



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,

Nau mai, haere mai to Whaea Georgina who is filling in for Whaea Jenna while she is on leave having her baby. We were lucky enough that Whaea Georgina was there when we needed someone!



Te Reo Maori kupu of the week:

Māori word for delicious is REKA.

Did you know that the German word for delicious is LECKER? Is this just a coincidence?

Māori word for the sun is RA.

Did you know that the Egyptian word for the sun is also Ra? Is this just a coincidence?

The Samoan word for the sun is LA.



Pink Shirt Day: Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying.

Thank you so much to everyone who wore pink on Friday. We had a huge amount of students participate in this event. Pink shirt day is a day where we support anti-bullying. Bullying is different from if another person was mean to you the one time. Bullying is deliberate, repeated, and harmful behaviour involving a misuse of power to cause physical, verbal, or social distress to another person, either in person or online. It is not a one-off incident, but a pattern designed to intimidate, degrade, or control, which can occur at school, work, or in communities.

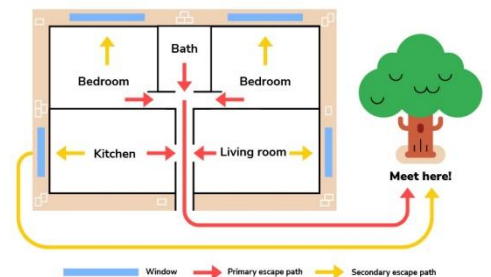
If you think your child is being bullied, please tell your teacher or Karen

The New Zealand Fire Service trucks and firefighters from the Remutaka Brigade came to visit us on Monday. They told us all about how a fire truck works and reminded us what to do in a fire which is:

- Get Down
- Get Low
- Get Out FAST and Stay Out
- Call 111 once you're out

Do you have a family evacuation plan? Have you talked about it with your kids? It's a great idea to do so, so that everyone is aware of what to do.

We really appreciate everything the New Zealand Fire Service does for our nation in keeping us safe!



Te Hikuwai who are listening intently to the firefighters.



Ngā Pōtiki are lining up to see who's going to be the first to meet the lady firefighter!



Aubrey is training to be a fire fighter. She's holding on tight to that hose and she's got great aim! Rawe Aubrey!

Assembly Awards:

Congratulations to the following ākonga/learners, who won the Principal's Awards last week. A Principal's Award is awarded to the learners in each class who stand out as showing the WAKA values which are:

- **Whakaute/Respect**
- **Akohia/Learning**
- **Kotahitanga/Togetherness**
- **Atawhai/Kindness**



Congratulations to

Esa who won Rain, Zayla, Lily-Rose, Kaharawa, Hayley, Vada, Xavier, & the "Goodies or the Bag".

Rain, Zayla, Lily-Rose, Kaharawa, Hayley, Vada, Xavier, & Vaya who won IHAD awards for being incredible!

Lincoln, Te Mihinga, Rosie, Neala, Zayden, & Nicholas for the Principal's Awards.

The **Golden Throne Award**, to the class with the tidiest toilets. This week's winners are **Te Mataahae girls** – ka rawe!



This week's **Tidiest Porch Award** goes to: Te Awa & Te Hikuwai

Picking your children up at the end of the day:

We have noticed a lot of children are regularly being picked up early, **before 3pm**. We would ask that you don't do this due to:

- Children missing out on the end of day celebrations which is part of their routine
- Missing out of any notices from teachers
- Missing out on some learning that may still be happening.
- If you take your child home 15 minutes early every single day, that equates to 3000 minutes which is 50 hours which is 2 whole weeks off school in one year!

We don't mind you coming into class to wait, but please don't take them early unless it's an emergency – thank you.

Property News – The fences are all finished, and we're just waiting on a few gates and then the job is completely finished.

We're just waiting for a hole in the ground to be re-concreted following a leak in one of the pipes that was fixed.

Please take care by the admin block when walking passed Mrs Wellington's office!

You'll notice we now have two disability carparks. Please leave these parks for people with mobility parking permits only. Thank you for your understanding.



Kutu/Nits: Oh no! They're back! Please check your child's head for lice. We've seen a few recently which means we all need to be in this together, otherwise we'll find ourselves with an infestation:

The Wet Combing Method

Wet combing is the most accurate way to check for and remove live lice and nits.

1. **Prepare:** Wash the hair, then apply a generous amount of regular hair conditioner to make combing easier and to stun the lice.
2. **Comb:** Use a fine-tooth head lice (nit) comb. Starting at the scalp, comb through the hair all the way to the ends.
3. **Check:** Wipe the comb on a white tissue or paper towel after each stroke to look for lice or eggs.
4. **Repeat:** Work your way through small sections of hair across the entire head.

What to Do Next

If you spot a live louse or live nits:

- **Treat:** Wash the hair using a specialized over-the-counter or pharmacy treatment, or continue rigorous daily wet combing until no lice are found for 3 days in a row. We also have treatments at school if you require them. Just ask at the office.
- **Check Household:** Anyone living in the same house should be checked immediately.



- **Wash bedding.**

For further advice, go to:

Head lice (nits) - Health New Zealand



School Cross Country: Love it or hate it, it's cross country season. We love it because it helps us learn how to keep our bodies healthy. This **Friday the 22nd May at 11.30am**, we are holding the school Cross Country. Kids, **please wear your house colours**. Parents, please check with you child's teacher if your child doesn't know their house colours or which house they're in. Houses are:

- Tui Green
- Kereru Red
- Kokako Blue
- Weka Yellow or orange

All parents are welcome to come along to watch your child run and support everyone from the sidelines (or run with them if you feel the need!).



Important Notices & Reminders:

- **Peanut-Free School:** We are now 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.
- **Student Attendance expectations:** Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school every day.
If your child is going to be absent for any reason, it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible. It is important that you:
 - 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.
- **Fundraising:** If anyone is keen on being part of our PSG fundraising group, please let Roseanne or Rachel know at the office, and we'll put you in touch with Whaea Jewel who is our PSG leader. Thank you.
- **Wet Weather** – please provide a change of clothes in your child's bag just in case they get wet while playing. If a child is wearing gumboots, we are happy to encourage them to play on the wet grass.
- **Drop offs in the morning** – A reminder to please drop your child at the school gate, where they can walk independently into the school. For our new entrant students, or those with additional needs, you are welcome to use the carpark for drop-off.
We also ask that you take care when parking, as access can become restricted when vehicles block key areas. Our carpark space is limited, so we appreciate your support in keeping this area safe and accessible for everyone.
Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Ngā mihi nui,
Karen Wellington
Tumuaki/Principal

Important Dates and Events:

Week 5 18-22 May	Wednesday 20 th May – Basketball Saints in School 1pm Thursday 21 st May - Spell it Out @ MIS for Year 6 students Friday 22 nd May – School Cross Country at 11.30am – all welcome to cheer everyone on!
Week 7 1-5 June	Interschool Cross Country – Sunday 7 th June
Week 8 8-12 June	King's Birthday – Monday 7 th June 9 th June – MIS sport's day for year 6's 11 th June – Bake Sale 11am – fundraising for Camp – please bring baking and coins - \$5 will be heaps! Parents also welcome to come along.
Week 11 29 Jun-3 July	Matariki Disco, Thursday 2 nd July – further information coming soon Last day for term 2, Friday 3 rd July First day back for term 3 – Monday 20 th July