



# Karapiro School

Together we grow

## **Mission Statement**

Whakatupu tahi tatou. Together we grow.

## **Vision Statement**

Karapiro School will be a safe and happy environment where all learners are supported by dedicated staff, families and community to continually strive, persevere and achieve their very best, in all aspects of learning.

## **NEWSLETTER**

"PANUI"

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## **9 November, Term 4 Week 1, Roll 108**

Kia ora ki nga whānau me nga hoa o te kura tuatahi o Karapiro. Greetings to all families and friends of Karapiro School.

### **Welcome**

We extend a special welcome to our new student Zayne who has joined Room 1. We welcome you and your family to Karapiro School.

### **Music @ Karapiro**

We have almost 40 students learning music at Karapiro School. Mrs June McKenzie is well underway with lessons 3 days per day. Can I encourage these students to practice at home, as often as possible, to gain the most from the lessons. Please see Mrs McKenzie if you wish to buy an instrument as she is able to purchase on our behalf for a good price. Please contact me if you wish to sign up for 2018.



### **Staff News**

We are very excited to have updated our accounting practice and procedures here at school. Sarah-Jane has changed and streamlined the way many of our things work in the school office to ensure a more efficient system. In 2018 you will be able to set up a school account for school activities (school donations, class trips, camp, uniforms etc) and you will receive an account twice per term.

In the interim could you please support our end of year procedures by ensuring all accounts are paid before the end of the 2018 school year. We have a number of families with outstanding payments for school camp and class trips etc and we do require this as soon as possible please. If there is any issue at all, please see Sarah-Jane. We

appreciate your support as we change over to our new system. Thank you.

A reminder that we invite our community to join us for a farewell for Tracey Graham immediately following Room 5's assembly (2pm start) on Friday 10 November in the multi-purpose room.

### **Sunsmart Hats & Uniforms**

Our school policy requires all staff and students to wear an approved sunhat in terms 1 and 4 and we will start monitoring this next week. Please ensure your child has a sun safe hat. School uniform shirts for 2018 can also be ordered now. See Sarah-Jane in the school office if you wish to make an order. Thank you.

### **Prizegiving 2018**

Our 2018 Prizegiving will be held at the Raleigh Street venue on Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. This will be our opportunity to present student awards and to farewell our Year 6 leavers. We look forward to seeing you then.

### **Swimming Pool**

We extend a huge thank you to Angela Lovett for all her work in keeping our school pool running for us. Renee O'Reilly (Shonn & Rhyot's mum) will be taking over the running of our pool. THANK YOU! We are arranging for training next week and are hopeful we can find another family to support this who can join the training. Pool keys will be available soon.

### **Cambridge Lifeskills**

Cambridge Lifeskills provide free, professional counselling for school aged children and can cover a range of issues including social issues (building and maintaining friendships), abuse and family issues. Please see them at the address below or check out their website at <http://www.cambridgelifeskills.co.nz/>

### Did you know?

There are different categories of staff working in NZ schools:

Support Staff	This term covers non-teachers and includes: caretakers, cleaners, learning support (teacher aides) & office staff
Teachers	This term covers teachers that fill a range of positions: Permanent and full time Fixed term (may be full time or part time for one term or more) Fixed term & short term contracts (may cover special programmes or projects, such as ALiM (Accelerated learning in Mathematics) Day relief (to cover illness, classroom release time, professional learning, leadership release, special education release) Specialist teacher (may work 1-1 with a child with special education needs)
Other Professionals	RT:LB - Resources Teacher: Learning & Behaviour) RT:Lit - Resource Teacher: Literacy Public Health Nurse Ministry of Education – Learning Support, Senior Advisors, Property Advisors, Special Education Advisors & Psychologists

### Board Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Board. Would you like more information on becoming a trustee?



Please see Tina-Maree for a copy of the 'A parent's guide to the role of the board of trustees' or visit <http://www.nzsta.org.nz/>. Please see the Board newsletter for more information on our vacancy.

### Virtues

Our current Virtue is 'reliability' and we are exploring what this looks like in class, in the community and at home. What does reliability look like in your family or whanau? See our virtues posters below.

As always, our doors are open to you. Please make a time to come in and see staff if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Ngā mihi nui

Tina-Maree and staff

### **\*\*Dates for your Diary\*\***

10 Nov	Tracey Graham's farewell
10 Nov	Assembly – Room 5
24 Nov	Rural School's Athletics
01 Dec	Inter School's Athletics Assembly – Room 3
11 Dec	Prize Giving – Raleigh Street
13 Dec	Wet & wild activity day
15 Dec	Term 4 ends

## Playgroup

Friday dates for playgroup for this term are:

17th November

1st December

15th December - The last date may need to be off site as the multi purpose room will be booked for end of year school activities. Maybe we can go for an outing that day or wrap Playgroup up with an outing on the 1st December. Ideas for outing welcome!



**Friday Term Time**  
**9.00am - 11.30am**  
Karapiro School, Karapiro Rd  
**New Born—5yrs—Everyone is welcome!!**  
A great way to meet other parents/  
caregivers in the area. Please bring a healthy  
morning tea for your child.



## Notices

### Piano/Keyboard Tuition - Notice from Judy McColl

Some students currently learning piano at school will be moving to Intermediate school and I will have vacancies in 2018. If you are interested please phone me on 827 4775

## Virtues

### Reliability

"An honest man's word is as good as his bond." Cervantes



Reliability means that others can depend on you to keep your commitments. Reliability is doing something that you have agreed to do in a predictable way, without forgetting or having to be reminded. When you practice reliability, you really care about doing what you said you would do. Other people can relax knowing it is in your reliable hands.

### Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practising Reliability when you...

- Make promises you can keep
- Treat your agreements seriously
- Plan ahead
- Do your best
- Finish on time
- Find another way if obstacles occur



*I am reliable. I keep my promises. Others can depend on me. Nothing can stop me from giving my best.*

