



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's Mental Health Awareness Week. In order to support our hinengaro/mental health, our theme each day for our WAKA values are around the following ideas each day:

- Manaaki Monday – display an act of kindness
- Tautoko Tuesday – show kotahitangi by helping out
- Whānau Wednesday – reach out to someone by making a phone call, or a card
- Tuhoho Thursday – get to know someone better
- Whakawhetai Friday – thanking someone for something they do for you.

For further information on Mental Health Awareness Week, go to: <https://mhaw.nz/>

Structured Literacy Snippet:

Thanks to those of you who attended our Structured Literacy information evening last night. We had a fantastic turnout of parents who learned about how our brains learn to read, and how you can help at home. As a result of last night, we'll now be having a weekly snippet on Structured Literacy ideas. This week's snippet is about the Science of Reading:

What Does the Science of Reading Tell Us?

How the brain learns to read.

All brains learn to read the same way.

A reading network must be developed for skilled reading to take place

The left hemisphere is the language processing centre of the brain.

The brain processes words at sound level not at word level

We are not wired for reading.

While we use our eyes to read, the starting point for reading is sound.

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Writing is a code, invented to represent speech sounds.

Children must learn the code to become readers.

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Nau mai, haere mai to Lincoln and Gabriel who have both started in Te Waipuna. They are 5 years old already. It only seemed like yesterday they were 4 and visiting school with kindy. I remember being 5 years old and starting in my class at West School in Masterton. Mrs Boyce was my teacher, and boy, did I like going to school. I liked learning and being with my friends. We hope that Lincoln and Gabriel will be the same and enjoy everyday they are here. 😊

Summer Netball - Unfortunately we do not have the volunteers or enough players to enter teams in this league this season so registration will not be going ahead.



Lost property – oh yes, we have loads of lost property. Each class has their own lost property baskets, but somehow, children are not claiming it. We will be spreading out the lost property tomorrow, Wednesday (it's going to be a fine day). Please feel free to come and check it. There are so many beautiful clothes including jackets, sweatshirts, t-shirts, pants (how did *they* get there?) etc. If it is not collected by the end of the term, we will end up giving it away.

Potae/Sunhats are required for next term please. We expect children to be bringing a full brimmed/bucket sunhat to school each day. This is to protect them from the sun. Our policy is that all children must wear a sunhat as is every school in Australia and New Zealand due to our incredibly harsh sun rays – our rule is **"No hat, no play."**



Camp Fundraising:

The movie night is not now going ahead due to lack of interest. We will be/have already refunded those who have already paid.

Seaweed Packets: A head's up please that when you give your child packs of seaweed to eat that they contain a desiccant packet which is a silicon gel pack designed to absorb any moisture. However, we caught a child trying to open one of the silicon packets today. The advice is that generally, eating silica gel is not cause for concern unless the packets are coated in cobalt chloride, which is toxic. However, in general, eating uncoated silica gel packets may result in a mildly upset stomach. We'd rather that didn't happen on our watch. Please talk to your child about these silica packs and tell them not to eat them! Thank you.



Coming up...

- **Friday 27th September** – it's Book Character Day. Please dress up as your favourite book character.
- **End of term:** this Friday 27th September at 3pm
- **Beginning of term 4:** Monday 14th October at 9am
- **Teacher Only Day:** Friday 25th October. There will be no school on this day.
- **Labour Day Monday:** public holiday on Monday 28th October
- **31st October** – Diwali colour run and disco

Book Character Dress Up Day!



Staff Feature:

Kia ora, Hello!

My name is Annmarie Hammond. I am a teacher aide here at Te Kura o Hau Karetu. I've been here for a few years – so many that I can't quite remember how many! I love working with children. At the moment, you'll find me working with the tamariki in Te Awa, and as well, sorting out the lunches for our kids to eat on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

I am born and bred in Upper Hutt – I've lived here all my life. I attended St. Joseph's in Upper Hutt. I have a daughter, Sophie, who attends our school as a year 6. I love to cook and bake in my spare time.

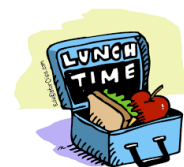
Heads up:

- **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.



I hope you all have a relaxing, refreshing and rejuvenating break with your whānau/families. Be safe.

Ngā mihi nui

Karen Wellington,

Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka

Schedule of Events Term 3, 2024

Week 10 23-27 Sept	<p>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!</p> <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.	A photograph of two black puppies with tan markings on their faces and chests, lying together on a red surface.
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