

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.

I attended a productive meeting with Cambridge High School English department staff recently. This was a very valuable insight into the strengths and weaknesses of Year 9 students as they enter high school. Reading is a real strength in our local area, so well done everyone, those nightly shared reading sessions and visits to the library are paying off! The high school teachers are also delighted with the high quality of the deeper features that are evident in the Year 9's writing. Deeper features include audience awareness, ideas, use of language resources and organisation of writing. Well done on helping to develop passionate and creative writers capable of producing exciting prose across a number of different genres. The area where there is room for improvement is students' awareness and control of deeper features; especially punctuation and to a lesser degree, spelling and grammar. Developing strengths in these areas requires constant and ongoing focus at school and regular reinforcement at home. We value home support with spelling and other home learning initiatives. We would also suggest that home reading sessions provide the opportunity from time to time to look at such things as punctuation and grammar, particularly the trickier features such as punctuation of direct speech and use of apostrophes to contract words and indicate possession. In a world where communication increasingly uses electronic (and dubiously edited) devices such as emails, texts, Facebook and Twitter, early awareness of correct use of surface features is becoming ever more important. Ka kite ano. David



Trail Ride Fundraiser A huge thank you to Board member Jason Cameron who was the force behind the very successful Trail Ride Fundraiser where \$1,134 was raised for our school. A fantastic effort.

The helpers on the day were legendary and are now all well qualified to produce great burgers at pace! Thanks to:- Donna Faiers, Scott Smyth, David Graham, David Rutter, Victoria Wrigley, Kieran McCullough, Vicky Waller, Nicola Voyle, Stephanie Smith, Andrew Lennox (thanks for the trailer) and Jason & Maria Cameron. Special thanks to event organizers Andrew and Julianne Findlay and sponsors Gareth & Cris Price, Steph & Grant Atkinson, Peter Fairclough, Cambridge New World and McEntee Hire.

Results from the Rural Schools' Triathlon held at Te Miro School on Tuesday the 13th of March 2012:-

Congratulations to Wade Vincent who placed 1st in the 8 year boys race. Fantastic effort Wade.

Quinn Blundell was 2nd in the 9 year boys. The following students were placed 3rd in their respective age groups:- Connor Joyce, Olivia Sulzberger, Waireka Peratiaki and McKayla Harvey. Rose and Blake Seavill both placed 4th in their age groups and Tom Webbon gained a 5th placing.

Well done to all those who competed and thank you once again for the great parent support.



Our condolences to past school secretary Del Sinnott whose husband Brian passed away this week after a battle with cancer. Brian was a great supporter of our school and leaves a legacy in the form of our well used and enjoyed school trolleys. Brian built the trolleys and maintained them for many years along with numerous other jobs done to help out around our school. Our thoughts are with Del and her family at this sad time.

Monthly Diary

Fri 23 Mar	Assembly Room 4 presenting. 2.30pm.
Tue 27 Mar	Karapiro School Open Morning.
Wed 28 Mar	Fund Raising Group Meeting 2.30pm at school.
Thur 5 April	Assembly Room 2 presenting 2.30pm. Last Day of Term 3.10pm finish.
Fri 6 April	Good Friday.
Mon 23 April	1st Day Term 2.
Wed 25 April	Anzac Day.
Fri 11 May	QUIZ NIGHT! !

Other Sporting news: Well done to Olivia and Nicole Sulzberger who entered the Cambridge Fun Run last Sunday.

Emma Slaney drove in her first official Kidz Kartz race at Te Rapa and placed **1st!** Well done Emma. Not to be outdone was big brother Anthony who won the cup for the highest points over 4 races.

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Phone Peter 027 482 6237

Our Winter Sports codes are up and running with both rugby and netball having successful musters last week. A huge thank you to those parents who have offered to coach, manage or umpire a team. Please support these people who make it possible for your child to enjoy a winter sports activity. Thanks also to netball co-ordinator Nikki Willis and rugby co-ordinators Jason & Maria Cameron.

Lunch Orders for Fri 23 & 30 March:

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



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



ST PETER'S CAMBRIDGE

OPEN DAY

St Peter's School, Cambridge
Sunday, 1 April 2012
1:30pm - 4:00pm

Meet at the Auditorium for the presentation and guided tours
Ph: 827 9899

www.stpeters.school.nz



WANTED: The students in Room 1 need old magazines for cutting up, just drop them in to Nikki. Thanks.



Thank you to John Snodgrass for supplying and installing our new flagpole lanyard.



The Freeview TV Box is missing from the Karapiro Hall. Please phone Gloria Graham on 827 8016 if you know of it's whereabouts. Thank you.

We welcome Nature Cullen and her Mum Moana to the Karapiro School Community. Nature has joined the students in Room 1 and we wish her many happy school days here at Karapiro.



This year Sara Sulzberger has taken over from Catherine Smyth as the leader of our fund raising group. We would like to thank Catherine for the massive contribution she made over the years that she led the group. Some of our most successful fund raisers have been under her guidance. Thank you Catherine.



Those nasty head lice are back with a vengeance. Please check your child's hair tonight and treat if necessary. Your local chemist can advise you about the best treatments available.

FUND RAISING MEETING Wed 28 Mar 2.30pm School Staffroom All Welcome

Quiz Night Quiz Night

Don't forget to get together with family and friends to form a team for our famous **QUIZ NIGHT** to be held on the evening of Friday the **11th of May**. Those who have attended the last few quiz nights will vouch for how much fun they are, so don't stress about the question side of things as it's just a light-hearted community evening. If you would like to join a team just phone Jenny in the office.

The silent auction side of things is not going so well with only two families returning the slip below from our last newsletter. Thank you to the Mills and Rutter families. If you are at a loss as to what you can provide please give Jenny in the office a call. We will be putting items that compliment one another into packs to be auctioned on the night. A ladies pack for example could include beauty products, chocs, magazine, wine etc. or a child's pack with toys and books. Meat packs are always popular too. Goods you donate do not have to be large in size or value and don't forget you can provide a service or skill if you prefer. Please make an effort to send in the reply slip. Thank you.

(If you would like to join our fund raising group we meet again next Wednesday 28 March, 2.30pm in the school staffroom.)

Our family (Name) would like to provide the following auction item:-

