



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,

It's been a brilliant week, with major success at camp – everyone trying new things and pushing themselves to their limits. We have had our senior classes at Wellington Museum, City Gallery, and Capital E where they created their very own TV news session which can be viewed on either:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NJtYTwqzZw&ab_channel=CapitalE

or

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=exOqwPc8Kk0&ab_channel=CapitalE



Our junior classes have had an Environment Day where they created bird feeders, lavender sprays and pua art, bubbles, planting sunflower seeds, and a visit to Avalon Park. Thank you so much to **Upper Hutt Produce** for the donations for the soil and sunflower seeds – you're amazing!

I'm sure our kids are coming home VERY tired at the end of each school day at the moment. 😊



Special mention:

We had a person from the community who emailed me especially to say thank you to our kura who, when they went down to Avalon Park to play with a group of pre-schoolers, said that our tamariki were so kind and accommodating to them even though there were so many children playing on the playground. They particularly mentioned one of our students with the black hat with the yellow and black band who was lovely as he assisted the little kids on the flying fox. In our investigating, we discovered it was **Rewa Maere-Cowan** who was the person who assisted these children. Mīharo, Rewa! It's so lovely to have people notice our fantastic values when we're out and about. You make us all very proud. 💙

Coming up:

Thursday 12 th Dec	Leaver's & Celebration Assembly 1pm – all are welcome Year 6 and Leaver's dinner – Leavers – meet at school between 5-5.15pm.
Monday 16 th Dec	Reports go out today
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Last day of school – pick your child up at 12pm please Final assembly – Christmas raffle draw and Teacher's Xmas performance 11am
Monday 3 rd February 2025	First Day back at school – 9am Powhiri for newbies at 9.15am

Christmas Raffle:



We still have lots of tickets left to sell for the raffle. If you need any more, please see Roseanne or Rachel at the office. Tickets sell for \$2 each. There are lots of great goodies in the hamper – something for everyone.

Tickets will be drawn at our final assembly for 2024 on Tuesday 17th December at 11am.



This week our kauapa is: Atawhai/Kindness.

Because we are all so tired, we are trying to be kind to one another by digging deep and “**Doing the Right Thing**”. We know we need to:

- Listen to the speaker
- Follow teacher instructions
- Keep our hands and feet to ourselves
- Check in with someone if we can see they have no one to play with
- Pick up rubbish – even if it doesn’t belong to us
- Put things away where they belong.

Cyber Safety at Maidstone Intermediate:

On Tuesday 18th February 2025, Maidstone Intermediate are hosting a Cyber Safety event for parents, and we are one of the schools participating in this event. Our school is paying for you to attend as we believe the speakers have an incredibly important message to share with you. Don’t be fooled into thinking your child is safe online or that your child “wouldn’t do that”. ALL our young people are incredibly vulnerable to predators online, to cyber bullying, and to being very influenced by social media. This is an event that will change your life. Please register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dO28l1I4_ojetdRM36mUB5Bh2KnUnYqDdwnsL1zV3mY/edit

“Our Kids Online”

Date: Tuesday 18 February 2025

Time: 7:00 - 9:00

Maidstone Hall

School Photos – Photo Life – check your emails to order your photos. If you ordered before Wednesday 4th Dec, the photos have arrived and will be given out tomorrow 11th Dec. You can still order photos, but you will need to pay for delivery to your home. Thanks.

Consultation:

We like to check in with you from time to time to make sure we’re doing a good job. Each year, we write a strategic plan and want to make sure we include your voice in this document. I sent out a form for your completion last week but haven’t received any back. Please answer these questions and I would really appreciate it if you would complete the form below, or email me with your responses at:

karen@tehaukaretu.school.nz.

- What would you like your children to know and learn about?
- What are the most important things our school can do for our tamariki?
- What is/are something/s that we have always done well that we should continue to do.

Every response will go into a separate Christmas prize draw to be drawn at our final assembly on Tuesday 17th December at 11am.

Thank you to my incredible staff for your amazingly hard work and dedication this year. Your efforts make a huge difference in the lives of our children every day. Your commitment and passion are truly appreciated. Thank you to you all – our school community – for your support, generosity, and aroha towards us. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break with your whanau. Meri Kirihimete.



Ngā mihi nui, Karen Wellington, Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka