



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,

So much is happening so quickly – I can't keep up. It seems as though Christmas just doesn't want to wait this year!

Changes:

We have some big news – Whaea Victoria is leaving us and off to pastures over in the Kapiti Coast. We have loved the time we've had with Victoria – she is a kind, talented, gentle and nurturing educator and we will miss her greatly. Whaea Victoria's poroporoaki will be held on Thursday 13th December at the Leaver's assembly and we would encourage you to attend to say your farewells to her.

While it's sad to see Whaea Victoria leave us, we have the pleasure to welcome Ryleigh Henderson to our kura. Ryleigh is coming to us as a new teacher. We know she is so excited to meet everyone. Nau mai haere mai, Ryleigh.

Starting this Wednesday afternoon, classes will be having transition visits to their new classroom with their new teachers. We like to have a few of these kinds of visits so that children know exactly where they are supposed to be going next year when they come back to school. So by Wednesday, your child will be able to tell you all about their new class and/or classmates (some students will be staying in their current class).

Athletics Day – this Friday:

This Friday from 10am, we will be holding our athletics day (weather permitting). Children will be competing in activities ranging from egg and spoon races through to high jump and vortex. We would love to see you at kura to support your kids in the event. Children should wear their House Colours so they're easy for us to identify – thank you.

- Tui – Green
- Kokako – Blue
- Weka – Yellow
- Kereru - Red

Thank You!

Acknowledgements:

I would like to acknowledge all whānau and staff who have fundraised for the school this year. I am in danger of forgetting to put some names down, but would really like to thank these people. The money they have raised equates to

thousands of dollars, and we are very grateful:

- All whānau who completed the Te Ahu o Te Reo Māori course;
- Anne Powell who has successfully completed grants that have won us lego, camp activities and ipads;
- Jewell Kirk and family who raised additional funds with the netball sausage sizzle, as well as all the helpers that day;
- Those of you who have baked and donated money and purchased goods;
- A special thanks to the Waipuna Trust – they have been incredibly generous to us in the past few years;
- Dallas Fisher who has paid for the Science Kits from Hutt Science for the past few years, as well as donating some stationery supplies.

Those of you who have donated your time and money are invited to our Volunteer's Morning Tea on Tuesday 10th December at 10.30am for us to treat you.

Pool:

We've had a little hiccup with the pool pump. It's busted a foo foo. Matua Shane is coming to have a look to see if he can do some magic with it, and then we can get the water heated ready again for next week. Thank you for your understanding, though I know some of the children are VERY disappointed.



This week our kauapa is: Akohia/Learning. Whakaotia te mahi – finish the work. “Even when you think you’re done, you’ve only just begun.” Teachers have noticed children are in such a rush to get their work finished, that they rush it and don’t do their best work. We would like our learners to be proud of the work they’ve completed, and ensure it’s the best it can possibly be.

Emergency Response Event:

Thank you to those of you who attended the Emergency Response session last week. It was really all about the community’s response to a disaster and how we might go about helping each other.

Did you know that:

- You should keep 20 litres of water per person per day for 7 days – that is when Wellington Water estimates it could get water back up and running after a major disaster. Woah, that’s 140 litres per person! 120 litre water tanks are available at the Upper Hutt City Council for around \$120, but if you have a Community Services card, it is a lot less.
- You should have a “grab bag” – you never know when you might need to quickly evacuate. The “grab bag” should contain things that you need (not want) e.g. documents such as birth certificates and passports, medications, water, snacks, walking shoes etc.

For more information, go to: <https://www.wremo.nz/>



Love the mahi:



Don't you just love this picture of Christian and Kyzar who both went around the school and picked up heaps of rubbish for us – because they want the school to look beautiful. I'm so proud of you guys – you are helping our planet to be a clean place. Plus, we don't need any of it blowing to the awa/river or going down the storm water drains that will eventually go into the sea and potentially harm sea life! You guys are literally life savers.

Principal's Awards:



Congratulations to Skyla, Mason T, Dawn, Sammy, Isla, Trinity, O'shea, Indi, Hine, Rain, Damon, Christian, Sativa, Gaara, Vaya, Ayla, Charlee, Shem, Jacob, Nana, Xavier, Sylus, Anne-Marie T, and Kiarah-Faye. There were heaps of people who received certificates on Friday – mīharo tamariki mā!

Christmas Raffle:



Christmas Raffles are on sale and selling like hot cakes. You have to be in to win. Each whanau/family have received a book of 5 raffle tickets to sell. Please ensure the stubs have the name and phone details of the person who purchased the ticket and return to the office with the money. You give that person the ticket number.

If you have quality items to donated to the raffle, please bring them into the office, thank you. Tickets are \$2 each.

School Photos – your school photos will be ready to be picked up by the end of the term – we don't have exact dates yet, but will keep you up to date. Make sure you get your orders in ready for Christmas.

Camp:

Wow, camp and EOTC week are next week! That has come around really fast.

Kids will need to have lots of equipment to attend camp – if you're having trouble sourcing some items for camp, please let us know as we may have some items at school we can help you with.

All children who attend outdoor activities next week will need a jacket, good shoes, and lots of kai (though we will continue to provide lunches).

Heads up:

- **Covid** is rearing its ugly head a bit. Please keep kids home if they are unwell and test for covid if they have a headache, cough, runny nose, or sore throat.
- **Kutu/Nits** – They are still present every day – please check your child's hair. We have nit solution at the office if you need it.
- **Tummy bug** – it's going around. If your child vomits or has diarrhoea they cannot return to school until 48 hours (2 days) after their last event – thank you.
- **Measles** – Measles are making a comeback throughout the motu/ country. Please make sure you immunise your child against measles if they haven't been already.
<https://info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/about-measles/measles-immunity>
- **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**. 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. If you are running late, please drop at the office – 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.
- **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.



Ngā mihi nui

Karen Wellington,

Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka

Schedule of Events Term 4, 2024

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 th Dec– Year 6,7,8 Leaver's Celebrations and Prizegiving Ceremony – 1pm
Week 10 16&17 Dec	Monday 16 th December – Reports go out today Last day Tuesday 17 th December at 12pm