



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Week 7, Term 3, 2025

Kia orana and Mālō e Lelei,

Nau mai haere mai/welcome to Niva who has just joined us in Te Waipuna. We are very excited to have you with us as a big school girl now! ❤️

Mahi around the school:

We are having some work done on our school site effective from 1st of September. We have had two containers dropped onto the netball courts today – the children will need to use half a court to play soccer instead of having the whole court. The containers will remain on site for three weeks. ***Please do not park in the driveway at the back of the school during this time, as vehicles will need to have access to the back gate.***

We are having new power points, new lighting and acoustic ceiling tiles fitted around the spaces in the school, and during the school holidays will have new carpet installed in Te Waipuna, Te Pūao and Te Whanganui.

Each class will be moving into the I Have a Dream class space for one day during the fortnight that work is being done. We have a roster. Of course, all this is happening during the school production time, so it will be extra important for children to have plenty of good sleep – thank you.

Working Bee: On Saturday 13th September 9am-12pm, we are holding a working bee around the school. We will be supported by some of the members of Arise Church (these are the wonderful people who make and serve cooked breakfasts to our tamariki each Wednesday). It would be great if you were able to support us with this. There will be a BBQ for lunch. Please let Roseanne or Rachel at the office know if you're able to make it. Busy, busy, busy!



Fruity Rolls, Fruity nuggets, Fruit snakes and strings etc:

Please **stop** sending these to school in your child's lunch box. They are really bad for their teeth and full of sugar. It is part of our policy that these are not appropriate food for school as they are bad for teeth as they get stuck in their teeth, and full of sugar just like lollies. The clue is the in the wording "fruity" – there's so little fruit left in them they legally can't say they are

fruit!. They contain some fruit juice **and** added sugar **and** chemical flavouring. Thank you for your support in this.



Parent/Teacher communications: I was reminded at our whānau hui last week that we have an awful lot of communication systems, and that they can seem overwhelming at times or even know what each one is used for. I hope this clarifies them for you:

- **Skool Loop app** - for whole school comms including newsletter
- **See-Saw app** – for class comms
- **Facebook** – for community comms including newsletter

If you would like support on how to use each of these apps, please ask your teacher for help.

If you would like a paper copy of the newsletter each fortnight, please advise Roseanne or Rachel at the office and they can organise to make sure your child/ren brings a copy home.





Kaupapa mō te wiki/Value of the week: Our value this week is – Akohia/Learning – Creating a quiet environment so we can focus. We are not just thinking about quiet classrooms, but also the office, the hall, and to the library.



School Production: Our School Production “He Ira Ātua, He Ira Tangata” is being held performed on the following days:

Wednesday 11th September – dress rehearsal – 10am

Thursday 12th September 3.30-4.30

Thursday 12th September 5.30-6.30 (children will be given pizza for dinner)

Tickets are on sale from Wednesday 3rd September. Limit of 4 tickets per family.

Tickets are \$5 each and proceeds of the sale go towards costs for the Production and any profit will go towards our new netball courts. Purchase tickets from the office.



Fundraising: We have a fabulous group of parents on the Parent Support Group (PSG) who are currently fundraising for the resurfacing of our netball courts.

We have a **Bake sale** on **Wednesday 17th September**. Please support this by bringing baking and money for purchasing baking. Items will be \$1, \$2, and \$3 each.

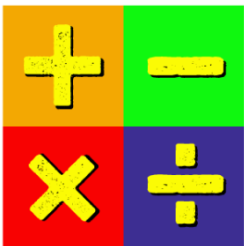
Our next Disco is being held on **Thursday 18th September at 2pm**. The theme is **K-Pop Demon Hunters** – I now know so much about this that I never knew before! The children are beside themselves with excitement about this. The cost for a bag of goodies is \$5. Anyone is able to attend the disco if they would like, as entry is free, but the goodies will cost you!

Father’s Day Raffle – Tickets have already been distributed to you - \$2 per ticket. Any donations for the raffle itself would be gratefully received also. If you would like more tickets, please see Rachel or Roseanne at the office. Thank you.

Free Little Library: 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 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.



Math – Basic Facts Fundraiser: We are all practicing our basic facts hard out ready for when we carry out the math competition for Friday 5th September. Please remember to take your sponsorship forms to whanau/family and neighbours to see if they will sponsor you for your basic fact-a-thon.

We will be fundraising for Ipads and Chromebooks. Please let us know if you’ve lost your sponsorship forms and we will forward you a new one. Sponsorship will be due back on Friday 12th September.

Board Elections: As we’ve received 7 nominations for 5 vacancies, this means we are now in the midst of a vote. Your voice matters — voting in the upcoming school board elections is a vital way to help shape the future of our kura and ensure it reflects the values and aspirations of our community. Information on voting was sent out to you via email on the 13th August. Thank you so much.

School pick-ups: Please help us keep pickup time calm and safe. ***We kindly ask parents to park in an appropriate place*** (e.g. not right outside the school gates so no one can get in or out), 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.
- **Flus and Covid** – Covid is still around, and so is the flu – Influenza A and B. 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 at 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 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 10am. Thursday 11 th Sept performances 3.30 & 5.30. We will feed children pizza between performances.
Week 10 15-19 Sept	Bake Sale Wednesday 11am Disco Thursday 2pm Last Day of term 19 th 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
• Child Protection	Board review
• Abuse Recognition and Reporting	Board review
• Food and Nutrition	
• Safety Checking	Board review
• Police Vetting	
• Missing Student Procedure	

Go to: 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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