

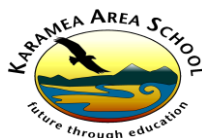
# Karamea Area School

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Week 3 - Term 1 2021

He Waka eke Noa!

Kia ora and welcome to a new academic year, and the year that our beautiful new school gets built for our learning community. Exciting times are truly upon us. It started one month ago with an action-packed week for staff, full of professional learning both on and off campus, and then our heart and soul of our school (the children) joined us.

Since then, students have embraced the changes that the new build has brought and are enjoying making the most out of learning experiences, with provocations set by staff, and utilizing our unique learning environment.

We hope that whether you are perusing our website or walking through campus upon reopening, that you will get a vivid sense of our genuine commitment, enthusiasm, and positivity for the education of our tamariki - the promise of our future. We believe in our common purpose of learning and flourishing together. Upon meeting our impressive students and faculty, you will quickly realize something unique is unfolding within this bustling learning oasis this year!

Aroha nui,

**Dean Rainey**  
Principal

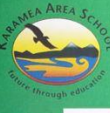


**KARE:** Kaitiakitanga; Accountability; Respect and Effort. Special awards are given out weekly with the main winners receiving a special Principal's Award that is sponsored by The Last Resort (Milkshake/Ice-cream).

**KARE winners:**

- Millie Forbes
- Otis Walker
- Zeppelin Dickie
- Jen Galway
- Trevor MacMillan



KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL	
■ KAITIAKITANGA	
■ ACCOUNTABILITY	
■ RESPECT	
■ EFFORT	
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## **Meet the Teacher 2021 - Karamea Area School New Hires!**

### ***Welcome to Mo Skelton***



It's lovely to feel the warmth of the Karamean community and I've only been here a couple of weeks – thank you! Although I've claimed this as my own adventure, my whanau have all been down - Terry and I did a roadtrip with our two canines at the end of 2020 which included Karamea and my two adult children helped me with the move staying long enough to realise they'd be back! What a beautiful place!! One Tree Hill in Auckland has been our backyard, so to speak, for a few decades. I've been teaching senior Physics in high schools for most of that time and look forward to sharing my passion for the scientific understanding of this world with the tamariki at Karamea Area School.

### ***Welcome to Tony Baird***

Robyn and I bought a house in Karamea in 2016 and loved the place so much that we made the move here permanently in 2019. Robyn has been working as a nurse at the Karamea Health Centre since then and I'm very happy to now also be working here. I was a Secondary School teacher in New Zealand and overseas for twenty years, but for the last decade have been working at the College of Education, Health and Human Development at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch. The coming couple of years are a really exciting time for the school as it is rebuilt and I'm really enjoying being a part of that, being back in a classroom and working with the wonderful young people here in Karamea.



We are looking forward to having you teach us over the period of 2021 and more years to come! - Canopy Class

## **A message from some senior students**

We are very excited to see the construction of our new school. At the time of us writing this, there have been windows and doors removed from the old front buildings. We've moved into a learning area which is located in between the library and entrance to the hall. This is only temporary as we (the students) are renovating the old teachers flat out the back of the bike shed, to be our learning commons. With that we will be learning about design, budgeting and building skills, all while earning credits towards our NCEA.

This term, from the 21st of March to the 26th of March we will be going to Reefton Area School to participate in the annual Top of The South Island (TOSI) sports tournament. To get ready for TOSI, we will be training intensely in all the different areas of sports and other activities (art, cooking, orienteering) to prepare for a full-on week of sport and fun!

For some students, Trades started this week (12th of February). We are all in a variety of different courses from Agriculture to Hair and Beauty to Digital Technology, that will lead us into our future career paths. Gateway will be available for our new students who didn't get to apply to Trades in the senior school.

Which brings us onto our next topic, new students in the senior school. A warm welcome to Ayla Simpson, Ruby Howley and Manaia Tate. All of our new students have settled in nicely so far to our currently chaotic learning environment. Another warm welcome to the new junior members of K.A.S: Ruby Vanderjagt, Leroy Vanderjagt, Wren Walker, Rico Kingan and Austin Oud. We wish them good luck and great future academic achievements at Karamea Area School.



**Written by:** Ayla Simpson, Nina Tavinor, Vika Bobrovskia, Cybula Walton and Samantha McCleery.

KARAMEA AREA SCHOOL - UPCOMING EVENTS	
23/02/2021	Celebration Assembly - Nikau
23/02/2021	Resource Teacher of Literacy – Jan Blackburn
01/03/2021	Primary District Athletics (Reefton)
02/03/2021	Sod Turning Ceremony 10.00am
03/03/2021	Duffy Theatre
03/03/2021	Primary District Athletics
05/03/2021	Dental Bus

### Free Sneakers!

Four pairs of new Size 6 kids black sneakers supplied by Kidscan to give away

**First come, first served basis**

One pair per family

Contact Kate at the School Office

## **Karamea Area School 2021 School Year Dates**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021: Students start school**

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### **Term One:**

Tuesday, 9th February to Friday, 16th April

#### **SCHOOL CLOSED:**

Friday, 2nd April (Good Friday)

Monday, 5th April (Easter Monday)

Tuesday, 6th April (Easter Tuesday)

### **Term Two:**

Monday, 3rd May to Friday, 9th July

#### **SCHOOL CLOSED:**

Tuesday, 18th May (Accord Teacher Only Day)

Monday, 7th June (Queen's Birthday)

### **Term Three:**

Monday, 26th July to Friday, 1st October

#### **SCHOOL CLOSED:**

Wednesday, 11th August (Accord Teacher Only Day)

### **Term Four:**

Monday, 18th October to Friday, 17th December

#### **SCHOOL CLOSED:**

Monday, 25th October (Labour weekend)

Thursday, 2nd December (Accord Teacher Only Day)

**Last Day: Friday, 17th December 2021**

## **Sports News**

It's been a great start to Term 1 with many sporting opportunities on for everyone!

The Buller Primary District Swimming Sports is being held in Westport today. KAS has sent through 3 students to participate in this event after our own school trials were held last week. Matilda MacMillan, Trevor MacMillan, and Millie Forbes are all representing Karamea Area School today. If they qualify in Westport they will then be in for the West Coast Primary District Swimming Competition in Greymouth on March the 24th. We look forward to hearing how today went and wish them all the best for an exciting and successful day!

Our own KAS swimming sports are also rapidly approaching. This will be held on Monday, March the 8th. More information to come next week. We hope the kids families will be able to come down and support the kids with their swimming achievements and races.

Our Buller District Primary Athletics will be held in Reefton this year. Last week we had all those Year 5-8 students that were interested in trialling for the different events. Those that qualified will be going to Reefton next Monday, March the 1st. We wish the best to those going through and thank them for representing us this year at the 2021 Primary District Athletics.



KAS secondary students are in full swing with practices for the Area School TOSI Tournament. Reefton Area School will be hosting the Tournament this year which will be held March 21st to March 26th. The teams are coming together nicely with practices throughout the week and on the weekends. I am always well impressed with how much effort our students put in for this tournament. It is a great way to start the year, making the most of the outdoors, keeping fit, and connecting with each other for the year ahead. Keep those dates on the calendar, being so close to Karamea this year means Karamea families can head down to Reefton for a day to support our students with this awesome event!

**Deborah Wagner**  
Sports Co-ordinator





# Strategic Plan 2020 - 2022

## Our Logo

Our logo captures the essence of Karamaea. It depicts the unique isolation and environment that shapes the community living here, three surrounding ranges dominating the skyline with their rivers between flowing from mountain to sea and Hokioi (Haast Eagle) connecting Karamaea with the Tasman and Golden Bay Districts over those mountain passes historically. Also represented, are the sporting code colours of blue and red for the greater District and black for Karamaea, emphasising unity with the Buller.

## Our Motto

The motto, future through education, captures the vision that Karamaea Area School's founders had when building it in 1875 with the materials at hand in a sometimes unforgiving landscape. Karamaea Area School's resilience has made it a success story in the face of hardships, always knowing that a brighter future is achieved by educating young people.



### Our unique environment

Karamaea Area School is encompassed within a unique environment which sets it apart from other schools and offers place-based learning opportunities for learners. Students are offered EOTC opportunities and learn about the importance of Kaitiakitanga and caring for the environment.

- Continue to include EOTC in the curriculum and find new ways to utilise the local environment in teaching and learning (focus for 2020)
- Continue to implement environmental sustainability practices
- Implement new community-wide environmental sustainability practices



### Achievement through creative pedagogy

Staff work collaboratively and creatively to innovate and refine the teaching and learning that occurs. Pedagogy is future-focused and individualised to equip learners with the knowledge and skills they need to be functioning members of a digital society.

- Increase student motivation, agency, and understanding of purpose across curriculum areas (2020 focus on writing)
- Continue to integrate digital technologies into the curriculum through new initiatives (focus for 2020)
- To update the Karamaea Area School graduate profile to reflect the needs of future work opportunities



### Wellbeing

The physical, emotional, social, psychological, and spiritual wellbeing of students, staff, and the wider community are supported through developing resilience and minimising barriers to wellness. Karamaea Area School values creating inclusive environments which empower individuals of all cultures and backgrounds to explore their passions and experience positive wellbeing.

- To develop and implement strategies which raise the physical, emotional, social, psychological, and spiritual wellbeing of the school community (focus for 2020)
- To develop a culture of wellbeing to make all members of the school community active participants in raising collective wellbeing
- Students and staff transition effectively into, through and out of our school, with a strong sense of identity and guided by our school values