



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Kia ora, Talofa Lava,

Nau mai, haere mai to Tyson who has started in Te Waipuna. We can't wait to get to know you better.



Mud Run – We had a team of 20 students who attended the annual Tough Gal/Guy Mud Run last Wednesday. They ploughed through the mud and water like champions. This is the third year for some of them, and they have the medals to prove it. We are so proud of you all. Thank you to Matua Shea for organising this event.



ERO – We have the Education Review office here this week. Welcome to Darcy Te Hau and Toni Heke, who will be speaking with ākonga, whānau, the Board and the Leadership team around our practice. Teachers work hard to make sure your child receives the best education possible and that your child reaches their full potential while they are here with us.

New Curricula - With the new literacy and mathematics curricula for both Māori medium and English medium this year, we are still learning how to navigate these documents and what best practice is for your children's learning. When you receive your child's mid-year reports at the end of this term, you may notice slight changes in your child's progress and comments. This is to be expected as there has been an increase in levels of expectations in the curricula. Once you receive the reports, there will be an afternoon available for you to come and speak with your teacher about the reports if you wish.

Last year, we hosted an information session to introduce the new literacy programmes being implemented in our classrooms. We appreciated your engagement and the valuable discussions that ensued. Looking ahead, we are planning an information evening later this year to share insights into the updated mathematics curriculum. Our teaching team is currently engaging in professional development to ensure they are well-prepared to deliver this curriculum effectively. We aim to provide you with a comprehensive overview once this groundwork is complete.

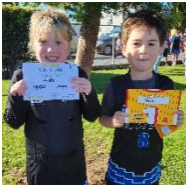
Teacher Only Day this Friday 30th May – please do not attend school on this day – teachers will be busy focusing on moderating assessment of the new literacy curriculum (very exciting stuff). Thank you for your patience and understanding.

King's Birthday this weekend – Because we have a teacher only day on Friday 30th May and King's Birthday Monday is on Monday 2nd June, you get a 4-day weekend – woop woop!

Next week 5th June – A reminder to parents of ORS funded students, please complete pickups at 12.45pm on this day due to the teacher aide Paid Union Meeting. Thank you so much. Everyone else, you're staying at school until 3pm!

Kaupapa mō te wiki/Value of the week – this week is Atawhai/Kindness – Mihi atu – Mihi mai – show others kindness and they will give it back to you.

Last week was Kotahitanga/Togetherness – helping to tidy our kura – a tidy space helps us to have an organised mind.



Congratulations to: Vada and Otis who won player of the day and most valuable player for their team Atawhai. They won their game 8 points to 3. Woo hoo! You people rock!



Pride Week: It is Pride week next week, from the 2nd-6th June. Pride week is about celebrating diversity, inclusion, and acceptance of the Rainbow Community and we are happy to support this. Every person should feel a sense of belonging and safety in their community, and we are part of that community so we should do everything we can to show all our ākongā/leaners that they are important and have value.



Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week – 1-7 June

The 2025 theme for Samoa Language Week is “Ia malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã– A well-grounded self, is a successful self”. We’ll be having various Samoan Language activities throughout next week to celebrate.



Lost Property: - We understand that misplacing items at school can be frustrating for both students and parents. It's common for belongings to be left behind or moved inadvertently by others. Please rest assured that in 99 out of 100 percent of cases, these items are still on school grounds and can often be found with a bit of searching.

Our staff are committed to assisting students in locating their lost items. However, we also encourage students to take responsibility for their belongings and for parents to support them in this process. Labelling all personal items with your child's name can greatly increase the chances of lost items being returned promptly. Much of the time, children have the same or similar clothing and it's easily mistaken for their own.

We kindly ask that any concerns about lost property be directed to our staff rather than shared on social media. Public speculation can inadvertently and unfairly harm our school's reputation and the well-being of our students. If you wish to search for a missing item, please speak with your child's teacher, who can guide you to our lost property areas.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work together to keep track of our students' belongings.



We're loving: our new hall murals right now. They have just been put up in the foyer of the hall and looking gorgeous. Please feel free to admire them, but no touching, as they are fragile and we want them to last. We have whakatauki/proverbs we will be placing underneath each of them also so you can read the story of each one of the murals. There are more murals to be placed on the right hand side of the foyer as well. They'll be up by the end of the week.

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.
- **Breakfast club** – Breakfast Club is daily from 8-9am.

If you are able to support us with the above, please contact Roseanne at the office. Thank you.

Attendance: We've up to 87% attendance year to date which is nearly a whole percent up from last fortnight! That is awesome work everyone. Thank you so much for getting your tamariki to school at school each day. It's not easy – actually – it's exhausting for you all, but we really appreciate it.

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 5 26-30 May	Education Review Office (ERO) audit 26 th May. Pōwhiri 1pm (not change of time) – all welcome. Friday 30 th May – Teacher Only Day – 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 rd June
Week 7 9-13 June	This week we're just going to have a nice week of learning without any interruptions!
Week 8 16-20 June	MIS Sports day – Year 6 students Tuesday 17 th June Matariki Breakfast Thursday 19 th June 8am – all welcome Hui for parents of children who are Neurodiverse Hui 19 th May – 9.15am in staffroom Matariki – Friday 20 th June
Week 9 23-27 June	Mid Term Reports go out this week Last day for the term Friday 27 th June 3pm

Policies up for Review for Term 2:

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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Term 2 policies	Review opens 28 April
• Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises	Board review
• Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis	Board review
• School Closure	Board review
• Emergency Management	
• Disaster Management	
• Crisis Management	

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