



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Mālō e lelei,

Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga – It's Tonga Language Week

The 2024 theme for Tonga Language Week is **E tu'uloa 'a e lea faka-Tongá 'o ka lea'aki 'i 'api, siasi (lotú), mo e nofo-'a-kāingá** - The Tongan Language will be sustainable when used at home, church and in the wider community.

Nau mai, Haere mai to Karamia and Esther who have started in Te Waipuna this week, and Whaea Jackie N who is a new teacher aide working in Te Waipuna and Te Hikuwai. We are delighted you are all here with us and hope you'll love being here.

Camp Fundraising:

A huge thank you to **Anne Powell** who has been successful in winning a grant for the accommodation and activities for our senior camp in December. It means we have less to fundraise for, however, we still need to fundraise for the bus and food. So, we are holding a movie night for **We Were Dangerous** which is rated M (13 years and over). Tickets are \$20. Wednesday 26th September at 6pm at Monterey Cinemas, Upper Hutt. Thank you to Chelsea Bensen who has organised this.

International Learning Support Awareness Day:

Next Thursday 29th August, it is **International Learning Support Awareness Day**. **Wear purple to celebrate the mahi** of those who deliver and coordinate learning support, and the tamariki who receive it too.

We are holding a hui for families of children who are neurodiverse or have learning support needs from 5-6pm. We have a Speech Language Therapist from the Ministry of Education coming to speak with us, and for the second half hour, will share some stories, and write a letter to the government advocating for a **teacher aide for every child that needs one**, and for **increasing the provision of Ministry of Education and school-employed specialists**. We will put on pizza and a movie for kids in a classroom, while adults meet in the hall. Please feel free to bring along something for adults to eat also. We will provide tea and coffee.

MOVIE NIGHT

WE WERE DANGEROUS

25 September

\$20 per ticket
Monterey Cinemas,
Upper Hutt

Movie starts at 6pm, arrival from 5:30pm

Book your tickets today!!! @ office@tehaukaretu.school.nz



Netball Thanks:

It's the end of the netball season, and I would like to say a huge thank you to our manager Donna Williams, and the coaches and umpires of the teams. We had by far the most netball teams of all the primary schools of Upper Hutt per capita which is awesome. It's not easy giving up your busy time to coach future netball Ferns, but the investment is worth it. Thanks to Heidi and Clinton – year 5 team, Maria and Tarnz – year 6 team, Krystal and Ashna year 1-3 team, and Jewel and Misty – year 4 team. You're amazing!

Upper Hutt junior netball are going to run their first summer league. If we can get enough players, coaches and umpires, Whaea Donna said she's happy to make it happen. We will ask students this week if they are interested, and you will receive a notice to sign them up. If you think you'd be interested in coaching or umpiring, please let Whaea Donna or Roseanne know. Thank you.

Sports Celebrations:



Our year 4 netball group
Hau Karetu Kotahitanga



Daniel – player of the day



Reeco player of the day

Taki Rua: Taki Rua are coming to perform for us this Friday 23rd August in the hall at 1.30pm. There is no cost to students for this performance. If parents wish to attend, we would appreciate it if you would please pay a gold coin or koha. This performance is targeted at ages 5-12 years. No pre-schoolers. Thank you.



Fathers' Day Raffle: Fathers' Day raffle tickets are for sale. Please try to sell your raffle tickets – sales are a bit slow. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 30th August at assembly at 9am. Each family has been given a book of 5 raffle tickets to be sold. \$2 per ticket. There is a lot of cool gifts in the basket for dad. All proceeds go to our senior Camp. If anyone has anything to contribute to the raffle, please drop off at the office. Thank you.



Kaupapa mō te wiki/Value for the week:

Our value for this week is Atawhai Kindness – “Using Positive Self Talk”. We know how powerful our brains are. The more we tell it something, the more it becomes true. If we tell ourselves, “I am smart”, “I am brave”, “I am loving”, “I am a good friend”, “I can do this!”, then the more we will believe it.

Property news: - Dayna is digging a drain outside of Te Mataahae so that we can stop the water pooling outside of their classroom.

Dayna is also working on repairing some of the pool exterior – please stay away from this area while the “danger” tape is up. Thank you.

Sickness – School sores/impetigo are going around. We only have a few children with them, but they are highly contagious. If you notice a scratch or mamae on your child has become infected, it might be a school sore. If you're unsure, please take your child to the chemist straight away. They will give you some cream to put on and some advice for any next steps (e.g. taking a day off school, or having to go to the doctor if it requires antibiotics). Please see pharmacy information at the end of this newsletter.

<https://info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/skin/school-sores-impetigo>

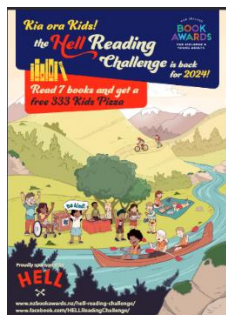
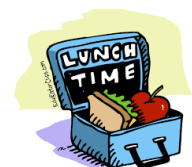
Heads up:

- **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.



The Hell Reading Challenge is on! Your child has received their reading wheels. Each time they read a book, they need to tell record the name of the book and tell their teacher so they can receive a stamp. Once the reading wheel is filled, children can take their completed wheel into Hell Pizza where they will receive a free snack sized pizza.

For further information, go to:

<https://www.nzbookawards.nz/new-zealand-book-awards-for-children-and-young-adults/the-hell-reading-challenge/>

- **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 5 19-23 Aug	Taki Rua Theatre Friday 23 rd Aug at 1.30-2.30 to perform in our school hall. There is no charge for students. Any adults who wish to attend, please donate gold coin. Thank you.
Week 6 26-30 Aug	Thursday – Hui for Families of Children who are Neurodiverse – 5pm. Focus on speech language, and a letter to the government. Thursday, International Learning Support Day – wear purple to school on this day.
Week 7 2-6 Sept	Tuesday - Rippa Rugby at TMP – Matua Shea will send details soon. Thursday is postponement day.
Week 8 9-13 Sept	Friday – 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 week!



MINOR AILMENTS SCHEME, LOWER HUTT

We want to help people in the Hutt Valley to access healthcare for minor illnesses where and when they need it.

Pharmacists can help to support the health of your family; they can provide advice and treatment for common minor illnesses for all ages.

The minor health conditions service (also referred to as minor ailments), launched in Upper Hutt in December 2022, is now available in several Lower Hutt pharmacies. This service enables eligible people to consult with a pharmacist at selected local pharmacies, and if appropriate, access free approved medicine.

The service is to help people with minor illnesses to access healthcare at a pharmacy and is available for:

- Children under 14 years of age, and whānau members* (any age), with the same symptoms
- Community services card (CSC) holders
- Māori and pacific people

**For example, if the pharmacist gives your tamariki medicine for scabies and you, or brothers or sisters also have symptoms, they may give advice and medicine to all of you.*

The conditions that pharmacists can help you with include:

- Skin ailments (nits, eczema, scabies, fungal infections)
- Eye inflammation
- Dehydration (usually from vomiting and diarrhoea).

The participating pharmacy locations are:

Upper Hutt

- [Lagans Pharmacy](#)
- [Queen St Pharmacy](#)

- [Unichem Maidstone Pharmacy](#)
- [Unichem Upper Hutt Health Pharmacy](#)
- [Unichem Upper Hutt Pharmacy](#)

Lower Hutt

- [Taita Pharmacy](#)
- [Naenae Pharmacy](#)
- [Owles Pharmacy - Naenae](#)
- [Wainuiomata Pharmacy](#)
- [Clives Chemist](#)

Click on the links above to access Healthpoint, for pharmacy opening hours and addresses.

In most cases, bookings are not required, phone or pop in to see your friendly community pharmacist. All advice and treatment is conducted in a professional and confidential manner.

Remember a pharmacist can provide advice on, and treat common and minor illnesses with a range of medications. The pharmacist will refer patients to a GP or other health care service if the patient's condition requires it.

GAME PLAY
SKILLS & DRILLS



B 1 U P
\$ 7 D A Y S
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St Patrick's College lower gym

Sunday mornings 10:30 to 12:00

To book a spot or any questions contact
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