



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

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

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Namaste, Kumusta,

Nau mai haere mai/welcome to Hayley who has started in Te Awa, Aria in Te Hikuwai, Dawson, in Te Whanganui, Tainui, in Ngā Potiki, and Fate, Ārahi, and Waito in Te Waipuna. We are so happy to have you at our kura! We hope you feel welcome here.



Reading at home: Recent data from our school shows that our ākonga's reading fluency needs to improve. While we know teaching phonics is great for our kids learning how to read words and sentences, unless they have lots of practice and good models for this, reading fluency will become slow and therefore, comprehension will be poor. In order for your child's reading fluency and comprehension to improve, it's really important for you to **read to** your child at home. Please read with:

- The right expression
- At a good speed
- And be excited about reading with your child.

If you have any questions about how to read with your child, please ask your child's teacher. It's not about you teaching your child how to read, but increasing their levels of vocabulary, stimulates their language processing and communication skills, sparks imagination and creativity, and a whole lot more amazing benefits. If you need books for your home, please let us know as we're likely to have some lying around.

Fundraiser: This Friday 1st August is our multi-fundraiser dress up day. Go wild! There are prizes for the craziest hairdo/wigs, the meanest pirate, the cuddliest Onesie, the yellowist, and the most creative book character:

- Wigs or Crazy Hairdo for Child Cancer,
- Daffodils and yellow for the Cancer Society,
- Book character just for fun,
- Onesie for Wellington Free Ambulance,
- or come as a Pirate for Pirate Day just for fun.

Please bring a coin as a donation. All proceeds will be divided evenly between our 3 charities. Thank you for your support.

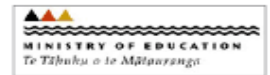


Week 5 is Maths week: During Maths week, we will be practicing our basic facts and having some competitions in classes and raise some much needed funds while we're at it. Keep your eyes out for further details – Matua Shea has some cool ideas for the Maths week competitions.



Maths Week/Wiki Pāngarau 2025

Monday 11 August - Friday 15 August



Goal setting: Goal setting interviews are held on Monday 11th August from 3.15-7pm, and Tuesday 12th August from 3.15-5.30pm, here at school. You can book a session on Skool Loop. If you don't already have it, you can download the Skool Loop app onto your phone or a device. All whānau are required to attend please.

Board Elections:

- Every three years all public schools in Aotearoa hold elections for their School Boards, and this is going to happen again in 2025. If you are interested in sharing your skills with us, be ready to put your name forward – there's still time. **9 more days until nominations close.** Please see your email from Election Pilot regarding details on how to do this.
- So far, we have 5 nominations and 5 spaces available on the Board. If we receive more nominations, we will go to an election. If we receive no more, then the nominees are automatically appointed as our new Board.
- Election date is **Wednesday 10th September.**
- If you have any questions about the election process, then the best people to talk to are the team at Election Pilot. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.

Tumeke Tumuaki week: Last week was Tumeke Tumaki week which meant I was thoroughly spoilt by our teachers and students. They made me beautiful cards, I have an incredible display on my door, and loads of yummy treats. Thank you so much everyone for your generosity. I love being your principal and proud that you are all part of my life.

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.
- **PSG Meeting** – Parents who wish to support fundraising our school, there is a meeting on Friday 15th August at 2pm in the staffroom – thank you for your support.
- **Flus and Covid** – Covid is still around, and so is the flu. 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 back up to 86.6% - slightly up from this time last term. 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.
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: Please, please, during these wet winter months, 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

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| Week 3 28 July-1 Aug | <p>Friday 1st August – we are combining fundraisers, choose the way you dress up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wigs or Crazy Hairdo for Child Cancer, • Daffodils and yellow or the Cancer Society, • Book character, • Onsie for Wellington Free Ambulance • or come as a Pirate for Pirate Day. <p>Please bring a coin as a donation.</p> |
| Week 4 4-8 Aug | Maidstone Intermediate Year 6 visit |
| Week 5 11-15 Aug | <p>Goal setting interviews, Monday and Tuesday. You will be able to book your times soon on Skool Loop. Monday 11th Aug from 3.15-7pm and Tuesday 12th Aug from 3.15-5.30pm.</p> <p>PSG Meeting – Friday 15th August 2pm in the staffroom.</p> |
| Week 6 18-22 Aug | Wednesday 20 th Aug – Paid Union Meeting. Unsure of details at this stage, but we will be doing everything we can to make sure we can manage. |
| Week 7 25-29 Aug | Ripper Rugby Tuesday – for seniors |
| Week 8 1-5 Sept | <p>Conservation week</p> <p>Random Acts of Kindness Day Monday</p> |
| Week 9 8-12 Sept | School production – dress rehearsal performance Wednesday during the day, and evening performance on Thursday 11 th September. |
| Week 10 15-19 Sept | <p>Last Day of term 19th September at 3pm</p> <p>Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori</p> |

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Policies due for Review for Term 3:

| Term 3 policies | Review opens 30 June |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Protection | Board review |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Abuse Recognition and Reporting | Board review |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food and Nutrition | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safety Checking | Board review |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Police Vetting | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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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