



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

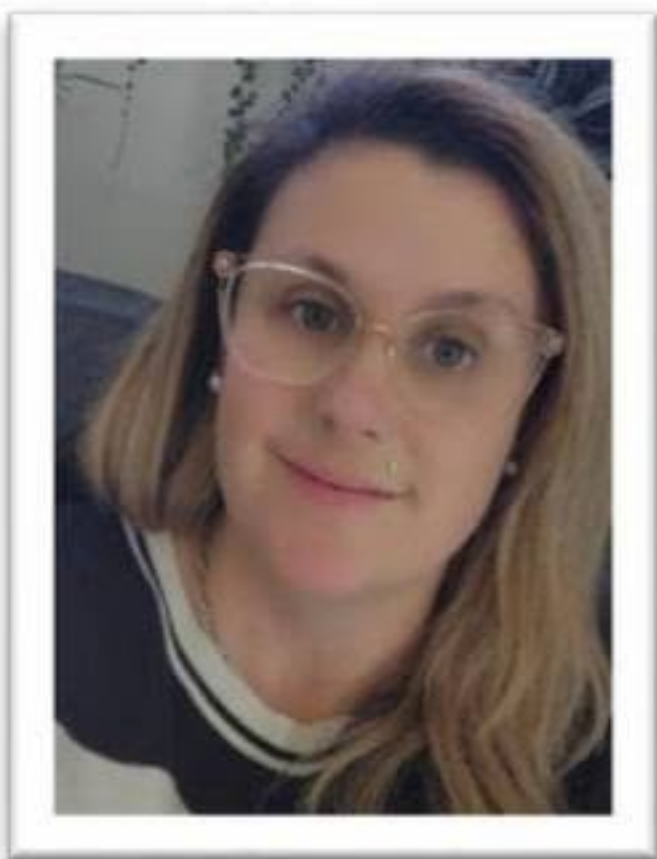
He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Namaste, Kumusta,

It is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori! This is an important event for our kura. Each day this week, classes are completing some fun activities including raranga/weaving, taonga tākaro/Māori games, mahi toi/art, mahi whai/string games, poi and Tīfī Tōrea/Rākau.

Nau mai, haere mai: to Samara Francois, our new Social Worker in Schools. Samara will be in every Thursday to support whānau. Samara provides free, confidential support to help children and their whānau overcome personal or social challenges that affect learning.



"My name is Samara, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Social Worker in Schools (SWIS) at Te Kura o Hau Karetu.

I'm a qualified social worker and have worked alongside children, young people and whānau for many years. I'm passionate about supporting tamariki to feel safe, connected and confident, and helping whānau navigate challenges when they arise.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know the school community, building relationships and being part of the team. Please feel free to come & say kia ora if you see me around the school!"

Father's Day Raffle Draw (Fri, Sep 04):

Congratulations to Ivanna and Tainui's whānau, who won our Father's Day raffle! What an awesome gift for Dad! Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. Your support has helped us raise funds towards our camp costs.



Term 3 Timeline: Subsequent Weeks

Week 9 (Sep 14–Sep 18)

- **Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori:** A fantastic week across our kura, with classes celebrating Te Wiki o te Reo Māori through a range of activities and events.

Week 10 (Sep 21–Sep 25)

- **School Board Meeting (Tue, Sep 22):** The next formal Board meeting will take place at 7PM in the staffroom.
- **Last Day of Term 3 (Fri, Sep 25):** Term 3 officially finishes, and school will close at the standard time of 3PM.

Shea Coxson
Tumuaki Tuarua

Here are some of our favourite photos from the term...



Flu, Coughs and Colds

Thank you to everyone who is keeping a close eye on coughs, colds and flu symptoms and keeping tamariki home when they are unwell. It has been a particularly challenging flu season.

After having the flu, children may still have a slight lingering cough or runny nose. They can return to school once they have been free from fever and chills for at least 24 hours and their energy levels have returned to normal.

We have also had a number of staff away due to illness. At times, when no relievers have been available, we have needed to split classes across other classrooms. We appreciate that this is not ideal and only do so as a last resort. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Breakfast Club Helpers Needed

We would love some additional volunteers to help with our Breakfast Club on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Breakfast Club runs from 8:00–9:00am. If you are able to help on any of these mornings, please contact the school office. We would greatly appreciate your support.

Te Reo Māori

As we celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, we encourage whānau to visit the Reo Māori website for ideas and resources to help you use more te reo Māori at home:

www.reomaori.co.nz

Important Notices & Reminders:

- **Peanut-Free School:** A reminder that we are 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. Other nuts are also ok.
- **Student Attendance expectations:** Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success, and the nation's goals is currently for all students to attend school for 90% of the time. You may have received a letter regarding your child's attendance which I am required to send. I encourage you to come to see me or phone or text if you receive this letter. Thank you for your support.
- If your child is going to be absent for any reason, it is essential that you advise us:
 - 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.

There is still time to sign up to the event this Friday – please let IHAD know asap whether you will be attending.

IHAD A DREAM

Keen to learn about support and opportunities for you and your whānau?

FREE WHĀNAU INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Meet the local MSD & StudyLink team, ask questions and find out what's available for you and your whānau.

Kai & Childcare provided

Friday, 18th September

Starts at 3.15pm

Te Kura O Hau Karetu Hall

PLEASE RSVP by Friday, 11th September

Email: Numa@4abettercity.nz

Phone: 021 245 1268

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