

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.

Thank you all for your contribution to a very memorable and worthwhile camp in Northland. Our camp was a very worthwhile educational event and allowed our students, and many parents, the opportunity to explore some amazing places and to really get to know each other. There were so many highlights, from the major activities such as snorkeling or visiting Kawau Island through to the courage shown as a child rode the flying fox for the first time. We were once again so very proud of our students for their willingness to give things a try, the care for each other that they demonstrated and for the high standards of behaviour that continue to be a feature of our school. The camp proprietors, museum staff, bus driver and snorkeling leaders all went out of their way to acknowledge the good manners and high levels of respect shown by our students. Thank you to the many parents who came along to help make camp a safe and successful experience. Thank you also to Nikki, Carolyn and Cathy for your efforts and your willingness to continue to take our classes 'out there' at a time when many school no longer go on camp. Also, thank you to Sue and Lynda for your wonderful first aid and medical care, to Linnet and Barbara for your valuable assistance and to John for your skilful and safe bus driving. We would also like to say a huge thank you once again to Jenny for your outstanding organisation; your efforts are much appreciated!

Ka kite ano.
David

Trust It was nice to see UMR research showing that public confidence in primary schools is on the rise and that primary schools are now New Zealand's third most trusted institution behind the Fire Service and Police. The same research also listed teachers as the third most trusted profession behind nurses and doctors. See <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/6407706/Kiwis-confidence-in-police-soars> for the full list.

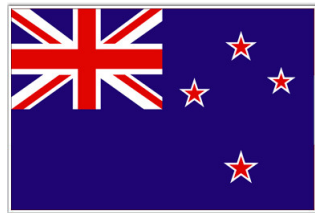


Summer Reading Challenge
It was fantastic to present dozens and dozens of awards at our last assembly to acknowledge the students who had completed our summer reading challenge. Hundreds and hundreds of books were read and enjoyed over the summer break and this will only have improved overall reading levels at our school. Please encourage your child to read DAILY, there is no better way to help ensure ongoing educational success than by developing the reading habit!



Help!

You may have noticed that we are not 'flying the flag' at the moment. Our nylon flag-pole lanyard has broken again and we are wondering if there is a more permanent set up? If you can help with the rigging please give us a call.



* **Parent / Teacher meetings** *
* Thank you to everyone who *
* has attended these meetings *
* this week. We have had close *
* to a 100% turnout and the *
* meetings have been a great *
* opportunity to review last *
* year's learning progress and *
* to set targets and goals for *
* 2012. Please remember that *
* teachers are available at any *
* time to the year to review pro- *
* gress, celebrate success and *
* address concerns. *



Good luck to our Yr 4, 5 & 6 students competing in the Rural Schools' Swimming Sports at Te Miro tomorrow. Postponement Day is Friday the 2nd of March and we will be notified by 8.30am.

Lunch Orders for Fri 24 Feb.

- Potato Top Pie \$2
 - Pizza \$2.40
 - Juicie 80c
 - Flavoured Milk \$1.60
- Seniors remember to take your lunch with you to the swimming sports or money to buy some there.



Monthly Diary

Fri 24 Feb	Rural Schools' Swim Sports Yrs 4, 5 & 6.
Thur 1 Mar	Mayoral Cycle Challenge 5.30pm.
Fri 9 Mar	Assembly Room 3 Presenting.
Mon 12 Mar	BOT Meeting 7pm.
Tue 13 Mar	Triathlon Yr 4, 5 & 6.
Sun 18 Mar	Cambridge Fun Run.

Revised date for the Dam Road closure-now closed on Monday the 27th Feb, 7am to 5pm, not Fri 24 as previously advised.

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



Trail Ride Fundraiser
We are still looking for helpers to man our sausage sizzle at the trail ride taking place at 290 Whitehall Road on Saturday the 3rd of March. Phone Jason on 027 271 6045 or the school 827 7642 if you can lend a hand for an hour or two. Thank you.

MAYORAL CHALLENGE
The annual Mayoral 'Fun' Cycle Challenge will be held on Thursday the 23rd of Feb, starting at the Learning Ground, Carlyle Street, Leaning on 5.30pm. This will be a family orientated cycle ride along the Karapiro Cycleway. There is even extra time for the younger children who are not riding at school with the most children and families based on % of school roll) will win the BNZ sponsored prize of \$200.
So let's get cycling!



If you were one of the kind parents who lent us your chilly bin for camp please remember to collect it from the office. We have some cereal left over from camp so if weetbix or cornflakes are on your shopping list this week please call in to the office and take a box.

Ebony Hampson-Tindale has lost the lid of her large plastic container that she took to camp. Please check to see if it went home with you by mistake-it is named.

A REMINDER THAT OUR SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ARE A SMOKEFREE AREA !!



ORGANIC VEGES FOR SALE \$3 red cabbage and \$5 for a bunch of 25 leeks to plant. (\$1 of each of these sales will be donated to our school). Also available:- tomatoes, sunflowers, capsicums. Contact Mrs MacKenzie at Karapiro School.



Situations Vacant
Would you like to earn a bit of extra money? If so we are looking for an outgoing, happy person who would like to join us every 2nd weekend in our busy café kitchen.
Phone 827 8590
Our local Red Cross Shop is looking for volunteers to work in the retail shop during the school day. Learn skills and make friends while getting back into the working environment.
Phone Denise on 827 5149.



NETBALL HELP REQUIRED:
We are looking for a willing parent to be our school netball co-ordinator. The job involves going to the netball meeting **this Monday 27 Feb 7pm**, running a netball muster, entering our teams and helping with any problems during the season. Please contact Jenny in the school office if you can help with this.

Netball Players come and have some fun with the Magic Netball Team at the Hamilton Netball Centre, Claudelands on Thur 15 March, 3.45pm to 5.30pm. Rotate through different activities run by the Magic Players. Registration forms available from the school office. These are due in by the 9th of March. Visit www.netballmagic.co.nz for more information.

Please contact BOT member Caroline Webbon if you would be interested in using an after school care service if one was provided here at school.
PHONE 823 5284.

Cambridge Badminton Club-Juniors-Monday Evenings-Ages 8-16 at 5-7.30pm-rackets available for new players-McLean St, Cambridge. Phone Paul Hanton 022 1696 229 or email paulhanton62@gmail.com

