



New Entrant Information Booklet



Introduction:

Welcome to Karapiro School! We offer a high quality education at our innovative school. We have a roll of approximately 70 students and four classrooms. This booklet is designed to give you some information about what we offer and the new entrant programme in our school.



Cheryl Naylor

New Entrant Teacher

Junior School Team Leader

Kia ora. I am the New Entrant teacher at Karapiro School. I seek to provide a safe, nurturing play-based learning environment so each child feels they belong in our rural school. Students are supported and encouraged to take risks in their learning, embrace their mistakes and persevere to learn and grow. Our programme supports a smooth transition to school from an early childhood setting

Karapiro School

Mission Statement:

Together we grow. Whakatupu tahi tatou.

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 their learning.

School Values:


We have a strong virtues based culture at Karapiro School: Respect, Honesty, Responsibility, Self Discipline, Confidence, Excellence, Cooperation, Creativity, Enthusiasm and Commitment. These virtues are taught explicitly and fostered across all aspects of school life. By applying our school motto 'Together we Grow' it is intended that we empower our learners to be confident, connected and lifelong learners – together. Our goal is that the school values become a natural part of daily school life and an intrinsic part of each child's character.

Curriculum

All students access the essential learning areas of the New Zealand curriculum at their level and pace and receive instruction in: English, Mathematics and Statistics, The Arts, Health and Physical Education, Social Sciences, Technology, Science, and Learning Languages. The Key Competencies: thinking, using language, symbols, and texts, managing self, relating to others, and participating and contributing are woven into the teaching of all learning areas. We encourage positive behaviour and provide positive reinforcement in the classroom and playground.



What we offer:

<u>Prior to starting school</u>	<u>On starting Karapiro School</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly visits on Fridays 4-6 weeks before starting, or by arrangement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before and After School Care
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup – fortnightly, even weeks of term 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free School hat on starting with us
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An invitation to: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovative Learning Environment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture Day (Term 4 each day) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agriculture Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Playgroup 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily swimming in summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Assemblies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electives Programmes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An “open door” policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range of Summer and Winter sports teams
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facebook link: Facebook 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Trees for Survival” growing unit and school garden
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrated ICT (IPads, Laptops, Apple TVs)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole School Production and/or dance performance yearly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EOTC opportunities








Ready for School:

Step-by-step guide to enrolling your child:



		Things to bring:
1. Enrolment 	<p>When your child turns 4 please pre-enrol so we know you're coming.</p> <p>Complete an enrolment form online: www.karapiro.school.nz/ click 'Online Enrolment Form'.</p> <p>We are required to check the birth certificates and immunisation records of New Entrant children. These items must be sighted by Sarah-Jane in the Office prior to your child's first day at school.</p> <p>Our Principal, Tina-Maree Thatcher, wants to meet with you. She would love to answer any questions you may have and take you on a tour through the classrooms. To book this, please call Sarah-Jane in the office.</p> <p>Stationery is ordered through Office Max. Sarah-Jane in the Office can help you with a list of what your child will need.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth Certificate • Immunisation records
2. Pre-Visits 	<p>In the 4-6 weeks prior to your child turning 5, they will be invited to join the New Entrant class for visits from 9:00 am until 10.35am every Friday. This will help your child learn the school routine, build an understanding of expectations and start to develop friendships.</p> <p>Parents need to be on the school grounds during these visits. You may stay with your child in the classroom or have a cup of tea in the staffroom. Please ring the office to confirm these visits</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School bag • Piece of fruit for fruit time at the start of our day • Snack for morning tea • Hat (Compulsory in Term 1 & Term 4)
3. The First Day of School! 	<p>Bring your child to the classroom before 9am. Stay until your child is settled - try not to prolong the "goodbye" - upsets are rare and don't last long. Please feel free to ring the office later in the day if you are concerned as to how your child is settling in.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hat (Term 1&Term 4) • Fruit for fruit time, morning tea, lunch & a water bottle • A bag and a change of clothing. Please ensure all clothing is named.








School Orientation:

- ⇒ **Assembly:** Several Fridays through the term, from 2.30pm until 3.00pm, we have class assemblies. A different class hosts assembly each fortnight and you will be notified in the newsletter which class will be presenting. Parents, caregivers and the community are very welcome to attend our school assemblies. Certificates are handed out at these Friday assemblies.
- ⇒ **Supervision:** Duty teachers supervise the children during morning tea and lunchtimes. They wear a fluoro vest. Explain to your child that they can approach the duty teachers if they have any problems.
- ⇒ **Lost Property:** The blue Lost Property bin is situated on the deck outside Room 1.
- ⇒ **Home Learning:** This comes home in your child's book bag. Please check the book bag daily for a reader and any notices. Research tells us that supported reading at home contributes to a learner's success. Please talk with your child's teacher for ways to help at home with this.
- ⇒ **Buses:** Buses may be available for eligible students. Please contact Cambridge Travel Lines directly. [Cambridge Travel Lines](#): (07) 827 7363
- ⇒ **Reporting to Parents:**
 - **Learning Journals** have a sample of your child's work across all learning areas and go home at the end of each term.
 - **Student Led Conferences** are held twice a year, in Term 1 and Term 3. This is an opportunity for students to share their learning, progress and achievement with you.
 - **Written Reports.** Your child will receive a written report in the middle and the end of each year to demonstrate progress and achievement.
- ⇒ **New Entrant Assessment:** After 5 weeks at school your child will be tested to gather data on the knowledge they enter school with. They will then be tested again after 12 months at school, at the time of their 6th birthday. This information will be shared with you.
- ⇒ **Curriculum:** Visit our school website <http://www.karapiro.school.nz/> and click 'Curriculum' to visit the New Zealand Curriculum information.
- ⇒ **Concerns:** You are welcome to share any concerns with the teachers. Please make an appointment with the classroom teacher for any discussions you wish to have.
- ⇒ **Website:** Check us out at www.karapiro.school.nz/
- ⇒ **Facebook:** Join us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Karapiro-School-538358779675752/>



Preparing for School:

Here are some skills you can work on at home to prepare our child for starting school

	What this might look like:
Encouraging Independence:	Developing independence is an important goal of the first year at school. You can help by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Allowing your child to be responsible for their bag and belongings, putting their book bag away and giving them the time to do all they can for themselves
Recognising their Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognising their name• Support your child to begin to recognise their name correctly.• Practice writing their name with a capital letter at the beginning then lower case letters – this can be a hard habit to break if learnt incorrectly
Pencil Grip	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colouring in for pencil control and grip
Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Talk about the sounds different letters write• Play word games like 'I spy'• Have magnetic letters and numbers on the fridge and discuss these• Encourage writing or drawing for pencil control and grip
Reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listening to and telling stories• Recognising some letters of the alphabet and their phonetic sounds• Reading books daily to your child• Talk about pictures in books• Point out words on signs• There are a range of educational apps for letter formation, read along stories and early developmental skills e.g. puzzles, memory games
Oral Language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vocalising their needs e.g. 'I need to go to the toilet'• Encourage your child to speak in full sentences when having a conversation (sometimes this may need modelling)• Talk to your child about what they have been learning or about the activity they are engaged in
Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Counting to 10 and back from 10 to 0• Number identification to 10• Finding numbers around the house and neighbourhood• Talking about time, colours and shapes• Talking about halves and quarters• Playing board games to practice recognising dots on a die
Other helpful skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handling scissors• Bouncing and catching a ball• Puzzles• Imaginative play <p>Encourage turn taking as well as sharing Allow mistakes because they are vital for learning Encourage resilience when things don't quite go their way</p>



General Information:

School Starting & Finishing Times	School starts at 9:00am Morning tea - 10:35-11.00am Lunch - 12:30-1:30pm School finishes at 3.00pm After School Care - 3:00pm-5:00pm
After School Care	Time: 3.00pm - 5.00pm Monday to Thursday Cost: \$9 per hour (afternoon only) Includes: an exciting and varied programme, arts and crafts, games, and a nutritious afternoon tea. See Sarah-Jane in the Office for more information
Buses	Buses may be available for eligible students. Please contact Cambridge Travel Lines directly. <u>Cambridge Travel Lines:</u> (07) 827 7363
Absences	To be reported to Sarah-Jane at the Office by 9.00am, either by phone or by clicking the 'Absence' tab on the school website
Medical information	Please make the classroom teacher and the Office aware if your child has any medical conditions. Any medications required, including sunscreen, must be handed in to the Office at the beginning of the day with clear instructions on our Medical form. Medications such as asthma inhalers and epi-pens need to be provided to the school and will be kept in a locked cupboard.
Clothing	Uniforms are not compulsory. We have a red Karapiro School t-shirt available for purchase from the Office. We recommend that children purchase a red Karapiro t-shirt for interschool sports days and school trips. <u>It is compulsory for children to wear a wide brim sun smart hat in Terms 1 & 4.</u> These are provided free to New Entrants, provided by the Board of Trustees. Subsequent hats are \$20 each. Caps are not allowed.
School Donation	The Board of Trustees asks for a donation per annum. This can be paid at the beginning of the school year. \$40 - One child \$35 - per child if two children from one family are at school \$30 - per child if three or more children from one family are at school
Sun Protection	At Karapiro School we encourage sun smart behaviour: - a wide brim sun hat (provided to all New Entrants by our Board of Trustees) - sunscreen (applied at home before school and supplied to school if required during the day— see Medical Information) - sun smart clothing, covered shoulders (i.e. no spaghetti straps) - a rash suit for swimming - parents to model sun smart behaviour when at school and on school trips
Swimming Pool Key	\$40 for the season + a \$5 bond.
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)	We are always looking for enthusiastic parents who want to be involved with fundraising to join our School Fundraising Group. Please speak to Sarah-Jane at the Office if you are interested.
Reporting to Parents	This happens in the form of Learning Journals (end of every Term), Formal Reports (Term 2 and Term 4), and Student Led Conferences (Term 1 and Term 3).

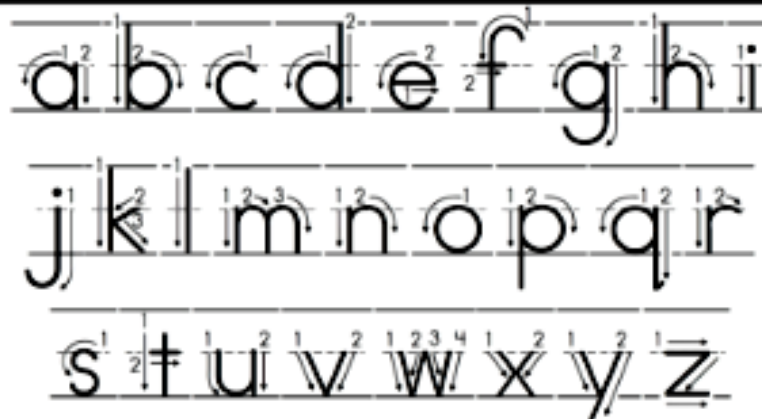


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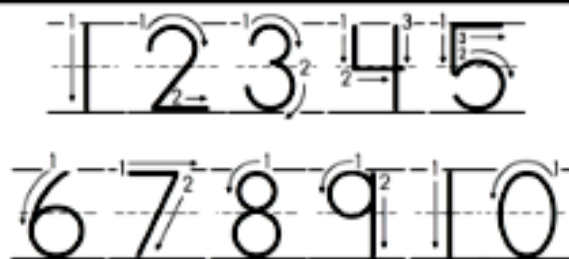
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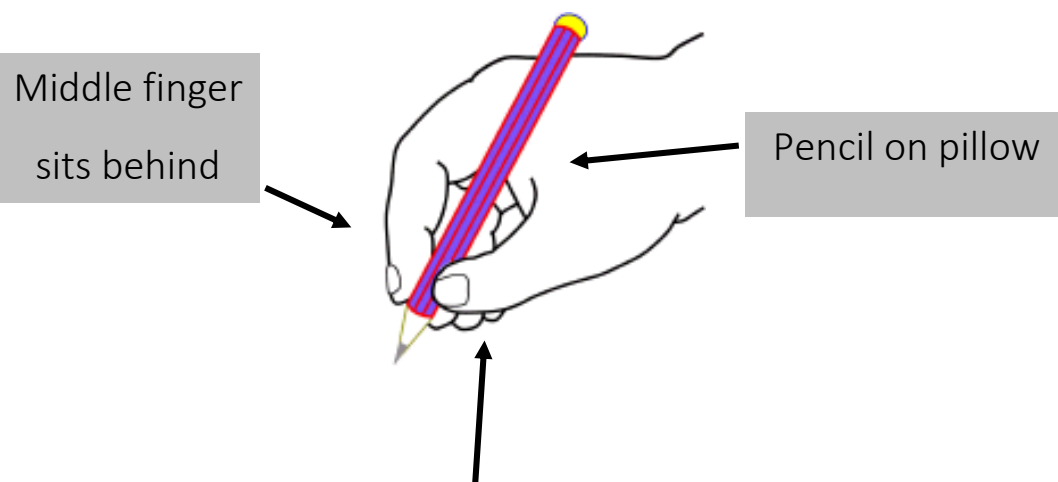


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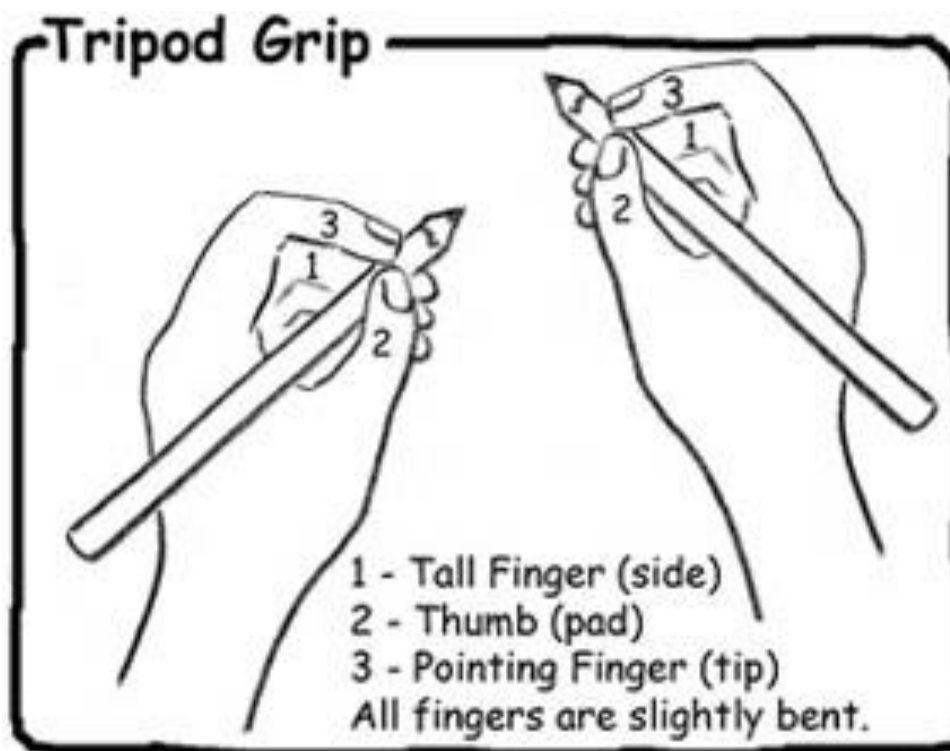




Correct Pen Grip:



Crabby claws—Thumb and pointer finger do not touch.





**Fortnightly on the Fridays of even weeks of term at
Karapiro School, Karapiro Road
from 9.00am – 10.35am**

Everyone is welcome from newborn to 5 years

Our playgroup is a great way to meet other parents/caregivers in the area.

We offer *toys *free play *craft activities *playground *sandpit

* 'mat time' with a story in Room 4 (our new entrant classroom)

Please bring a healthy morning tea for your child.

Contact:

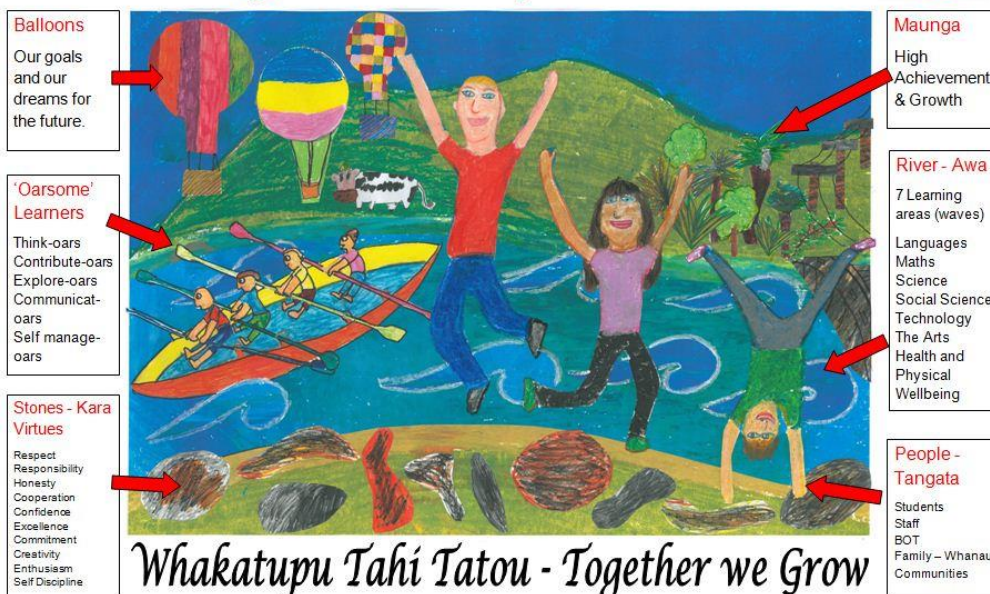
Feel free to contact Cheryl Naylor or the office if you have any questions at all

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Learning at Karapiro School



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