



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
32 Hillside Drive, Māoribank, UPPER HUTT 5018
Phone (04) 5269-552, 027-5269-552
Email: office@tehaukaretu.school.nz

3 September 2024

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



We mourn the loss of Kīngi Tuheitia, who died at the age of 69 last Friday. Kīngi Tuheitia was a leader who strongly advocated for Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles to be upheld, for Te Reo Māori revitalisation, and a unifying force for Māori, as well as so many other important works. Moe mai rā. Rest in peace, your work is done.

It's early spring, and of course in spring we have daffodils, lambs, blossoms, warmer temperatures, gale force winds, torrential rain! The thought of summer coming up does give me hope.

Curriculum News:

Terms 2 and 3 are the times where students and teachers are busy knuckling down to their learning and teaching. I've been formally observing teachers facilitating their structured literacy workshops this term and have been totally impressed with the way students are engaging and motivated by their success in learning phonics.

Phonics learning leads to good reading and writing, and we know that the research says phonics learning is good for all students. We know that some children only need to be told something once or twice, and they pick up a new concept straight away, but some learners need to be taught something a hundred or more times. Somehow, structured literacy teaching manages to scoop up all of our learners no matter what level they're working at. The great thing also about structured literacy is that our Māori immersion and English medium classes are doing their own versions – but we're all on this learning journey together.

New curricula: I'll also be making sure I give my feedback to the government about what I think about the new Mathematics and Statistics, and English curriculums. We have been given four weeks to feedback on the math curriculum which is not much time to investigate a whole curriculum thoroughly. I can tell you that I think there are some good things in there, and some things I think they've missed out. In particular, I'm worried about the lack of Te Ao Māori, and cultural responsiveness in the documents.

Teachers will be having a teacher only day on Friday 25th October to go through these documents carefully, so they know what they're likely to be teaching literacy and numeracy in 2025.

The Marautanga o Aotearoa/Māori curriculum looks as though it will be finalised by next term, so our teachers and Whaea Moarikura will be going through this document to get their heads around any changes.

Our teachers are working so hard right now – thank you teachers!

Fathers' Day Raffle:

Congratulations to Jewel and Winter who won the Father's Day raffle. I know there were some yummy things in there, some practical things, and some warm cosy things. We hope they were well received.





Kaupapa mō te wiki/Value for the week:

Akohia/Learning: Being ready for our learning. We can be ready for our learning by getting our pencils sharpened before the day starts, THEN we can go and play. Think about what the teacher is telling us to do and THEN move to the activity.



Congratulations to these people who won a Principal's Award on Friday. Our Kaupapa/value for last week was on Whakaute/Respect, looking after our things – put them in the right place. If we look after things, then we have them for much longer. Well done to Hine, Sativa, Zayden, Jayansh, Jackson, Brycen, Adrienne, Kyarn, Evie, Christian, Charlie A, Dayton, Seth, Xanthea, Sophie, Lizzie, Hawiki, Adelaide, Tiana, and Niverah.

Camp Fundraising:

We are holding a movie night for We Were Dangerous which is rated M (13 years and over). Tickets are \$20. Wednesday 25th September at 6pm at Monterey Cinemas, Upper Hutt. Thank you to Chelsea Bensen who has organised this. Please purchase your tickets from Roseanne or Rachel at the office.



Coming up...

Next Wednesday 11th September is Wig and Onesie Day. We are fundraising for Child Cancer and Wellington Free Ambulance. Wear a Onesie or wear a wig/crazy hairdo. Please bring a donation to support these great causes. Thank you.



Heads up:

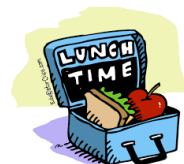
- **Kutu/Nits** – please check your child's head on a daily basis for nits. We have children from multiple classes who are itching. We have treatments at school – please see Rachel or Roseanne for treatments. Please tie your child's hair up if it is long. Thank you.
- **School Start and Finish & Attendance:** Please remember that school begins at 9am and finishes at 3pm. It's important children are at school **every day and on time**. However, we would rather children were at school late than not at all. Getting to school by 9am is important for children's routines. Thank you.
- **MUD!** A reminder to give young children a change of clothes – especially pants. If your child comes up to the office wet and muddy and we have run out of clothes to put them in, we will call you to come and collect them. Thank you.
- **Absences:** If your child is not going to be at school, please advise the office via text on 0275269552, or via the Skool Loop app. Make sure you tell us the reason they are absent.



- **Entry in to and from School: Mornings** - drop your child off at the front gate or the back. Our carpark can be quite full and it's safer to drop your child off at the gate and have them walk in. You do not need to drop them to the office unless they are running late – thank you.

End of the day –

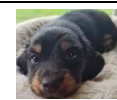
- Front gates are closed all day from 9.30am-3.10pm. We will cross children over at the end of the day. Please use the “crossing”.
- Back gates: These are locked during the day and will be opened again at 3pm. There will be two walking bus teachers to walk your children to the intersection of Hillside Drive, Moeraki, and Norana Roads and will be crossed over by the road patrollers.
- **Breakfast Club:** Runs 5 days per week from 8 – 9.30am. We are always in need of volunteers for Breakfast Club please. If you would like to volunteer for this job, please advise Roseanne or Rachel at the office. Thank you.
- **Lunches in Schools:** We provide lunches each day. The kai will be offered to every child. All children are expected to at least try the kai.
- **Water only:** We are a water only school which means children can only drink water while they are at school. We would encourage your child to bring a drink bottle of water each day.
- **Assemblies:** We hold our weekly celebration Assembly on Fridays at 9am. All whanau are welcome to attend.
- **School Policies:** Our school policies and procedures can be found at schooldocs.co.nz, username: maoribank and password waka. We would encourage you to check these out as we will ask you to have your say on their review every three years. Our current policies for review are:
 - Concerns and Complaints
 - Media
 - Performance Management
 - Protected Disclosure
 - Professional Development
 - Staff Conduct
 - Staff Leave



Ngā mihi nui
 Karen Wellington,
 Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka

Schedule of Events Term 3, 2024

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| Week 7 2-6 Sept | Tuesday - Rippa Rugby at TMP – Matua Shea will send details soon. Thursday is postponement day. |
| Week 8 9-13 Sept | Wednesday – Wig and Onesie Day. Fundraising for Child Cancer and Wellington Free Ambulance. Wear a Onesie or wear a wig/crazy hairdo. Please bring a donation. |
| Week 9 16-20 Sept | Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week. Watch this space, as you can be sure we'll be doing something amazing throughout this week. |
| Week 10 23-27 Sept | Book Week and Book Character Day on Friday. Structured Literacy Information Evening for parents Monday 5.30pm. Mrs Wellington gets her new puppy this weekend! |



IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW...

Checking measles immunity

- Aotearoa is at very high risk of a measles outbreak and not enough of us are immune.
- To be immune, you must have had measles before OR at least two doses of a measles vaccine after the age of 12 months.
- Local childhood immunisation rates are declining. Low immunity and the close contact nature of education settings means one infected person could quickly expose and spread measles to many others, starting an outbreak that could be hard to control.
 People can be infectious before they develop measles symptoms and know they're sick. Being

immune is important for everyone's safety – it's the only way to make sure you won't get or spread measles, even if you've been exposed.

- Measles is a serious and highly contagious disease. It makes most people very sick and can cause severe complications, including damage to the lungs (pneumonia), brain swelling (encephalitis), and sometimes death. Measles also affects your immune system, so if you get measles you are more likely to get other infectious illnesses for months or years afterwards.
- Aotearoa New Zealand is at a very high risk of a measles outbreak. Measles cases are rising worldwide, increasing the risk of an infected person bringing measles into the country. This is happening while a decline in local childhood immunisation rates is being recorded.
- Across Aotearoa, people's immunity to measles is currently too low to prevent outbreaks from happening.
- A person can be infectious before they develop measles symptoms and know they are sick. So you may not know if or when you have been — or will be exposed to the disease.

See information on checking immunity here:

[Measles immunity – Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora](#)

[My Health Record – Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora](#)

If you aren't immune, or you're not sure, two doses of the measles mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is your best protection. You can book a vaccine online:

[Home – Book my vaccine](#)

For suspected or confirmed measles cases at your facility, contact your local public health service urgently.


25 YEARS EXPERIENCE. DIPLOMA IN PERFORMING ARTS & MUSIC.

GUITAR

LESSONS

- ✓ Acoustic Guitar
- ✓ Electric Guitar
- ✓ Music Theory

PLECTRUM
GUITAR LESSONS

 **022 580 9928**

STUDIO BASED LESSONS IN UPPER HUTT. ONLINE LESSONS AVAILABLE.