



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,



Welcome back to kura everyone! Our whole team including children, seemed to be very happy to be back at kura with lots of smiles. I felt as though the children had all grown a foot while they were away!

What a feast of sport we were treated to over the break, with the Football and Rugby, and now we've got the Commonwealth Games coming up on the 23rd July to 2nd August! What a treat!

Nau mai, haere mai to our new students and whānau for **Aubrey, Eddison, Levi, and Theo** who have all started in Te Waipuna. We hope that you all feel as though you belong here and that you are looked after by us all. We are looking forward to the journey we're going to take you on to become the best you can be!

Netball Fundraiser – Our school is on "duty" at the netball courts at Heretaunga College on Saturday the 15th August. To support our fundraising efforts for our netball courts, we are asking for donations of:

- 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)
- and baking (by 14th August).

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

Of course, we need **volunteers to help sell these goods, and cook the BBQ on the 15th August**. We won't ask you to stay all day, but if you would please be able to indicate when you're able to stay from, any time between 8am and 2pm and we'll pop you on a roster. Please advise Roseanne at the office when you'd be available – thank you.

Breakfast Club Helpers – please, we really need some help for every single day except Wednesdays. We currently only have one helper on per day, and it can get very busy. Breakfast club is at 8am-9am.

Pirate Ship – we are excited about our new pirate ship, which was actually only going to be a platform for our old slide that broke, but it turned into this amazing structure. Thank you so much to Dayna who built the structure, and to Nicola who created the steering wheel. There are some delighted children playing on it for the first time today, and so much creative play happening because of it.



As well, Nicola created a Fairy Stump for our tamariki. It's beautiful and has little fairies poking out from every crack, including miniature toadstools. A feast for the eyes, but not for the fingers please!



Property News – Over the break, we had warm water added into our children’s bathrooms as well as upgrading of our hot water cylinders across the school. We also had our electrics upgraded ready for when we have heat pumps installed in Te Pūao and Te Whanganui later in the year.
The netball court surface has been ordered from Australia, and we will be ready to resurface the courts during the next school holidays – in 10 weeks! That is so exciting!

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.
- **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.
- **Goal setting – Monday 3rd August 2026 between 3.15-7pm here at kura.** Book your time slots now on Skool Loop, call in to the office, or message the office via text. We would like all whānau to attend please.

Ngā mihi nui,
Karen Wellington
Tumuaki/Principal

Important Dates and Events:

Week 1 20-24 July	Combined Board Hui at Upper Hutt Cossie for Upper Hutt School Boards – 6.30pm
Week 2 27-31 July	Whānau Hui Tuesday 28 th July at 5.30pm. Agenda items: Zoning information, and Reports (where you’ll be able to collect your child’s report afterwards). Childcare will be provided. Board meeting Thursday 30 th July at 7pm. Basketball, Walter Nash Stadium, seniors Thursday 30 th July.
Week 3 3-7 August	Goal setting interviews Monday 3 rd August between 3.15-7pm. Book your slots now on Skool Loop.
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.

Whānau Hui: We are holding a Whānau Hui next Tuesday 28th July at 5.30pm in the hall for all parents. Our agenda items will be on zoning, and reports.

- We will start with a presentation around zoning in Upper Hutt and the impacts on our school. A Ministry of Education representative will be available to answer any questions. Following that, you will have a chance to go online and complete the Ministry of Education survey about zoning.
- Afterwards, you will be able to go to Te Mataahae for a presentation on Reporting to Parents, and in the Hall for Kura Auraki for the same. We will give you your child's midterm report at this point. We would really appreciate your input into this time.
- Childcare will be provided between 5.30-6.30pm, as well as children being fed pizza.



Te Reo Maori phrase of the week:

Ways of saying "goodbye":

Mā te wā – see you later/in time

Haere rā – see you, bye, I'm staying

Enoho rā – see you, bye, I'm leaving

Ka kite anō – see you again (casual)

Hei konā rā – a slightly more formal way of saying goodbye to someone who is staying

Matariki Disco pics – a huge thank you to Whaea Jewel and her crew from Ngā Mataamua and Te Whanganui who helped with the set up and running of the disco.

There were so many smiles that day, and the children were thoroughly into the fun of it all. Some of the children had made a huge effort with their costumes, and some danced so hard they were a blur! We even had Titus, Tyson and Roman making up their own amazing dance, and there were other groups of children doing the same. The conga was popular, as well, there were requests for the limbo! Well done to Kahimou who won best dressed boy, and Apereira who won best dressed girl.

