



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Namaste, Kumusta,

It's the first calendar day of Spring, and there are signs of it everywhere! Daffodils, lambs, blossoms, new growth on the boysenberry stalks, pollen off the pine trees, and leaves budding out on the trees. Spring is such a hopeful time and it brings a wonderful sense of renewal to our school community. As we step into this vibrant new season, we also head into a busy and exciting second half of Term 3, packed with community events, sports tournaments, and creative learning opportunities for our ākonga.

Nau mai, haere mai to our new student Jasper who has started in Te Waipuna.

Upcoming Highlights & Events

We have an active week ahead, starting immediately with our senior teams representing us on the field, and wrapping up with a celebration for our school community.

Congratulations Rippa Rugby – Congratulations also to our Rippa teams. We had a year 3-4 and year 5-6 team, and both teams either won or drew – no losses at all! As well, our year 5-6 team won the trophy for the Rippa Tournament. They all played showing our school values: Whakaute/Respect, Akohia/Learning, Kotahitanga/Togetherness, and Atawhai/Kindness. We are so proud of you all!

Pictured below with the trophy are Tobias, Daniel and Te Akau. And the picture to the right with the wind whipping through his hair is Kahimou!



- **Father's Day Raffle Draw (Fri, Sep 04):** The highly anticipated Father's Day Raffle will be drawn during school assembly this Friday. Tickets are still available at the office for \$2 each, with all proceeds directly lowering costs for our upcoming Senior Camp. Please return ticket stubs with names and phone numbers on them to the office by 9am on Friday 4th September. Any additional gifts to donate to the raffle would be much appreciated.

Term 3 Timeline: Subsequent Weeks

Week 8 (Sep 07–Sep 11)

- **Combined Fundraiser Day (Fri, Sep 11):** We are bringing Onesie Day, Wig Wednesday, and Superhero Day all together into one spectacular dress-up event. Ākonga can pick their favorite theme and join the fun. Please bring a coin donation, as all proceeds will be split evenly to support the Wellington Free Ambulance and Child Cancer Foundation.



- **Maths Fundraiser** – to add to the excitement of the day, we are completing our basic-facts-a-thon on the 11th September. You have already been sent home the sheet for you to find sponsors, and we will need these sheets back by the 11th of September. At that time, teachers will mark the sheets and send the sheets back home so that everyone can see how well our tamariki did, and how much money they will need to collect from sponsors. If you can't find your child's sponsor sheet, please let us know. Thank you.

Week 9 (Sep 14–Sep 18)

- **Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori:** A foundational week across our kura celebrating Māori Language Week. More details regarding specific daily activities and events will be shared closer to the time.

Week 10 (Sep 21–Sep 25)

- **School Board Meeting (Tue, Sep 22):** The next formal Board meeting will take place at 7PM in the staffroom.
- **Senior Cricket Tournament (Tue, Sep 22):** In-school or inter-school cricket opportunities for seniors are tentatively set for this day, with final confirmations to come.
- **Last Day of Term 3 (Fri, Sep 25):** Term 3 officially finishes, and school will close at the standard time of 3PM.

SchoolDocs Policy Review Reminders

We welcome and encourage feedback from our parent community to ensure our school guidelines continue to meet the needs of our tamariki. Each term, specific policies are highlighted for collective review.

To share your comments or rate the implementation of these documents, please complete the following steps:

1. Visit the SchoolDocs portal at [link removed].
2. Search for our school: **Te Kura o Hau Karetu**.
3. Log in using our community credentials:
 - **Username:** maoribank
 - **Password:** waka
4. Look for policies marked with a **red arrow**, which indicates they are currently open for review. Click on the "Start your review" button to submit your feedback directly to the Principal and Board.

Your insights are invaluable to our policy review cycle, and we appreciate you taking the time to share your perspective.

Thank you for your ongoing support across our school events, policy reviews, and daily safety routines as we work together to ensure a successful and active remainder of Term 3.

Karen Wellington
Tumuaki/Principal

Cultural festival pics



We have lots of beautiful pictures available for us to share with you. We may have your child's individual image available to send you. Please let us know if you're interested in receiving a copy via text to Karen on 0275265267 and we will organise for them to get to you.



Book Character Day:

To the left we have Te Mataahae who have dress up as Arthur, Mario, dinosaurs, witches, Wonder Woman, Batgirl, Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, princesses, Dobby, spider man and scary man. We took a picture of the whole school's dress ups and had even more characters... Cat in the Hat, super heroes and princesses galore, caterpillars, sheep – phew!

Thank you so much to everyone who could participate, do so. We get that it's not everyone's bag, but that's all good!



Congratulations to the following students following our Book Character Day:

Class	Best Dressed	Best colouring in
Te Waipuna	Levi	Camryn
Te Hikuwai	Āpereira	Arlo
Ngā Pōtiki	Autumn	Casey
Ngā Mataamua	Millie	Kiara
Te Awa	Molly	Sammy
Te Pūao	Christian	Amelia
Te Whanganui	Rylee	Lofi



Congratulations to: Jon-Kyrie, Ngāraitekahurangi, Lincoln, Xeamerrah, Wolfe who were all shortlisted in the UH Library Poetry Competition. Jon-Kyrie placed second overall in the aged 5-7 years category with his poem:
Wilderness: Kei Roto i te Ngahere
 Kei roto i te ngahere, he patupaiarehe.
 Ka whiua e rātou ngā kakano.
 Ka puta mai ngā huarākau māku.
*Deep within the forest dwell the patupaiarehe.
 They scatter the seeds, and sweet fruits spring forth for me.*

Congratulations to our very clever ākonga! Mīharo tamariki mā! We are so proud of you.

Nits and Scabies– They are still around. Everyone, please be vigilant about checking your child's hair for nits, and if your child seems to be itching their body parts, please check for intense itching that worsens at night, small red bumps or a pimple-like rash, and tiny, thin, wavy grey or white burrow lines in the top layer of the skin. Treatments for nits are available at school, and treatments for scabies are available either at the pharmacy or through your doctor. Scabies treatments through your doctor will be free of charge.

Flus, coughs, colds – Thank you to those of you who are being vigilant around coughs, colds, and flus, and keeping your child home when they are unwell. It is an unprecedented season of the flu as confirmed even by the government. If your child has had the flu, they may have a slight

lingering cough or runny nose, but as long as they have no fever or chills (it needs to be at least 24 hours after their last chill or fever that they can return) and they're feeling as though their energy levels are relatively normal, then it's a good time to return to school.

Breakfast Club Helpers – We would appreciate more volunteers for breakfast club please. We need someone for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Breakfast club is open from 8am-9am.

Te Reo Māori phrase of the week: "He whakaaro pai tēnā!"

This encouraging phrase means "That's a good idea!" You can leverage it at home or in class to positively reinforce great suggestions, creative thinking, or thoughtful contributions from your tamariki.

Other helpful learning phrases for this week:

- Ngana tonu – Keep trying
- Haere tonu – Keep going
- Tamata tonu – Keep trying



Important Notices & Reminders:

- **Peanut-Free School:** A reminder that we are a **peanut-free** school. We ask that no peanut products are brought to school, including peanut butter and foods containing **peanuts**. Note that when a packet says, "may contain traces of nuts", this is OK. Our school lunches do not contain peanuts. Other nuts are also ok.
- **Student Attendance expectations:** Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success, and the nation's goals is currently for all students to attend school for 90% of the time. You may have received a letter regarding your child's attendance which I am required to send. I encourage you to come to see me or phone or text if you receive this letter. Thank you for your support.
- If your child is going to be absent for any reason, it is essential that you advise us:
 - phone on 045269552, or
 - text on 0275269552, or
 - email to: office@tehaukaretu.school.nz, or
 - message on the Skool Loop app, to confirm your child's absence and provide us with the reason.



I HAVE A DREAM

Keen to learn about support and opportunities for you and your whānau?

FREE WHĀNAU INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Meet the local MSD & StudyLink team, ask questions and find out what's available for you and your whānau.

Kai & Childcare provided

Friday, 18th September

Starts at 3.15pm

Te Kura O Hau Karetu Hall

PLEASE RSVP by Friday, 11th September

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