



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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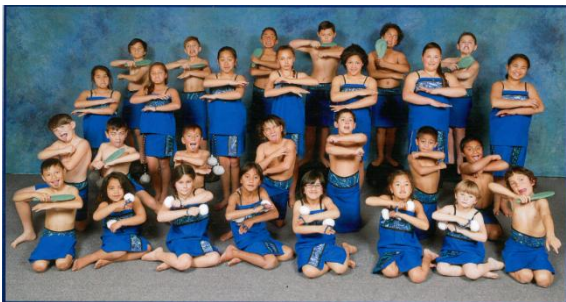
4 November 2025

Week 5, Term 4, 2025

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

Woah, this term is flying by – we're in week 5 already! And there are only 4 paydays until Christmas – EEK!

There is lots coming up and lots happening, so please take note:



Performance Kapa Haka Dress Rehearsal – This Thursday, 6th November

Our performance Kapa Haka group will be holding their dress rehearsal this Thursday, 6th November, at **5:00pm in the school hall**. The theme of our kapa haka bracket reflects our whānau journeys of migration across Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa.

Tamariki performing are asked to arrive at school by **4:30pm** to get ready. Whānau are warmly invited to come

along and support our tamariki as they share their stories through waiata and haka.

The picture above is of our 2014 Kapa Haka Roopu – do you recognise any of these people? I remember them all – gorgeous – all of them!



Upper Hutt Cultural Festival – Next Tuesday, 11th November

Next Tuesday, 11th November, our performance Kapa Haka group will represent our school at the **Upper Hutt Cultural Festival** at Harcourt Park's soundshell. Their Kapa Haka bracket shares the journeys of our whānau across Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa — a celebration of migration, resilience, and identity. Through waiata and haka, our tamariki honour their ancestors and the many cultures that shape who we are today.

Xmas Raffle – Our annual Christmas Raffle is for sale from next week. Roseanne will send home to each family, one book of 5 tickets. **Tickets cost \$2 each**. This raffle will be a big one, so be in with a chance to win. Raffles contain kai, goodies, toys for all ages, and gifts for mum and dad – there's something for everyone. We would also very much appreciate quality donations for this raffle to make them even better. Thank you.



Softball - Congratulations to Rylee on her first game and getting Player of the Day at Softball on Saturday. We love receiving these pictures to share in the newsletter. Coaches and parents, please keep sending them through.

What an awesome team from left is Ariaria, Te Akau, Kahimou, Olivia, and Rylee – mīharo everyone!



Photo Life – You will receive an email within the next few days regarding ordering your photos. The latest I have heard from Photolife is that the photos are being edited, so it should be any time soon! Look out for your inbox or your clutter/junk mail. Thank you.

Measles – advice from the Ministry of Education –

“Recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Te Tai Tokerau and Queenstown. Cases were active in the community while infectious and there is a risk of measles circulating there, and more widely in Aotearoa.

- Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick.
- Watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash.
- If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or **Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116.**
- Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check all whānau are immunised.
- Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend

Heads up:

- **Congratulations to Blake Williams**, Donna Williams’ son, who was funding raising for Kidscan by taking part in a handball-a-thon. He reached his goal and earned \$1040 – over his \$1000 goal. Tino Rawe Blake! And thank you for your amazing challenge.
- **Volunteers for Breakfast Club:** While it is nearing the end of the year, we are still looking for volunteers to help out with Breakfast Club please. Breakfast is served from 8-9am daily. If you are able to support us with the above, please contact Roseanne at the office. Thank you.
- **PSG Meeting** – Any parents who wish to become supporters of our fundraising efforts, please advise Roseanne. She will pass your details on to Jewel and we will set you to work on a wee project – thank you for your support.
- **Attendance:** Our attendance is creeping up to 85.9%. To be fair, we’re still going through the flu season. What we would like though is an increase to our “being on time” levels. Currently, only 43% of our students are regularly attending school on time! Eek! Please help us to increase this level of “being on time-ness” and be at school each day by 9am. Thank you.
If your child isn’t attending school for whatever reason, please tell us each day they are not in attendance and let us know why they are not attending school. The reason we ask this is for Health and Safety protocols. Ph 04 5269552, Text - 0275269552 or through the Skool Loop App.

Ngā mihi nui
Karen Wellington
Tumuaki/Principal

Events Term T1 & 2 2025 Week

Week 5 3-7 Nov	Thursday 6 th November – Dress rehearsal for Kapa Haka Fest – 5pm in hall at school
Week 6 10-14 Nov	Tuesday 11 th November Cultural Festival from 8.30-12.30 for our kura, but this will continue throughout the afternoon. Swimming Begins
Week 7 17-21 Nov	Wednesday 19 th – Wellington Free Ambulance – keeping yourselves safe
Week 10 8-12 Dec	A special Outdoor Education Trip planned this week for the whole school. A most special Christmas Assembly Thursday 11th December at 2pm – kids will not want to miss this one!
Week 11 15-17 Dec	Reports go out on Monday 15th December. Year 6 Leaver’s Assembly Monday 15th December at 1pm. Year 6 Dinner – 5pm Monday 15th December – no parents allowed! Final Assembly at 1pm on Wednesday 17th December. We finish school at 2pm on Wednesday 17th December at 2pm.

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Policies due for Review for Term 4:

Go to: schooldocs.co.nz, type in our school name and sign in. We encourage you to check these policies out and have your say if you think there should be amendments. Thank you.

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Term 4 policies	Review opens 6 October
• Bullying and Harassment	Board review
• Behaviour Management	Board review
• Searches, Surrender, and Retention of Property	
• Minimising Physical Restraint	Board review
• Stand-down, Suspension, and Exclusion	
• Staff Wellbeing and Safety	