed our community and health surveys. The results are now being collated to help us with future planning. Watch for a summary of the results in the next newsletter.



Residents of Buckland Rd recently went on a complimentary tour of the Hobbiton movie set with a BBQ thrown in too. This was a great opportunity to see the set that has been used in the filming of the latest Lord of the Rings movie due to be released next year. If you have friends or family that have never been to Hobbiton it sure is worth a trip.

SCHOOL POOL KEYS

There has been a hiccup with regard to the pool padlock. We have had to have the barrel reworked and now some of the keys we have issued are not working. Please check your key and see Jenny if there is a problem with it. Thanks.

We wish Charlotte and Josh the very best as they compete in the Rotary Speech contest tomorrow evening.

Joseph R and his calf continue to win prizes. This time at the Cambridge A & P Show where they placed 1st in Beef Confirmation and 3rd in Rearing. Well done Joseph, your commitment is commendable.

Lunch Orders for Fri 2 Dec. 2011

Sausage Sizzle \$1.50
Potato Top Pie \$2
Pizza \$2.40
Juicic 80c
Flavoured Milk \$1.60



Monthly Diary

Sat 3 Dec	Cambridge Christmas Parade.
Tue 13 Dec	Concert Dress Rehearsal 11am.
Wed 14 Dec	School Concert & Yr 6 Farewell.
Thur 15 Dec	Last Day Term 4, 3.10pm finish.
Wed 1 Feb 2012	1st 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!

Gwen Dobson is looking to set up the neighbourhood support network again in the Karapiro area. She would like a volunteer to put their name forward to be a coordinator/contact person. The network will have the support of the police and civil defence. If you are a community minded person and would like to be involved please give Gwen a call at 827 8031. Thank you.

Our school leaders, Hannah and Joseph have been talking about this month's virtue, CREATIVITY. It is vital that we encourage and celebrate the creativity of our students as they explore innovative and exciting ways to share and communicate their learning. Our annual school concert is a great way to practice creativity, we are very impressed to watch as many our students show initiative in helping to direct and choreograph the show.

Road Safety Puppet Show A free Road Safety Puppet Show will be performed here at school for our students tomorrow. This show is sponsored by Waipa Council and has some important safety messages so remember to ask your child about what they have learnt.



Alice in Wonderland

We invite the Karapiro Community to our end of year concert 'Alice in Wonderland'. Come along for an evening of great entertainment, watch the show, say farewell to our Year Six Students and reflect on the past year at Karapiro School. **Wednesday 14 December, 7pm, Karapiro Hall.** Please bring a plate of finger food for a shared supper. Students please bring a water bottle. Tea/Coffee provided for adults. Entry by gold coin donation or larger donations very welcome to help cover costs.

LUNCHBOX SAVERS

Kids lunchboxes don't have to be full of expensive packet foods.

Doing home baking or putting in fresh foods helps to save money and make it much healthier for the kids.

TIP

Try rice crackers instead of chip packets, fruit pieces/slices instead of muesli bars or make a healthy muffin instead of chocolate biscuits (each toffee pop has about 1tsp of fat in it!)

MINIBALL: There were no games last Friday. Draw for this Friday 2 Dec 2011:

All Stars Court 1 6.30pm
Hot Shots Court 1 7.30pm
Giants Court 2 6.00pm

CRICKET: Bodie's team lost their game and Bodie was the Player of the Day. Wade's team won their game.

CYCLING: Mr Graham successfully completed his 40 kms of the Lake Taupo Cycle Race as part of a four person team.

Please return your 'Parent Attending Camp Form' as soon as possible. Much of the organization for camp is done over the holidays and I need to know numbers attending. Thanks.