



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,

Welcome to term 4 – the most exciting term of all where we get to find out how well your child has achieved in their learning, where we get to celebrate them, and where we have loads of exciting things planned for your child to experience. It also does mean that teachers and children are working hard, so we need to look after ourselves by eating, sleeping, hydrating and playing well.



A special nau mai, haere mai/welcome to our newbies: Kate Lawson who is our new office assistant who will be in the office on Mondays and Fridays; to Aisake, Lincoln, Jonah, Hanish, Elizabeth, Archee, and Safiya who have started in Te Waipuna; Irihapeti, Willow, Brooklyn and Laila who has started in Ngā Pōtiki; Nico who has started in Te Pūao, and Cayden who has started in Te Whanganui. Our roll is now up to 163! Amazing!

Property news:

Thank you to Dayna and Arise Church who helped to create a new retaining wall and to paint our steps and our pirate ship on Saturday 19th September. Subsequently, Dayna has filled up our bark area so that it's now safe and looking lovely.



Another beautiful addition to our playground is the new netball/basketball court. Our tamariki are all vying for space on it, so while it is a novelty, we are asking all soccer and rugby type games to be played on the field (now that it's not muddy), and basketball and netball on the courts. Thank you so much to **Think Turf** for laying this amazing product, and for **Jewel Kirk** who has tirelessly been fundraising for us!





Warmer Weather:

We noticed lots of children with headaches and sore tummies in the heat yesterday, and I'd just about guarantee it was because they weren't drinking enough water or had too many clothes on. **Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school and a change of clothes for warmer weather.**

As well, when I was out on duty I noticed lots of children without their potae/sunhats. **Please make sure your child comes to school with their potae each day.** It needs to be a full brimmed sunhat. Any child who doesn't bring a sunhat will be required to stay on the porch by Te Waipuna for the duration of the lunch break.

We have a picture for you of Ngāraitekahurangi wearing her beautiful potae. Tino pai Ngāraitekahurangi!



Google permissions:

We are at that time of the year when we have to ask you for permission to use Google products from now until September next year. We have set up a Google form online for you to use, and information for this including a link, will be sent out via email to you today. If you require a physical form, please come into the office to complete it.

Your child will not be able to use any device at school until this form is completed, so it will need to be completed urgently please. This request applies to ALL students.

We are required to have this completed every year – a one off just won't cut it due to the rapid pace of change in the technology arena. Thank you for your understanding.

PhotoLife

School Photos:

School photos will be taken on **Wednesday 21 October.**

Class and Individual Photos - Children will have a class photo and an individual photos taken.

Sibling Photos - If you would like a sibling photo, please fill in a form that is being sent out with this newsletter and needs to be completed by **Monday 19th October.**

- **Siblings who attend our school:** Photos will be taken during the school day. There is no need to attend the before school session.
- **Siblings who do not attend our school:** Photos will be taken in the hall from 8.15am.
- **Neurodiverse Whānau** at 9.15am in the hall.

Timeframe

Photos are taken. Once the proofs are ready, they will be emailed to you to view and purchase online. (Please check junk/spam folders for the emails) You are still able to order photos after this date, but a delivery fee will apply.



UHUB – Emotional Coaching:

On the **4th November from 9-10.30**, we are hosting an event here in the hall about **Emotion Coaching** – how to guide your child into a calm space. We know that little people are still

learning how to manage their emotions and it can be a tricky time for everyone in the family. We invite you to come along to this free session which I know will give you some practical tips on how to help your child, as well as understand their needs and why their brain is making them do these things. Morning tea will be provided afterwards. As well, we will provide care for any pre-schoolers over the age of 2 years if required.



UHub 'Empower U' Session

Emotion Coaching Guiding With Calm



Big feelings are a part of growing up.
Join us to learn a simple, supportive
way to respond to your tamariki,
building language for calm, guidance,
and connection.



Book your
free
spot now!



uhub.org.nz

Wednesday 4th November, 9am – 10.30am

Hosted for the community of Te Kura o Hau Karetu

Venue: Te Kura o Hau Karetu, 32 Hillside Drive, Maoribank, Upper Hutt

www.uhub.org.nz

Important Events for Term 4:

Week 1 12-16 Oct	Monday – Pōwhiri for newbies 9.15am
Week 2 19-23 Oct	Friday 23 rd October – Teacher only day – please do not send your child to school on this day.
Week 3 26-30 Oct	Monday 26 th October – Labour Day Holiday Friday 30 th October – School Athletics Day
Week 4 2-6 Nov	Assessment Week Tuesday – Danish Rounders Wednesday – UHUB Empower You event
Week 5 9-13 Nov	Friday – Road Patrollers Party Wednesday 11th Nov – Fundraising Sausage Sizzle at Touch Rugby – volunteers required. Please advise Roseanne if you're able to help.
Week 6 16-20 Nov	Swimming Starts – bring togs (no t-shirts) and a towel each day. Tuesday – Interschool Athletics IHAD event Saturday 21 st November
Week 8 30 Nov-4 Dec	EOTC Week – Events on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Notices coming soon. Years 1-4 – various events Years 5&6 - Camp
Week 9 7-11 Dec	Friday – special event for our students
Week 10 14-16 Dec	Monday – Celebrations Assembly, Leaver's Dinner Wednesday – Final Assembly & Christmas Raffle drawn

Whakaahua Spotlight

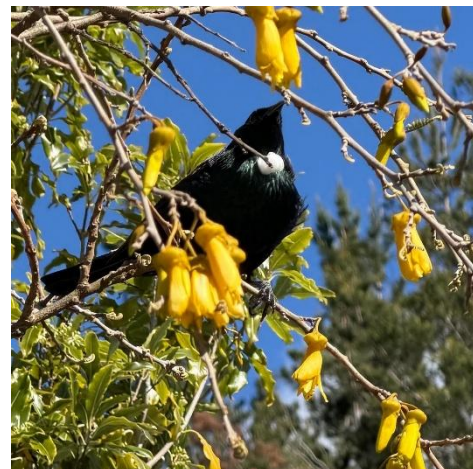


“When the job description said ‘must be good with children’.”

We have lots of babies around at the moment – which we all love!

Matua Shea is a great babysitter, and had a visit from two baby girls – Whaea Jenna's baby, Madison, and Whaea Belinda's granddaughter, Alaya. AND, he was still able to teach at the same time!

Whaea Shaniyn found this beautiful big fat tūī in our kowhai tree (great pic Shaniyn), helping itself to the nectar in the flowers. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful place to live in.



Witnessing pure architectural genius at work! **Ārahi's** fine motor skills and spatial awareness are second to none—building play dough towers like a pro while casually setting the standard for play-time fashion. Nike, sponsor him already!



I have a Dream (IHAD) year 5 girls having a fabulous time at the Silverstream Retreat Camp. Thank you so much to IHAD for everything you do for our tamariki!



Eddison is learning how to do rākau with Whaea Ashna – his concentration is next level! I love the way our tamariki keep trying and learning so much everyday.

Billy is looking fabulous in his kākahu and head band from our Te Wiki o te Reo Māori last term.

Ngā mihi nui
Karen Wellington
Tumuaki/Principal

