



# 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,



Yes, we're all bananas around here! It is Onesie and Wig Wednesday Day today. We are dressing up in our Onesie's or Pyjamas and wearing a wig or have crazy hair to support Child Cancer and Wellington Free Ambulance which are both incredibly worthy causes. Thank you to the teacher aides in "B Pod" who dressed up for the occasion in their banana suits! Some of our tamariki look amazing! It's so much fun for kids to dress up and get into the spirit of the day. Thanks to those of you who made such a great effort.



## Staff Feature:

Kia ora, Sabaidee, Hello!

My name is **Nidda** and I am the Awhi Mai Awhi Atu Wellbeing Specialist for Te Kura o Hau Karetu. I grew up in Porirua and am now living in Upper Hutt with my husband and kids. I enjoy listening to music, spending time with family and eating good food.

I am a registered Educational Psychologist and have over 10 years experience working with children and their support networks to find ways to thrive and achieve success. I can work individually with students and/or whānau, with groups, or with staff, to help you understand and deal with any issues or problems you may be experiencing. By working with you from a holistic view, I can help you to develop the necessary coping skills and provide the right support, advice and guidance to increase the chances of being the best version of yourself.

If you would like to know more about Awhi Mai Awhi Atu you can visit [Awhi Mai Awhi Atu – Wellbeing Support in Schools - HealthCare NZ](#).

If you'd like to make a time to chat you can email me at [nidda.obrien@explore.org.nz](mailto:nidda.obrien@explore.org.nz) or text/phone/WhatsApp me on **022 010 5604**. Or feel free to pop into my office on Wednesdays or Thursdays.



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

Kotahitanga/Togetherness – we are learning how to take turns. Taking turns means we have to **wait and be patient**, and waiting can be really hard to do. Also, turn taking means that sometimes we don't get what we want, so we need to **compromise**. Turn taking means we are taking into consideration feelings of other people, so it helps us to be **empathetic**. When we are taking turns, we are learning to **cooperate** with others and **share**. Most importantly, turn taking is about managing ourselves – **self control**. Self control is one of the most important keys to success in life.



## Congratulations

to the following people who won principal's awards at assembly on Friday. What absolute superstars. They won the awards for things such as being great role models, doing awesome mahi, being good friends, finishing work independently, trying their best, and succeeding with goals. Well done to:

Millie, Te Akau, Jon-Kyrie, Rylee, Janeiro, Zairus, Lyla, Dayton, Nevaeh, Olivia F, Mason S, Zach, Leon Panes, and Te Morehu. Your families/whānau will be very proud of you as we are.



### Camp Fundraising:

Movie night is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September (in two weeks) and we haven't sold many tickets yet! Every year 5, 6, 7 and 8 child will be attending camp, and we are still in fundraising mode to make sure everyone can attend.

We are holding a movie night for *We Were Dangerous* which is rated M (13 years and over). Tickets are \$20. Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm at Monterey Cinemas, Upper Hutt. **Please purchase your tickets from Roseanne or Rachel at the office by next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – thank you.

### Coming up...

- Next week is **Te Wiki or Te Reo Māori**. The theme for the week is: 'Ake ake ake – A Forever Language'. It represents the *resilience, adaptability and endurance* of our language. It also reflects the commitment New Zealanders have to embracing and learning te reo Māori long into the future.  
We will be doing some cool activities throughout the week, including Te Mātāhae even taking a trip into Wellington!
- **Structured Literacy Evening:** on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September is an information evening for whānau and parents for our whole school including Māori Medium and English Medium. We will show you how we teach literacy, about the science of learning and how we need to specifically teach reading and phonics – the human brain is wired to speak, not to read and write! It is an evening we would highly recommend to all parents to attend to find out more about how reading, writing, phonics, and handwriting is taught in schools now – very different to the way we learnt at school.  
We will have a “sitter” for children so that while the formal part of the evening is happening, you can all have some peace and quiet.  
The evening will begin at 5pm with a presentation and we will end with kai. Please feel free to bring something to share for our kai which will be at around 5.45pm.

### Heads up:

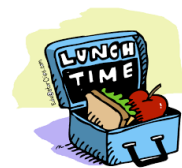
- **Kutu/Nits** – please check your child's head on a daily basis for nits. We have children from multiple classes who are itching. We have treatments at school – please see Rachel or Roseanne for treatments. Please tie your child's hair up if it is long. Thank you.
- **School Start and Finish & Attendance:** 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.
- **MUD!** A reminder to give young children a change of clothes – especially pants. If your child comes up to the office wet and muddy and we have run out of clothes to put them in, we will call you to come and collect them. 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.

#### **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”.

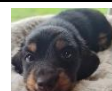


- Back gates: These are locked during the day and will be opened again at 3pm. There will be two walking bus teachers to walk your children to the intersection of Hillside Drive, Moeraki, and Norana Roads and will be crossed over by the road patrollers.
- **Breakfast Club:** Runs 5 days per week from 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:
  - Concerns and Complaints
  - Media
  - Performance Management
  - Protected Disclosure
  - Professional Development
  - Staff Conduct
  - Staff Leave



Ngā mihi nui  
Karen Wellington,  
Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka

### Schedule of Events Term 3, 2024

Week 8 9-13 Sept	Wednesday – Wig and Onesie Day. Fundraising for Child Cancer and Wellington Free Ambulance. Wear a Onesie or wear a wig/crazy hairdo. Please bring a donation.
Week 9 16-20 Sept	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week. Watch this space, as you can be sure we'll be doing something amazing throughout this week.
Week 10 23-27 Sept	Book Week and Book Character Day on Friday. Structured Literacy Information Evening for parents Monday 5.30pm. Mrs Wellington gets her new puppy this weekend! <div style="float: right; text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School finishes for the end of term on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.</li> <li>● First day back for term 3 is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 9am.</li> <li>● Please note we are having a Teacher Only Day on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – no school on this day.</li> </ul>