



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Kia orāna – It is Cook Island Language week.

The 2024 theme for Cook Islands Māori Language Week is 'Ātui'ia au ki te vaka o tōku matakeinanga - connect me to the canoe of my tribe'. For more information, go to:

<https://www.mpp.govt.nz/programmes/pacific-language-weeks/cook-islands-maori-language-week/>

Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Hau Karetu to Te Rangihaeata who has started in Ngā Mataamua. We hope you love it our our kura. We are very happy to have you here. ❤️

Goal setting interviews: We are holding goal setting interviews tomorrow and Thursday at school. Everyone is expected to attend these to help us support your child to reach their goals at school. Whānau/Families are an integral part to supporting your child to reach these goals. Currently, we only have 22% of families who have made appointments. Please urgently make an appointment to see your teacher. Go to the Skool Loop app, or Facebook us, or contact Roseanne on 0275269552.



Fathers' Day Raffle: We have a Fathers' Day raffle for sale from next week. \$2 per ticket. Each family will be sent home a book of 5 raffle tickets to sell please. So far, it's looking like a nice raffle with lots of cool stuff for dads, including socks and dad hankies! 😊 All proceeds go to our senior Camp. If anyone has anything to contribute to the raffle, please drop off at the office. Thanks.

Attendance and absences: We are now receiving detailed reports on our attendance data each term, and what we have found out about term 2's attendance is a bit sad. To be fair, we had a lot of illness last term, but compared to term 2 in 2023, we had a huge amount of absences. Mondays, closely followed by Fridays, are the days when students take the most days off school and there are psychological reasons for this:

- **Our sleep patterns are out of whack** on a Monday – we've slept in for two days and need to get back into routine. This is called "social jetlag" – there's a discrepancy between your body clock and your socially imposed responsibilities. The best way to combat this is to support your child by getting to school even though kids are tired, as they will be back into the swing of their usual bedtime before you know it.
- **Sometimes, weekends end up being more tiring** than we thought because we packed too much into it. Weekends are for refreshing ourselves and recovering from the week.
- **Some children just have what I call "Sunday-itis"** where they worry about having to step outside of their comfort zone, and get back into school for the week – a common response to the transition of the lack of demands in the weekend to the structure and demands of the week ahead. This is always cured by getting to school regardless of how you're feeling, and getting back into the swing of the routine. Try to remain positive with your child, and "front load" them with positive thoughts about the week ahead.

In the end, it's up to you all please to get your children to school regularly and on time please.



School Olympics: Next Monday 12th August is our school Olympics day where your child will be competing in a variety of events from 9.30-1pm. Each child will be in a mixed group with a variety of children of different ages. You will have received advice as to which group your child is in. Whanau are welcome to come and support. In the afternoon, children will be having an awards ceremony and celebration disco. Entry is free. Any child who wishes to purchase a goodie bag can do so prior to the celebration disco at a cost of \$4.

Structured Maths: You may have heard in the media that the government has brought forward the delivery of the new mathematics curriculum from a 2026 to 2025 implementation. You may have also heard from the media that teachers don't know how to teach maths and that they don't have enough training. I want to reassure you that all of our teachers know how to teach maths and fully capable of doing so. There is a lack of understanding with this statement in that student declines in mathematic results are also linked to us having been through a pandemic, of student levels of anxiety, of families struggling to put food on the table etc. It is a very complex situation, and there is no one silver bullet in how to "fix" our achievement in Aotearoa – there are many factors at play in my opinion.

As well as maths changes, we are also being asked to change the way in which we teach literacy from 2025. Both of these changes will be a huge job for teachers next year, however, be reassured that we are on track and ready to teach whatever is asked of us. We are already learning about how to teach structured literacy this year (ahead of many schools), and next year will be a focus on structured maths.

What the government are asking us to do in a short period of time is not ideal, and there is the worry that the rapid pace of change may see schools seeing teachers burning out. This is something we cannot let happen and will be making sure we keep looking after our teachers.

The government are also asking us to complete twice yearly assessments, which we are already doing, so no changes there. Not that assessment is going to increase their levels of learning in mathematics. It's the daily analysis that teachers do and noticing how children are working, then adapting to meet children's needs that is the most important thing.

If you have any questions about this, please make a time to see Karen. Thank you.



Congratulations to these tamariki who received principal's awards for showing the school values. The great thing about our school values is that everyone and anyone can receive an award. Everyone gets a chance to be good at something. We are so proud of you!



Kaupapa mō te wiki/Value for the week:

Our value for this week is Whakaute/Respect. Our goal is to work on speaking nicely to one another. Thumper from the movie Bambi says, "if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." Those are the exact words my mother used to tell me. We need to help our children learn how to treat one another with respect – people trust someone who is respectful and they will be treated with respect themselves as a result.

Property news: - Our pool roof has been completed and is looking great! Later in the year, we will hold a "roof party" to celebrate the opening of the pool with the new roof. We want to thank the roofers from T.W. Clark who have worked hard to replace the roof, cladding at the top of the pool, and spouting.

Heads up:

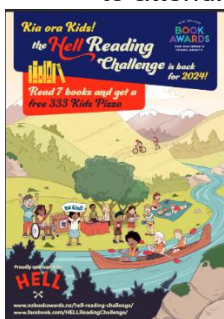
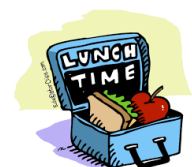
- **School Start and Finish & Attendance:** Please remember that school begins at 9am and finishes at 3pm. It's important children are at school **every day and on time**. However, we would rather children were at school late than not at all. Getting to school by 9am is important for children's routines. 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.



The Hell Reading Challenge is on! Your child has received their reading wheels. Each time they read a book, they need to tell record the name of the book and tell their teacher so they can receive a stamp. Once the reading wheel is filled, children can take their completed wheel into Hell Pizza where they will receive a free snack sized pizza.

For further information, go to:

<https://www.nzbookawards.nz/new-zealand-book-awards-for-children-and-young-adults/the-hell-reading-challenge/>

- **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 3 5-9 Aug	Goal Setting – Wednesday 3.15-7pm, Thursday 3.15-5pm. Here at school.
Week 4 12-16 Aug	Tuesday - Basketball at Walter Nash Stadium – Senior students only
Week 6 26-30 Aug	Thursday – Hui for Families of Children who are Neurodiverse – 5pm. Focus on speech language, and a letter to the government.
Week 7 2-6 Sept	Tuesday - Ripa Rugby at TMP – Matua Shea will send details soon. Thursday is postponement day.
Week 8 9-13 Sept	Friday – 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.

<p>Week 10 23-27 Sept</p>	<p>Book Week and Book Character Day on Friday. Structured Literacy Information Evening for parents Monday 5.30pm. Mrs Wellington gets her new puppy this week!</p>	
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