



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Namaste, Kumusta,



I hope everyone is rugging up warm! Looking at the snow across the Remutaka Hill on Tuesday, winter is well and truly here. Our classrooms are lovely and warm and with the hot lunches at lunch time, kids are nice and warm. We are always reminding children to wear jerseys and jackets – sometimes it feels like we're a broken record repeating ourselves over and over! 😊



Cultural Festival – 19th August

This year's cultural festival is going to be slightly different to other years. It is Orongomai Marae's 50th Jubilee celebrations, and they wanted to include the tamariki in Upper Hutt in some form, so it was decided that we would combine the celebrations with the cultural festival.

That means that this year, the cultural festival will be held at Te Kupenga and Orongomai Marae. Unfortunately though, we have had to limit the numbers of people we can bring along with us, as well as the numbers performing on the stage due to the maximum capacity able to be at Te Kupenga. It means that whānau will not be able to attend the actual performance, though, they can come and watch from the whare via video link.

Both our Kura and Mangaroa School are the host schools this year, and we are charged with providing kai for whānau throughout the day. We would ask that you provide some baking for the Orongomai Marae Cultural festival so we can serve this to whānau and marae workers for the day. Please drop any kai off to school by 18th August in the staff room. Thank you so much for show great hospitality.

Very soon, Whaea Paige and Whaea Carol will send out details on the day so that the performance Kapa Haka group know what time they need to be at school on the 19th, what to wear, how to tie their hair, and what to bring. Back here at school, we will be casting the video to our classrooms so we can watch our incredible kapa haka group perform.



Netball Fundraiser – 15th August

We are on duty at netball on Saturday the 15th August, which is also the last day of netball for the season. This means that we will be cooking a BBQ, selling baked goods, lollies and drinks, and helping to set up and tidy up the netball. We need:

- lots of volunteers to help out with all aspects of the day. If you're able to help, please let Roseanne know.
- baking – it would be great if you could provide baking for this (please deliver to school by Friday 14th August at 3pm.)
- lollies, (please bring these in by 7th August so we have time to bag these up)
- trays of water and/or fizzy, (by 14th August)

Please bring these to the office – thank you so much.

All proceeds will go to our senior camp fundraiser (Camp is on in December this year for all year 5-6 students).

Policies for review:

Our policies for review this term are:

Term 3 policies	Review opens 20 July
• School Community Engagement Policy	Board review
• Inclusive School Culture	Board review
• Enrolment	
• Student Attendance	Board review
• Student Uniform/Student Dress Expectations	
• Concerns and Complaints Policy	Board review

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

Go to schooldocs.co.nz, then use the username: maoribank and the password: waka.

You can go and have your say on any of the policies that are up for review.

Nits – please be vigilant about checking your child's hair for nits. They seem to be an everlasting challenge. Let us know if you require any nit solution – we have plenty at the office. Thank you.

Breakfast Club Helpers – I want to **thank Tracey, Jewel, Numa, Henry and Catherine** who are all amazing, reliable Breakfast Club helpers – thank you so much! **BUT**, we would still really appreciate others who to help out with breakfast club please - everyday except Wednesdays. We currently only have one helper on per day, and it can get very busy. Breakfast club is at 8am-9am.

Whānau Hui –

- **Zoning and Reporting** – Thank you so much to those of you who turned up to the zoning and reporting hui last Tuesday night. We had an awesome turn out. We'll keep you up to date with any developments, the latest being that the zoning will not now occur until 2027 (they had previously said it will start in October 2026).
- **Goal setting** – Thank you to those of you who attended goal setting hui on Monday. We had varying levels of turnout across the school. If you did not attend, your teacher will be in touch soon to discuss your child's next goals – everyone needs to attend please. If you have a spare 15 minutes after school one day, let your child's teacher know so they can organise a hui with you. Thank you.



Te Reo Māori phrase of the week:

Kei a koe te tikanga", which means "It is up to you" or "You decide."

Phrase Breakdown

- **Kei a koe:** At your place / up to you
- **Te tikanga:** The rule, the correct way, or the decision

How to Use It

- Use this phrase when asking someone to make a choice or take the lead on a decision.
- It is a polite and common way to pass the control of a plan or action to another person.

Important Notices & Reminders:

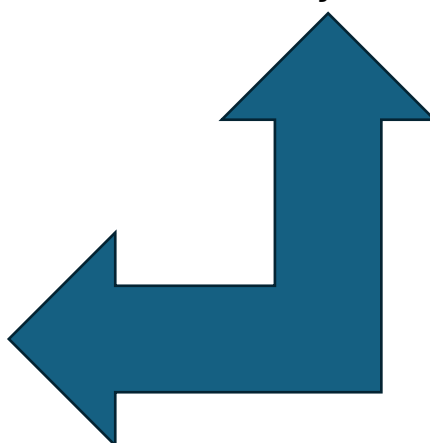
- **Teacher only day – we have a teacher only day on Friday 21st August** – please do not send your children to school on this day. This means that our school year will now extend to the 16th December 2026.
- **Peanut-Free School:** We are now a **peanut-free** school. We ask that no peanut products are brought to school, including peanut butter and foods containing **peanuts**. Note that when a packet says, "may contain traces of nuts", this is OK. Our school lunches do not contain peanuts. Other nuts are also ok.
- **Student Attendance expectations:** Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success. Making sure students attend and engage in learning is a shared responsibility. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure your child attends school every day.
If your child is going to be absent for any reason, it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible. It is important that you:
 - phone on 045269552, or
 - text on 0275269552, or
 - email to: office@tehaukaretu.school.nz, or
 - message on the Skool Loop app, to confirm your child's absence and provide us with the reason.

Important Dates and Events:

Week 3 3-7 August	Goal setting interviews Monday 3 rd August between 3.15-7pm. If you didn't make this, please book another time with your teacher.
Week 4 10-14 August	Netball duty on Saturday 15th August. Bring donations of baking and slabs of drink on 14 th please as this is a fundraiser for our netball courts. Donations of lollies by 7 th August please.
Week 5 17-21 August	Wednesday 19 th August – Cultural Festival @ Orongomai Marae Friday 21st August – Teacher Only Day – please do not send your child to school on this day.
Week 6 24-28 August	Daffodil Day – Friday 28 th August – please bring a donation, and dress in yellow if you're able.
Week 7 31 Aug-4 Sept	Rippa tournament for seniors Tuesday 1 st Sept. Father's Day Raffle drawn on Friday 4 th September at assembly.
Week 8 7-11 Sept	Friday 11 th September – Onesie Day, Wig Wednesday and Super Hero Day all rolled into one! Choose one and come and dress up with a donation. All proceeds will be distributed in half to Wellington Free Ambulance and Child Cancer.
Week 9 14-18 Sept	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – watch this space for further information on events.
Week 10 21-25 Sept	Board meeting Tuesday 22 nd September at 7pm. Cricket for seniors TBC 22 nd Sept. Last day of school – Friday 25 th September at 3pm.



Link to the Cultural Festival live streaming on
Wednesday 19th August 2026



I Have a Dream/IHAD Timetable for term 3:

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

WEEKS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
2- 5	YR 3 ENGLISH MEDIUM/KURA AURAKI	YR 5 GIRLS	YR 4 ENGLISH MEDIUM/KURA AURAKI	YR 5 BOYS
6 - 9	YR 3 & 4 NEURO-DIVERSE GROUP	YR 6 GIRLS	TE MATAAHAE	YR 6 BOYS

LUNCHTIME PROGRAMME

WEEKS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
2 - 9	YR 5 & 6	YR 3 & 4	YR 1 & 2	YR 1 & 2

Pics from IHAD After School Care – it looks like so much fun!

