



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,



Congratulations to Te Akau, Tangiora, Lalita, Leo, Grayson, Dawn, Adrienne, Zayden, Kaylee, Kyzar, Hayden, Casey, Reid, Xavier, Afu, Janeiro, Aron, Indi, Rewa, O'shea and Sylus for winning a Principal's Award on Friday 21st February, and Izahn, Te Morehu, Jackson, Poorvi, Odin, Alex, Kahimou, Ngaraitakahurangi, Kalyn, John-Kyrie, Mars-Hauti, Jakoby, Kaitiaki, Janeiro (again), Te Kahui o Manu, Te Rangihaeata, Essa, Tali, Ivanna, Vada, and Izaiah who won Principal's Awards on 28th February.



Lunches:

I thought I'd let you know what we've been enjoying for lunch this week at our school:

Monday – chicken korma (it was delicious!) and a cookie

Tuesday – ham & cheese & lettuce or ham & egg & lettuce sandwich with a cheese stick – yum!

Wednesday – subway ham & cheese & salad bun with strawberry yoghurt on the side – always yum

Thursday – Beef or vegetarian nachos with hidden vegetable strawberry slice – oh wow!



It's with a huge thank you to our lunch suppliers Kapura, Pita Pit Upper Hutt and Subway Lower Hutt, that we are thankful for having mostly great lunches experiences – not like the ones they seem to be experiencing in Auckland. You can be reassured that our lunches are much more appetizing. On occasion, there might be a bit of a whoops, but that is not often, as our lunch providers are out to please. Our lunch providers give us appropriate dietary foods for those children who are unable to eat the food that is on the menu.

Any spare lunches are given to children to take home, or we will take them to the front gate at the end of the day for you to help yourselves to, though we usually don't have that much spare.

Nau mai, haere mai to our newbies: Nau mai, hoki mai to Aurorah and Brycen who have started back again at our kura – we are so excited to see you two return. They are so popular; they're like rock stars around here!



Kaupapa mō te wīkī: Our Kaupapa/value this week is Atawhai/Kindness – Being a Great Role Model. Next week will be Whakaute/Respect – we keep our hands and feet to ourselves. We want to be like Rongomatane – the Ātua who carries out peaceful pursuits. If we find ourselves getting angry or if someone is mean to us, it's always best to walk away and tell a teacher. Also, telling someone that you don't like the way they are treating you is very important.




Attendance & Illness:

Our attendance has gone down to 87.3% compared to 89.8% a fortnight ago. I am putting the drop down to an awful tummy bug that is going around the school. We are encouraging children to wash their hands thoroughly, and keep their fingers away from their face. Please keep your child home for 48 hours after their last

“episode” of a tummy bug attack

Also, just to let you know about the way we are required to code non-attendance: we have had a few children take time off for holidays throughout the term. Holidays during term time are counted as an unjustified absence – even if it is your birthday! 😊

Reminders:

- **Swimming:** This is the last week for swimming for this season. We will open the pool again in term 4.
- **Potae/sunhats** – I can't believe how good everyone is with their sunhats this term. We have absolutely no one without a hat, and our Tamariki are remembering to wear their hats. Tino pai Tamariki mā!
- **Whānau involvement in the school – important dates:**
Goal setting interviews – 18th and 19th March here at school. We expect everyone to attend these please. Book your preferred time now on Skool Loop. Whānau from Te Mataahae will need to make other times with their teachers as they are off on some important professional development at this time.
- **Heart Foundation Fundraiser:**

 Next Friday 14th March, we are holding a Heart Foundation fundraiser. Please wear all red and/or something with a heart. We'd appreciate it if you would please bring a coin to donate to the cause – thank you.
- **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.



Ngā mihi nui
 Karen Wellington
 Tumuaiki/Principal

Events Term 1, 2025

Week 6 10-14 March	Heart Foundation Fundraiser – Friday 14 th March – dress in red and please bring a donation.
Week 7 17-21 March	Goal Setting interviews at school Tuesday 18 th between 3.15-7pm, and Wednesday 19 th March between 3.15-5pm. Bookings can be made on Skool Loop, or contact the office on 0275269552.
Week 10 7-11 Apr	Last day of school 11 th April at 3pm