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SUE & WAYNE CLAYDEN

Special mention to our local and very own Sue and Wayne Clayden who have been behind our kura and Te Karaka for 50 years. Here they are receiving a **Civic Award** from Mayor Rehette Stoltz and Deputy Mayor Aubrey Ria.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **TKAS WHANAU PHOTOS**
  NOV 5, 2026
- **TE KURA AHUPOO - SYLC**
  NOV 11, 2026
- **EXTERNAL EXAMS - SYLC**
  NOV 12, 2026
- **POUKAI AT TAPUIHIKITIA MARAE**
  NOV 13, 2026
- **EXTERNAL EXAMS - SYLC**
  NOV 17, 2026
- **TKAS PERFORM AT TURANGANUI KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL**
  NOV 20, 2026
- **YEAR 8 TRANSITION WEEK**
  NOV 23 - 27, 2026



WEEK 4 HALFWAY THERE!

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!!

It has already been such a busy term, and there are still plenty of exciting days ahead! As we reach the halfway point of Term 4, we would like to remind our whānau to keep an eye out for any pānui and notices sent home. Please ensure that all forms are returned to the school office by the expected dates. Your support and cooperation are always appreciated.

Our EYLC ākonga had an amazing time at their disco, organised by our wonderful EYLC staff. The sounds of giggles, laughter, singing and dancing filled the space, and we are so pleased to hear that the disco was a huge success! We hope all our ākonga had a fantastic time and created some wonderful memories together.

Our ākonga also took the opportunity to teach our kaiako some of their favourite TikTok dance moves! 👀 We might just have to organise an end-of-year dance battle to find out who really has the best moves — our ākonga or our kaiako? What do you reckon, whānau? Who are you backing?

Invitations for our upcoming Praise Giving and senior prize giving have been sent home to whānau. Please RSVP by returning the completed forms to the school office or contacting the school directly.

We look forward to celebrating the achievements and successes of our ākonga with you all.

OUR NEW TKAS KAIAKO

EVERYONE MEET KOKA PAYAL!!!

Bula vinaka! My name is Mrs Payal Pritika Prasad, and I am originally from the beautiful islands of Fiji. I am delighted to be part of the Te Karaka Area School community as a Secondary School English Teacher, teaching students from Years 9 to 13.

I am passionate about teaching English and helping young people develop their confidence, creativity, communication and love for learning. I believe that every student has unique strengths and potential, and I enjoy creating a positive, supportive and engaging classroom where students feel encouraged to express themselves, share their ideas and achieve their best.

I look forward to getting to know our students, whānau and the wider school community, building meaningful connections and being part of each student's learning journey. I am excited about the experiences, opportunities and memories that lie ahead at Te Karaka Area School.
Vinaka vakalevu, and I look forward to a wonderful journey together!

Ngā mihi nui,
Koka Payal Pritika Prasad



GO FIVE FOR FIVE!!!!

TKAS ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Introducing our new attendance challenge for Term 4- Attend, Extend and Spend- which has been created to improve the regular attendance of our akonga. Each day, a student arrives to school, they earn 20 TKAS dollars. At the end of the term, akonga can cash in their TKAS dollars and bid for awesome spot prizes. So remember: the more you attend, the more TKAS dollars you can spend on Auction Day.

Highlights:

- 51 students with 100% attendance in Week 2.
- 65 students with 100% attendance in Week 3.
- Average attendance for Week 1- 75% schoolwide. Average attendance for Week 2: 78%.
- 3 year groups achieve 100% attendance in Week 3- Year 2, Year 10 and Year 13

Small improvements are happening individually, as a class, and overall as a whole school. Kia kaha akonga mā!

Nga mihi nui,
Koka Riria



WHOS THE SCARIEST OF THEM ALL?

EYLC DISCO NIGHT

Our ākonga had a wonderful night at the disco! They enjoyed dancing and singing the night away, taking part in lots of fun activities and games organised by our amazing staff. There were plenty of smiles, laughter and excitement throughout the evening, and each of our ākonga also received a special goodie bag upon entry.

A fantastic night filled with fun, friendship and great memories! A big thank you to all the staff who helped organise the games and make the evening so special for everyone.

Not to mention we will leave the dancing to our akonga hehe.








EIT PRIZE GIVING

We are incredibly proud of our ākonga who recently attended the EIT Prize Giving!

A special congratulations to James Duncan, who was awarded Top Student in Bakery! This is an outstanding achievement and a wonderful reflection of his hard work, dedication and commitment to his learning.

It is always special to see our ākonga recognised for their efforts and achievements beyond the classroom.⭐




YEAR 7&8 KI TAPUIHIKITIA

Last Friday, Te Karaka Area School Year 7 & 8 students had the privilege of visiting Tapuihikitia Marae to tautoko the kaupapa.

The students enjoyed taking part in a range of workshops, including weaving, flag painting and rākau games, facilitated by the wonderful staff from Muriwai School.

To finish off a fantastic day, students had the opportunity to view the beautiful artworks by Rihari Collier-Campbell. A big thank you to Koka Sharon for the invitation and for making us feel so welcome. It was a wonderful day filled with learning, creativity, culture and connection. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience!






CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWESOME AKONGA !

MUSIC WITH KOKA LYN

Our music classes with the wonderful Koka Lyn have been an absolute highlight for our ākonga! It has been amazing to see the growth, progress and confidence our tamariki have developed throughout their musical journey. From finding their voices and learning new songs to exploring different instruments, our ākonga are growing in confidence, discovering their talents and expressing themselves through music.





CONGRATULATIONS!

WEEK 4 TERM 4 ASSEMBLY

In Week 2 of Term 4, we came together for our school assembly. It was a great opportunity to celebrate our achievements, share important notices, and recognise the hard work of students. Our Senior music class got the chance to perform in front of our kura to gain their NCEA credits in music. They have been praciticing hard throughout the year and they put on a good show for all our akonga and kaiako. Well done koutou.






