



## Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*  
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To the Whanau of: \_\_\_\_\_

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Namaste, Kumusta,

Thank you so much to teachers and whānau for last night at Meet the Teacher evening. We had around 30 whānau attend with everyone enjoying the pool, the slippery slide, and Mrs Wellington's burnt sausage sizzle offerings! 😊

Our teachers are working hard at the moment, learning all about new ways of teaching literacy and numeracy. Never before have we been asked to implement such huge curriculum areas in some a quick timeframe. Of course, our ākonga/learners are also in for a treat as they learn new ways of doing things. I'm really excited to see how much progress they make this year.

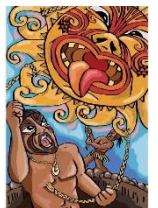
**Nau mai, haere mai to our newbies:** Nau mai, haere mai to Te Kahui-O-Manu who has started in Ngā Mataamua, and Isabella who has started in Te Waipuna. I know how great these two kids are already, and looking forward to getting to know them better.

**Communication with whānau:** Each fortnight, we will be sending out a newsletter both on paper and via Facebook and Skool Loop. If we have any reminders, we will send these messages on text to you and on Facebook and Skool Loop.

Teachers are also using the SeeSaw app to share messages and progress your child is making. Please make sure you have this downloaded on your smartphone. We would really appreciate it if you could also comment on the posts we make.

If you would like support to download Skool Loop or SeeSaw on your phones, please let us know.

**Kaupapa mō te wīkī:** Our Kaupapa/value this week is Akohia/Learning. We are learning that the "quieter you become, the more you hear." This is about how important it is to listen to the speaker, wait your turn to speak, and know that other people have opinions about things. While we want our children to be curious like Maui and ask questions, we also need them to think about what is being said.



### **Attendance:**

Each fortnight, I'll give you an update on our attendance data. The government is cracking down on truancy in schools, and their expectation is that children are attending school at least 90% of the time. Currently, our school is at 89.8% attendance – practically 90% which is great. Let's keep it up!



### **Bake Sale UHUB/ Valentine's Day:**

Thank you so much to everyone for contributing to our bake sale on Friday where we were raising money for UHUB. We raised \$555.40 which is amazing – above the amount we needed to contribute \$4 per student. Thank you – you are the best school community in Upper Hutt! 😊

**Reminders:****Swimming:**

Swimming is compulsory for all children and it is part of the NZ Curriculum. Please ensure any child with long hair has it tied up. Please provide togs and a clean towel for each of the days your child is swimming – thank you:



Times	Mane	Turei	Wenerei	Taite	Paraire
9.15-10am					Pōtiki
10-10.45	Te Waipuna	Te Waipuna	Te Waipuna	Pōtiki	Exceptional
11.30-12.15	Te Pūao	Te Pūao	Te Pūao	Te Hikuwai	Te Hikuwai
12.15-1pm	Te Awa	Te Awa	Pōtiki	Te Awa	
1.30-2.15	Exceptional	Te Whanganui	Te Whanganui	Te Whanganui	Pool maintenance
2.15-3pm	Te Hikuwai	Mataamua	Mataamua	Mataamua	

**Whānau involvement in the school – important dates:**

- **Cyber Safety - 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at Maidstone Intermediate 7pm.** Our school has paid for you to attend this. I cannot stress how important it is to hear the message that Rob Cope has to give you. Don't be the parent that says, "not my child, they wouldn't do that" - you need to attend this.
- **Goal setting interviews – 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March** here at school. We expect everyone to attend these please. Book your preferred time now on Skool Loop.

**Breakfast Club Volunteers:**

A plea – **please** - we still need volunteers for Tuesdays and Thursdays for Breakfast Club. Thank you.

**Forms to be completed:**

Thank you to those of you who have completed the Google permission forms so your child can use devices while they're at school. If you haven't already, please make sure you complete both forms below:

- 1) **Updated details** – please update your contact details, as well as updating your emergency contacts. If you want your child picked up in an emergency, the person who picks them up must be on the form otherwise we cannot release your child into their care.
- 2) **Google docs permission** – We require permission from you for your child to be able to use Google Apps. Your child will not be able to use any devices at school until this is signed. Using devices is an important part of learning at school. Please see the google form (link below), or you can sign the permission form we are sending out tomorrow.

<https://forms.gle/SCNXNnqb6i3jJzn7A>

Ngā mihi nui  
Karen Wellington  
Tumuaki/Principal

**Events Term 1, 2025**

Week 3 17-21 Feb	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Meet the Teacher Evening at school – 5-6.30pm Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Cyber Safety – Maidstone Intermediate 7pm
Week 6 10-14 March	Heart Foundation Fundraiser – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March – dress in red and please bring a donation.
Week 7 17-21 March	Goal Setting interviews at school Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> between 3.15-7pm, and Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March between 3.15-5pm. Bookings can be made on Skool Loop, or contact the office on 0275269552.
Week 10 7-11 April	Last day of school 11 <sup>th</sup> April at 3pm