

# Karāpiro School Newsletter

Week 3

Term 3

## Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to Term 3! The year is positively flying by! It has been so great to welcome all our wonderful students back after school holidays and to see them so engaged in their learning. We have an exciting term ahead with Rural Schools Cross Country, Kapa haka Festival, and our children preparing their animals for AG day.

## Upcoming Dates

Friday 30th August -

Kapa haka Festival

Friday 6th September -

Rural Schools Cross Country

Friday 27th September -

Last Day of Term 3

## 100 Days Celebration



We had such a great day, celebrating 100 days of school. We loved seeing the children's awesome costumes and enjoying some special activities during the day.

## Rural Schools Cross Country

We have begun our training for Cross Country and we are enjoying having the opportunity to build fitness, strength and resilience each day. Please make sure that children are equipped with suitable clothing and footwear (bare feet are absolutely fine for training) each day.

The event will be held on September 6th at Karāpiro domain. We are looking for parents who can support us with marshalling and or traffic management. Please send an email to Natalya if you are able to help [office@karapiro.school.nz](mailto:office@karapiro.school.nz).

## Certificate Recipients



### Ruma Kōwhai

**Pia Silva**

Pia I am so proud of your determination and hard work in your learning in Kōwhai class. You come to school every day with a big smile on your face and take every challenge with enthusiasm. Ka pai!

**Isla Bayer**

Tino pai Isla, you demonstrate the value of Rangatiratanga through your independence and determination to get your work finished to a high standard. You show responsibility and initiative to stretch your learning in class. Well done!

### Ruma Pōhutukawa

**Alice Daly**

Well done Alice on being an inclusive member of Karapiro School. You do your best to make sure everyone has a friend, and you are encouraging to those around you. Ka rawe!

**Alexia Naurattel**

Tino pai Alexia, on being a leader of your learning. You put your best effort into all tasks and are a great role model to those around you - keep it up!

## New Timetable Announcement

We are very fortunate to have an incredibly supportive School Board who prioritise the social, emotional and academic well-being of our students. With both the support of the Board and the Ministry of Education, we have been able to make Emma Page a full time teacher. This will mean that beginning in week 4, we will be running two classes across the full school day.

We are incredibly excited about this opportunity to target instruction, meet individual needs and maintain our amazingly small class sizes. In addition to this, we have made some changes to our daily timetable which allow us to maximize our use of prime cognitive learning time during the morning to focus on Literacy and Numeracy.



## AG Day 2024!

We are very excited to announce our annual Ag Day will be held on;

### **Tuesday 22nd October!**

Ag days are always a highlight for students, staff and our community and we are looking to make this our best yet. It is exciting to hear that some of our children are already working hard to raise their lambs, calves or goats ready for the big day.

If you are able to help with the organisation for this day we would love to put together a small committee. This team would help to plan for the day, manage the judging/marshalling, and ensure that it is a successful event.

Please call the school or email the office if you are interested in helping; [office@karapiro.school.nz](mailto:office@karapiro.school.nz)



## Drink bottles and homework

### *Drink bottles*

While we do have drinking fountains at school, we would appreciate your support to encourage children to bring drink bottles to school each day. This will be especially important as the weather starts to warm up in spring.

### *Homework*

It is great to see the children so excited and engaged with their weekly homework. Just a reminder that children are not expected to complete all of the tasks each day but rather complete it over a week. We understand that our students can be very busy during the week with extra curricula activities. With that in mind, homework will be checked and handed out on a Monday each week which hopefully enables you to find a quiet moment during the week or weekend to complete it. We do not want homework to become a stressful task but rather an opportunity to develop habits around study and practice at home that will continue to serve them as they move through their school years.

## Staff Contact Details

Please know that our doors are always open, we love hearing from our community. If you have any questions or would like to chat please reach out.

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## Term 4 Teacher Only Day

The Ministry of Education have requested that each school have two Teacher Only Days in 2024 to focus on Curriculum and Assessment. These teacher-only days provide schools and kura with dedicated time to understand, prepare and engage with changes across The New Zealand Curriculum refresh and the redesign of Te Marautanga o Aotearoa. We have worked with many of the local schools to agree on a date in order to ensure that there is the least possible disruption for our families that have children across a number of schools.

School will be closed for instruction on **Friday 15th November**.