






Te Kura o Hau Karetu

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

A quick newsletter, I promise. Mostly just reminders and updates:

Thank you	<p>A huge thank you to our teachers and staff who have worked so hard this term. We have been navigating a new curriculum, new ways of assessing, new ways of reporting, and all while we are still having changes being thrown at us by the Minister. We are so fortunate to have such a great team.</p>
Scabies	<p>These seem to have calmed – we haven't had any new cases for a couple of weeks now. Thanks for being so vigilant about this everyone.</p>
Board Minutes	<p>Board minutes are for public record, and available on request. Just ask Roseanne or Karen.</p>
School Dates:	<p>Last day of School for term 2 – 3rd July at 3pm First day back for term 3 – Monday 20th July at 9am</p>
Events this week:	<p>Matariki Disco Thursday 2nd July at 2pm. We are holding a sensory disco earlier for a few children at 12pm who prefer a quieter good time. Goodie bags are for sale at \$5 to be paid prior. Matariki Hautapu and Breakfast – Friday 3rd July at 7.30am. Cooked kai provided but would also be great if whānau would bring some kai to share.</p>
Netball tournament winners	<p>Our Year 4 mixed team Te Kura o Hau Karetu won the year 4 section of the Upper Hutt Netball Tournament on Sunday. Mīharo tamariki ma! Thank you so much to the coaches as well who organised this. Congratulations to Ivanna, Lyla, Olivia, Millie, Mars-Hauti, Pippi-Rose, Kaitiaki, and Te Akau.</p> 
Variable Speed Limits	 <p>NEW VARIABLE SPEED LIMITS FOR SCHOOLS STARTS 1 JULY SLOW DOWN AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN</p> <p>Variable speed limits will be operating outside all schools from 1 July 2026. These limits reduce speeds to 30km/h during school drop-off and pick-up times to help keep children safe (between 8.30-9.10 and 2.30-3.10).</p>
Office Assistant Vacancy 	<p>We are seeking a friendly and reliable Office Assistant to join our team for 9 hours per week, working Mondays and Fridays from 9.30am to 2.30pm. The successful applicant will have excellent customer service skills, be confident working with spreadsheets and other computer applications, and be able to carry out a range of general office duties efficiently. A full job description is available on request. If you are interested in this position, please send your CV, a covering letter, and the contact details of two referees to principal@tehaukaretu.school.nz</p>
Property News	<p>Over the school holidays, we will have tradespeople working on the premises. They are installing hot water into the student toilets, and increasing our electrical capacity for future projects. If you are visiting the grounds over the holidays, please be vigilant with children around these busy areas. Thank you.</p>

I Have a Dream news:

- Term 2 has been another exciting and rewarding term for our Dreamers at Te Kura o Hau Karetu. Our tamariki have enjoyed a wide range of lunchtime and after-school activities, including tie-dye T-shirt making, planting and caring for our kai gardens, creating delicious fruit smoothies, building catapults, baking, bike riding, card making, and celebrating Samoan Language Week, along with many other fun and engaging experiences.
- We are also looking forward to the upcoming school holidays, where our Year 4 and Year 6 Dreamers will take part in two special off-site holiday programmes. If your child has received a permission slip, please return it by the due date so they don't miss out.
- It has been wonderful to see our tamariki grow in confidence, skills, and friendships through these experiences. We are also delighted to welcome more Dreamers into the programme as our whānau at Te Kura o Hau Karetu continues to grow.

Volunteers Needed

- I Have a Dream is currently looking to grow our volunteer team. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to make a positive difference in the lives of local tamariki, we'd love to hear from you. We are seeking volunteers who are available one afternoon per week (Monday–Thursday, 3.00–4.30 pm). To find out more, please contact Numa on **021 245 1268**.



Te Kanikani o Matariki

Haere mai, whiti mai pēnei i ngā whetu, ā,
whakakākahuria koe anō he whetū!
Ahea: Tāite 2 o Hurae 2pm
He pēke koha \$5 – me hoko i mua i te
Tāite
Mā te tino kākahu me te tino kanikani e whivhi
taonga!

Matariki Disco

Come shine like the stars and dress like one too!
When: Thursday, 2nd of July 2pm
\$5 goodie bags - payment must be made by
Thursday
Prizes for best dressed and best dancer