



# Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*  
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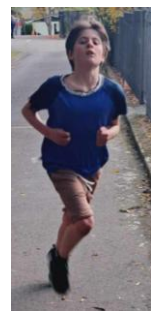
**Congratulations** to Nevaeh and Navroop who won player of the day and most valuable player at netball on Saturday. It was the first day for netballers, and it sounds as though the year 4 and 5 teams had a cracker of a game each. Our year 6 team had a bye, so next weekend it'll be - LOOK OUT WORLD – TE KURA O HAU KARETU NETBALL TEAMS ARE COMING! I know there are loads more of our tamariki who play other sports on the weekends, and I would love to hear from you with pictures of your conquests.

**Nau mai, haere mai** to Lucas, Roman and Erueti who have started in Te Waipuna this term - we are so excited to have you start with us and know you'll love it here. ❤️

**Support Staff Week** - We want to say a huge "THANK YOU" to our support staff this week. These people are a critical part of the running of the school and the care of our tamariki – we see everyday how much they put into their jobs in making this a special place for our tamariki to learn. The list of their jobs is endless! We want to thank you and acknowledge you all for the incredible mahi you do for us here at Te Kura o Hau Karetu.

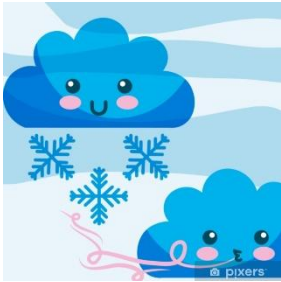


**Cross country** – After we had to postpone the school Cross Country run last Friday, we had a blast in the sun on Monday. Wilbur the school horse was there entertaining the children while they were cheering on their friends in the running race. Wilbur was also great at encouraging reluctant runners to give it a try. Our tamariki are so supportive of each other. While running is not easy and makes you tired and puffed and even breathless at times, it is such a cool feeling when you get to the end and know you've achieved an amazing feat. Well done to everyone who participated – they all received a gold coin for their house when they had completed the race.



# Road Safety Week

**Road Safety Week:** It's National Road Safety Week this week. This afternoon after school, I watched as Casey was walking carefully on the footpath and she saw a car backing out of the driveway, so she stopped and waited. Nice work Casey! These are the kinds of sensible road safety awareness behaviours we love. Come and see me for a gold coin tomorrow, Casey. I'll be watching Wednesday when I'm walking bus for sensible road safety behaviour, as will other teachers all this week.



**Winter is looming:** With the weather being what it is, warm one minute, cold and raining the next, it's a timely reminder for everyone to please provide appropriate clothing for your child each day. If your child is one who tends to play in the wet or mud (we get it, it's fun!), then please provide a change of clothes. If your child does not have a winter jacket, please let us know at the office. We will order them a Kids Can jacket which is nice and warm. Please give us an indication of the size you require also. We will do the order by the end of next week (23<sup>rd</sup> May), so please get your orders in soon. Thank you.

**Volunteers** – We are still after a number of volunteers to help us for the following activities please:

- **Perceptual Motor Programme (PMP)** – Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-11am. This programme is for our junior children and is designed to get them moving and developing their physical skills – both gross and fine movements. We are looking for parents to help us set this programme up, run the programme with the support of other trained adults, and help us to put equipment away.
- **Breakfast club** – we need more people on 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.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May** is the Interschool Cross Country – 1pm course walk through and 1.30 races start. Anyone who would like to participate can do so. Please register online using the skool loop app or the email sent out by Matua.

## **Heads up:**

- **Nits:**  
They have come back to school already. Please try to keep on top of these pesky critters and check your child's head regularly:
  - Please tie your child's hair up if it is long.
  - Don't share brushes or combs – each child should have their own.
  - Treatments can be sourced from school, or through your doctor/medical centre on prescription
  - If you find nits on your child, you should check all family members.
  - We're all in this together – everyone please treat their kid's heads and we'll get out of the cycle.
  - For further information go to: <https://www.kidshealth.org.nz/head-lice>
- **Flus and Covid** – Covid is still around, and so is the flu. There is a stomach bug that has come back from the holidays as well. 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:** Oh, we've crept up to 86.1% which is a whole .1 of a percent up from last fortnight! Not much, but at least we're going the right way up. Keep well everyone, by sleeping, eating, exercising well, washing hands, and keeping warm.  
Let us know if you're having trouble with getting your kids to school – you never know what we might be able to do to support them getting here.

Ngā mihi nui  
Karen Wellington  
Tumuaki/Principal

## Events Term T1 & 2 2025

Week 3 12-16 May	Interschool Cross Country – 18 <sup>th</sup> May Harcourt Park 1pm. Even if you're not running in the race, come down to support those who are.
Week 4 19-23 May	Tough Gal/Guy Mud Run Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May
Week 5 26-30 May	Education Review Office (ERO) audit 26 <sup>th</sup> May. Pōwhiri 1pm (not change of time) – all welcome. Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – <b>Teacher Only Day</b> – please do not send your children to school on this day.
Week 6 2-6 June	King's Birthday Monday Basketball Walter Nash – Seniors Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Week 7 9-13 June	TBA
Week 8 16-20 June	MIS Sports day – Year 6 students Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June Matariki Breakfast Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June 8am – all welcome Hui for parents of children who are Neurodiverse Hui 19 <sup>th</sup> May – 9.15am in staffroom Matariki – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Week 9 23-27 June	Mid Term Reports go out this week Last day for the term Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 3pm

### Policies up for Review for Term 2:

Go to: [schooldocs.co.nz](https://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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Term 2 policies	Review opens 28 April
• <b>Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises</b>	Board review
• <b>Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis</b>	Board review
• <b>School Closure</b>	Board review
• <b>Emergency Management</b>	
• <b>Disaster Management</b>	
• <b>Crisis Management</b>	

These are the topics specified on the review schedule. You can also review any topic that has a review button.