



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, Sabaidee,



It is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. The theme this year is “ake, ake, ake, a forever language.” Kia Kaha Te Reo Māori! Te Mātāhae was going to do the walk in Wellington to begin celebrations for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori on Monday, however, the weather did not play the game and it was cancelled. However, we have loads of things we are doing this week to celebrate the language.



We farewell/haere ra Dan Aunese who has been working as a Teacher Aide here for quite a few years now. Dan has left to go to other employment where he will continue to work with young people. We want to say a huge THANK YOU to Dan for everything he's done for us at Te Kura o Hau Karetu. Luckily, we'll still get to see Dan around as a parent as his son attends our school. We are definitely going to miss his skills and great sense of humour!

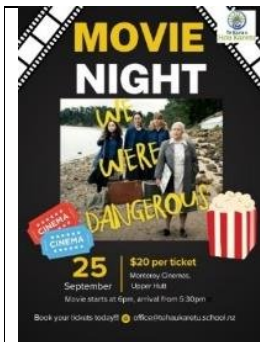
Nau mai, haere mai to Jessie Law who is a new teacher aide here. Jess will be working with tamariki in most areas of the school. Also, a special welcome to Queden who has started in Te Waipuna. We hope you love it at our kura!

Thank you: A huge thank you goes out to the Wesley Centre who have donated some money to our school. Each year, they generously donate a few hundred dollars to us so we can purchase stationery, put money towards camp, and trips etc. Our community are so good to us and we are very grateful. Any donations of quality goods can be made at the Wesley Centre thrift shop which has moved from Queen Street into a new premises on the corner of Fergusson Drive and Benzie Ave. The shop is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am. Eftpos available.



Kaupapa mō te wiki/Value for the week:

Atawhai/Kindness – we are **catching people being kind**. We can be kind by: listening to the teacher and following instructions, playing with someone who looks lonely, sharing our toys, saying complementary things to one another, helping tidy something up, playing with someone you don't normally play with, offering to do something for someone,



Camp Fundraising:

Movie night is Wednesday 25th September – we are in the last few days of purchasing tickets for this event. We are holding a movie night for *We Were Dangerous* which is rated M (13 years and over). Tickets are \$20. Wednesday 25th September at 6pm at Monterey Cinemas, Upper Hutt. **If you are planning on attending, we need you to purchase your tickets by tomorrow at the latest, please.**

Coming up...

- **Structured Literacy Evening: on Monday 23rd September** from 5-6pm 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 reading 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. Children will be fed pizza and entertained throughout the hour.



Staff Feature:

Kia ora, Hello!

My name is Jessica Law, though I prefer people to call me Jess or Jessie – otherwise I feel like it's a bit scary – I only get called Jessica when I'm in trouble!

I am born and bred in Upper Hutt – I've lived here all my life. I attended Brentwood Primary School and then Chilton St. James in Lower Hutt.

I have just started working here at Te Kura o Hau Karetu this week. I love working with children. I have 2 children of my own – a 7 year old girl who attends our kura, and a 3 year old boy. My husband Hamish and I have just purchased a house with my mum so we can live together and look after one another. It's fantastic having my mum around.

I look forward to meeting everyone. Please introduce yourself to me if you see me.



Congratulations

to the following people who won principal's awards at assembly on Friday. They received awards for working well with others, helping to clean up, working really hard on their mahi, being super readers and spellers, and loads of other reasons.

Well done to: Mars-Hauti, Wesley, Millie, Aparangi, Jackson, Odin, Aliyah, Kaylee, Zeinah, Vada, Kahimou, Adelaide, Navroop, Trinity, Avah, Elekana, Mason L, Maddyn, and Aaria.

Heads up:

A PLEA: PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT WE CLOSE OUR GATES AT THE END OF THE DAY FOR A REASON – TO KEEP KIDS SAFE. IT IS NOT OK FOR YOU TO ABUSE OUR STAFF WHEN YOU WANT TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AT 2.55PM WHEN THE GATES ARE SHUT. YOU CAN WAIT 10 MINUTES! IF YOU HAVE AN ISSUE WITH THIS, PLEASE COME AND SEE KAREN.

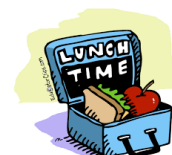
- **Kutu/Nits** – please check your child's head on a daily basis for nits. We have children from multiple classes who are itching. We have treatments at school – please see Rachel or Roseanne for treatments. Please tie your child's hair up if it is long. Thank you.

- **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, 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 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 and Whaea Sharon get their new puppies in the school holidays – welcome to Betsy and Teddy! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School finishes for the end of term on Friday 27th September at 3pm. • First day back for term 3 is Monday 14th October at 9am. • Please note we are having a Teacher Only Day on Friday 25th October – no school on this day. 	

School Holidays:

We are Cat Tipene and Ryan Cundy, teachers and children's entertainment professionals. We're getting in touch because these school holidays we're putting on a show called *Trees, Bees and Me* at Circa Theatre in Wellington, and we were wondering if you could please slip the attached image into your school newsletter in order to get the word out to your school whānau.

Trees, Bees and Me is a fun, family-friendly story based on the adventures that children have in their own backyards, where they test their strengths and problem-solving skills with the help of whānau and the whenua.

Trees Bees and Me



🕒 **Duration:** 28 Sep - 12 Oct

📍 **Location:** Circa Two

💰 **Price:** \$15 (under 2's are free)

Book Now!

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