



# Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*  
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**15 October 2024**

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

Welcome back everyone to our most exciting term of the year – term 4. It is the term where we celebrate, swim, play, have fun and yet somehow continue to achieve. Teachers are busy preparing for school camps and trips, while thinking about assessments and school reports. The leadership team are preparing for 2025 including budgeting, classes, teaching staff, and ERO in term 1. It's the busiest, yet most exciting time. Please see schedule below for all the exciting things that will be happening over the term.

**Nau mai, haere mai** ki te Kura o Hau Karetu to Aron who has started in Te Waipuna today. We know you're going to love it here at our kura and we are happy to have you here. ❤️



### **Kaupapa mō te wiki/Value for the week:**

Our values for this week are all of them – Whakaute/Respect, Akohia/Learning, Kotahitanga/Togetherness, Atawhai/Kindness. Teachers are looking out for students who are showing all of these values this week.

### **Potae/Sunhats:**

Sunhats are compulsory in terms 1 and 4 at our kura (as in any other school in Aotearoa/New Zealand and Australia). We ask that your child brings a bucket hat to school to wear at playtimes. Any child who does not have a sunhat will be asked to sit on the porch by Te Waipuna.

We also have sunblock available to any child who requires it.

Did you know that skin cancers are the most commonly diagnosed cancers in NZ? Now is a good time for us all to check our skin to make sure nothing has changed...

## SCAN your skin and look for a spot or mole that is...



### **Sore**

A spot which is sore (scaly, itchy, bleeding, tender) and doesn't heal within 6 weeks.

### **Changing**

Changing in size, shape, colour or texture.

### **Abnormal**

Looks different, feels different, or stands out when compared to your other spots and moles.

### **New**

Has appeared on your skin recently. Any new moles or spots should be checked, especially if you are over 40.

The more of the above features a spot or mole has, the more concerning it may be. Get checked by a doctor!

**Property news:** - Thank you to Ross Lumby who cares for the lawns, to Nicola Armstrong who cares for the gardens, and to Dayna Stuart who takes care of tidying and fixing up bits and pieces around the school. We also had the buildings washed over the holidays. The school is looking lovely thanks to all these people.



**Kid of the week:** Sammy came to show me her story – it was all about the school holidays. She wrote, “My holidays were sweet because I went to the beach to have dinner with Jane and Sandra. We got candy.” Tino pai, Sammy. Your writing is amazing.

### **Heads up:**

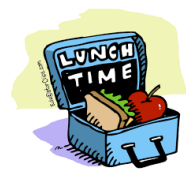
- **Kutu/Nits** – please check your child’s head on a daily basis for nits. We have children from multiple classes who are itching. We have treatments at school – please see Rachel or Roseanne for treatments. Please tie your child’s hair up if it is long. Thank you.
- **Measles** – please see information below. Measles are making a comeback throughout the motu/ country. Please make sure you immunise your child

against measles if they haven’t been already.

- **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.
- **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.
- **School Gates:** A reminder to everyone to please be respectful of our school gate closures. Front gates are closed from 9.30am until 2pm, then again from 2.50-3.10pm. Back gates are closed from 9am-2.55pm. Please do not ask our staff to open the gates for you during this time. The reason we are closing them is for student safety and it becomes chaotic and dangerous if cars are going in and out of the driveway, and as well, we need to keep our vulnerable children safe inside the gates. 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](http://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:



Term 4 review topics	Review opens 14 October
• Finance and Asset Management Policy	Board review
• Managing Income and Expenditure	Board review
• Financial Conflicts of Interest	Board review
• School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income	
• Expenditure	
• Asset Management and Protection	Board review
• Property Planning and Maintenance	
• Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft	

Ngā mihi nui

Karen Wellington,

Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka

### Schedule of Events Term 3, 2024

Week 1 14-18 Oct	School begins Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October.
Week 2 21-25 Oct	Teacher only day Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – please do not come to school on this day.
Week 3 29 Oct – 1 Nov	Monday – Labour Day Formal assessments start. Disco and Colour run Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Week 4 4-8 Nov	Assessment week Interschool athletics – TBA Cultural Festival Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov, Harcourt Park, 8.45am.
Week 5 11-15 Nov	School Photos – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Week 6 18-22 Nov	Swimming starts – please have your togs and a towel ready each day. Community Emergency Response Practice – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 5.30-7pm. Kai provided – all welcome. See flyer below.
Week 7 25-29 Nov	
Week 8 2-6 Dec	EOTC week (Education Outside the Classroom) Senior camp Wed-Fri (years 5-8) Junior trips Mon & Wed TBA
Week 9 9-13 Dec	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec– Year 6,7,8 Leaver’s Celebrations and Prizegiving Ceremony
Week 10 16&17 Dec	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – Reports go out today Last day Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December at 12pm

Measles is a highly contagious virus that can spread very quickly. It can be very dangerous, particularly for tamariki aged under 5. The best way to protect your tamariki against measles is to get them immunised. The first dose is given at 12 months and the second dose at 15 months of age.

### What is measles?

Measles is a viral infection that is highly contagious. It's spread through coughing and sneezing. Symptoms typically begin with high fever, cough, runny nose, and red watery eyes, and then develop into the classical measles rash starting on the face and moving down the body.

### How serious is it?

Measles can be dangerous, particularly for children aged under 5. It spreads very quickly and in serious cases can lead to pneumonia and brain infection. About 1 in 10 people with measles need to go to hospital. In a small number of cases, measles can be fatal.

### When should my tamariki be immunised?

The measles vaccine is given to tamariki as part of their 12 month and 15 month immunisations. Your tamariki can get their FREE measles immunisation at your doctor.

If your child is more than 15 months old and hasn't had both doses of the measles vaccine, they can still catch up for free. Talk to your doctor, nurse or healthcare provider.

### How effective is the measles vaccine?

The measles vaccination is also called the MMR vaccine. It protects tamariki against three viral infections – measles, mumps and rubella.

The MMR vaccine is very effective. After one dose, about 95 percent of people are protected from measles and after two doses 99 percent of people are protected.

### How do I find out if my child has had their measles vaccinations?

If you're unsure if your tamariki are up to date with their vaccinations, it may be recorded in their Well Child Tamariki Ora (Plunket) book. If it's not, and you're still unsure whether your child is up to date with their vaccinations, check with your doctor.

Your child should be immunised against a range of other diseases at various points throughout their childhood and adolescence. These vaccinations are FREE.

To find out more about what vaccinations they need, speak to your doctor, nurse or healthcare provider, or visit [immunise.health.nz](http://immunise.health.nz)

### Side effects

Following immunisation, a small number of children may experience a headache, slight fever, nausea (feeling sick) and feeling generally unwell and tired. Some children might develop a rash, but this is rare. Most side effects shouldn't last more than a day or two.



For more information about getting your tamariki immunised against measles

- talk to your doctor, nurse, or healthcare provider
- call Healthline on 0800 611 116
- visit [immunise.health.nz/measles](http://immunise.health.nz/measles)

#18188 | Measles under 5 - DL.Pyer | 03.10.23



Protect your tamariki against

# Measles

Te Aka Whai Ora  
Māori Health Authority

Te Whatu Ora  
Health New Zealand

For further information on measles go to:

<https://info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/about-measles/measles-immunity>

# Safer School Runs



When children arrive at or leave school, how and where you stop, park and drive can protect them or put them in danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility to be able to see each other.

Parking restrictions are in place near schools for a reason - to protect our tamariki.

**CHAOS at the school gate...  
are you part of the problem?**

*Choose to stop or park safely  
and legally every time.*



# Stopping & parking near a school



*Everyone is only here for "a minute or two", but where and how you stop or park matters.*

Stopping on broken yellow lines, across a driveway, on a bus stop, and double parking are illegal and risky maneuvers. They endanger children and other pedestrians, and you may get fined if you choose to:

Stop or park on broken yellow lines.....	\$100
Double park.....	\$100
Stop or park in front of or within 1 metre of a vehicle entrance or driveway.....	\$70
Stop or park on the footpath.....	\$70
Stop or park on or near a pedestrian crossing.....	\$100
Stop or park in a way that is inconsiderate to other road users, including pedestrians.....	\$100
Stop or park in an area reserved for disabled persons .....	\$750

**Please put children's safety first at all times.**

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRACTICE

**In a disaster your neighbours are your first and best source of support**

Come along and practice working together as a community during a disaster

**Thursday, 21 November 2024 | 5:30 to 7:00 pm**

**Te Kura o Hau Karetu School Hall,  
32 Hillside Drive, Maoribank, Upper Hutt**

Using an earthquake scenario, this session will cover how to:

- Set up your local Community Emergency Hub
- Ensure those in need are supported
- Overcome potential challenges together
- Make the most of the resources you have locally

Everyone is welcome. Join in and be more prepared as a community.



Find out more at [wremo.nz/calendar](http://wremo.nz/calendar)