



## Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*  
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Week 5, Term 3, 2025

Kia orana and Mālō e Lelei

Last week, we honoured **Cook Islands Māori Language Week**, and from **Sunday 17 to Saturday 23 August**, we'll be embracing **Tonga Language Week**—a time of great significance for our Cook Islands Māori and Tongan whānau at our kura. Including these moments in our school calendar goes far beyond marking dates; it's a heartfelt way to uplift and recognise the diverse cultural roots of our tamariki, fostering a school environment where every student's heritage shines and belongs.



**Parent/Teacher communications:** We're fortunate that our teachers are accessible to parents—but contacting them outside of their working hours via personal phones or texts can unintentionally encroach on the professional and personal boundaries of our dedicated staff. Teachers aren't expected to respond after hours unless it's a genuine emergency; messages intended to help should ideally be sent during school or normal business times. This helps maintain a respectful and positive environment for our teachers, so they're able to bring their best to school every day. Thank you for your support in this.

**Nau mai haere mai/welcome** to Rueben, Casey, and Manaia in Ngā Pōtiki, Francis in Te Waipuna, Piper in Te Pūao and Bonnie in Te Awa, who all started with us this week and last week. We are so happy you have joined us. ❤️

**Goal-setting** - is a powerful practice that gives children clarity, motivation, and a meaningful direction for their learning. Research shows that when children set specific, challenging goals, they perform better—and the process of setting and reflecting on these goals strengthens their self-awareness, resilience, time management, and decision-making. When parents attend goal-setting sessions with their child, it reinforces this positive impact.

**Our goal setting was yesterday (11<sup>th</sup>) and today (12<sup>th</sup> August).** We haven't had a huge number of people attend our goal setting this week in Kura Auraki/English medium. If you were unable to attend goal setting this week, please contact your teacher to make another time to see them.

Te Mataahae have a whānau hui combined with goal setting on the 21<sup>st</sup> August at 6pm.

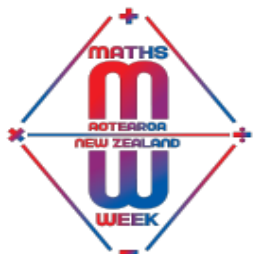
Thank you.

Look at our gorgeous tamariki who dressed up as pirates, book characters, in their onesies and pyjamas, or had crazy hair/wigs and wore yellow. Thank you everyone. We fundraised \$88.20 for a variety of charities.



**More Reading:** We are just about ready to open our new Little Free Library. It will be outside of Te Waipuna. There will be books for children to borrow and/or keep and take home. If you have any spare quality books from home you'd like to donate to this little library, please drop them in to the office. Thank you so much. We just know how important reading **TO** kids is, and this is an opportunity for kids to bring books home for you to read to them at home.

**Week 5 is Maths week:** During Maths week, we will be practicing our basic facts and having some competitions in classes and raise some much needed funds while we're at it. We will be fundraising for Ipads and Chromebooks. Matua Shea has sent details for the basic-fact-a-thon, the big testing day being on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September. After that, sponsorship will be due back on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September, then at assembly on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, there will be prizes for whoever raised the most money, and the class that does the best. The math competition is open to all ages from 5-11 years. Go and visit your Nan and Grandad, Uncle and Aunt, neighbours and friends and get your sponsorship now!



**Maths Week/Wiki Pāngarau 2025**  
Monday 11 August - Friday 15 August



**Board Elections:** As we've received 7 nominations for 5 vacancies, this means our board elections will go to a vote. You will be sent out voting instructions by the 13 August. We would really appreciate you engaging in the voting process. Thank you so much.



**Healthy Food Policy:** A heads up. We do not allow our children to eat fruit concentrates and fruit strings or the like. They are full of sugar and are essentially lollies as they contain as much, and sometimes more sugar than lollies. As well, they get stuck to their teeth and contribute to tooth decay. If your child does bring these to school, we will take them from your child and give them back to them at the end of the day.

These items are so cleverly packaged that children desire them, and adults think they are healthy. They are not. They are empty calories with no nutritional value in them whatsoever. Thank you for your understanding and support in this.

**School pick-ups:** Please help us keep pickup time calm and safe. We kindly ask parents to park in an appropriate place, avoid stopping in no-parking zones and yellow lines, and be respectful to others while waiting. Ensuring everyone's

cooperation at pickup helps us protect all our children from unnecessary risk, helps to keep the neighbours happy, and teachers stress free. Children should be wearing a safety belt and have their own car seat space. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Heads up:

- **Volunteers:** We are always after volunteers to help out with Breakfast Club please. We have breakfast from 8-9am daily. If you are able to support us with the above, please contact Roseanne at the office. Thank you.
- **PSG Meeting** – Parents who wish to support fundraising our school, there is a meeting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm in the staffroom – thank you for your support.
- **Flus and Covid** – Covid is still around, and so is the flu. The best prevention is to practice good hand hygiene. Wash thoroughly, dry thoroughly. If your child has vomited or had diarrhea, please ensure they do not come back to school until 48 hours after their last episode. Thank you.
- **Attendance:** Our attendance is still on 86% - considering the winter weather and bugs, everyone is doing well.  
**If your child isn't attending school**, please tell us each day they are not in attendance and let us know why they are not attending school. The reason we ask this is for Health and Safety protocols. Ph 04 5269552, Text - 0275269552 or through the Skool Loop App.
- **Change of clothes:** During these wet winter months, please make sure your child has a change of clothes in their bags, just in case they get wet while playing. Especially pants. Thank you.

Ngā mihi nui  
Karen Wellington  
Tumuaki/Principal

### **Events Term T3, 2025**

Week 5 11-15 Aug	Goal setting interviews, Monday and Tuesday. You will be able to book your times soon on Skool Loop. Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Aug from 3.15-7pm and Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Aug from 3.15-5.30pm. PSG Meeting – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2pm in the staffroom.
Week 6 18-22 Aug	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug – Paid Union Meeting. Pick up your child at 1.15pm. Please advise the office whether you are unable to do so. Thank you.
Week 7 25-29 Aug	Ripper Rugby Tuesday – for seniors
Week 8 1-5 Sept	Conservation week Random Acts of Kindness Day Monday
Week 9 8-12 Sept	School production – dress rehearsal performance Wednesday during the day, and evening performance on Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September.
Week 10 15-19 Sept	Last Day of term 19 <sup>th</sup> September at 3pm Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori

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### Policies due for Review for Term 3:

Term 3 policies	Review opens 30 June
• <b>Child Protection</b>	Board review
• <b>Abuse Recognition and Reporting</b>	Board review
• <b>Food and Nutrition</b>	
• <b>Safety Checking</b>	Board review
• <b>Police Vetting</b>	
• <b>Missing Student Procedure</b>	

Go to: [schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz), type in our school name and sign in. We encourage you to check these policies out and have your say if you think there should be amendments. Thank you.

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