



# 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,



All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth! I couldn't help it, but when I was in Te Hikuwai yesterday, I spotted these three who clearly need some front teeth for Christmas. Izaiah, Izahn, and Otis – you guys are the cutest! I love the season of Christmas, but I'm fully aware it is not always a happy time for all. Money for food, let alone gifts, is often a huge worry for people. We are lucky enough that we will be able to help you with some food parcels and gifts for kids, given to us by our wonderful community. Keep watching upcoming newsletters for further information as the weeks go by for details.



## Kaupapa mō te wiki/Value for the week:

Our value for this week Atawhai/Kindness – “Choose Kind” in everything you say and do. We can be kind by:

- Listening to our teacher
- Playing with others who have no one to play with
- Helping others with their work when they are finding things tricky
- Giving people compliments
- Uplifting people with your words and actions

And as an amazing coincidence, it happens to be **World Kindness Day** tomorrow, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. For World Kindness Day, we are going to spread kindness wherever we go and when teachers notice your kindness, you will receive WAKA cards and golden coins to go into your house group post box.

## Celebrating our Kapa Haka Roopu:



Last week, our Kapa Haka Group performed beautifully at the Cultural Festival. They were so polished in their performance, they looked great, they sounded incredible, and I was so proud of them. A huge THANK YOU/NGĀ MIHI goes out to Whaea Paige, Whaea Carol, Kōka Kahu, Whaea Adele and Whaea Mākere for their mahi in getting our group ready for their performance. Honestly, they were the best of the day, and I'm not even being biased! Thank you also to our whānau who attended and supported our tamariki.

## Christmas Raffle:

Christmas Raffles are for sale from today. Each whanau/family will receive a book of 5 raffle tickets to sell. Please ensure the stubs have the name and phone details of the person who purchased the ticket and return to the office with the money. You give that person the ticket number.



If you have quality items to donated to the raffle, please bring them into the office, thank you. Tickets are \$2 each.

**School Photos** are happening tomorrow!!! Please make sure your child is at school on time so they are in their class photo. Thank you. Teachers are dressing in rainbow colours and you are welcome to join us with this, or just wear your favourite outfit.

### Swimming:

starts next week – hooray! There are so many rules about swimming that you need to remember though:

- Please bring clean togs and a towel to school on the day you're swimming.
- Please make sure your body is clean before you swim i.e. don't come to swim so you can have a bath!
- Remember, nits can survive in swimming pool water for at least 20 minutes or more, so ensure you have checked your child's head for nits please. The best way to not catch nits is by providing your child with a swim cap and supporting them to know how to put it on.
- If you have had vomiting or diarrhoea in the last 2 weeks, you can **NOT** swim.
- All children are expected to swim unless they have a note from parents (of if they're sick). Swimming is a very important part of our curriculum.
- Always go to the toilet **BEFORE** you enter the pool. Warm water has this powerful effect on people's bodies, if you get what I mean.
- Enjoy yourselves in the water – have fun.

**Swimming Timetable** (note, your child may not swim on this day for a variety of reasons, but this is the day they're timetabled in, so please be prepared):

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

### Assembly Celebrations:

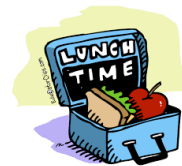
Tino pai / well done to these people who won Principal's Awards last week. We had so many of them that we had to take two pictures! Can you tell who won two awards? Very top heavy with boys winning awards – I don't know what's in the water, but I don't mind saying, I'm very proud of you.



### Heads up:

- **Kutu/Nits** – They are still present every day – please check your child's hair. We have nit solution at the office if you need it.
- **Tummy bug** – it's going around. If your child vomits or has diarrhoea they cannot return to school until 48 hours (2 days) after their last event – thank you.
- **Measles** – Measles are making a comeback throughout the motu/ country. Please make sure you immunise your child against measles if they haven't been already.  
<https://info.health.nz/conditions-treatments/infectious-diseases/about-measles/measles-immunity>
- **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**. 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. If you are running late, please drop at the office – thank you.

- **School Gates:** A reminder to everyone to please be respectful of our school gate closures. Front gates are closed from 9.30am until 2pm, then again from 2.50-3.10pm. Back gates are closed from 9am-2.55pm. Please do not ask our staff to open the gates for you during this time.
- **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.
- **School Policies:** Our school policies and procedures can be found at [schooldocs.co.nz](http://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:



Term 4 review topics	Review opens 14 October
• Finance and Asset Management Policy	Board review
• Managing Income and Expenditure	Board review
• Financial Conflicts of Interest	Board review
• School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income	
• Expenditure	
• Asset Management and Protection	Board review
• Property Planning and Maintenance	
• Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft	

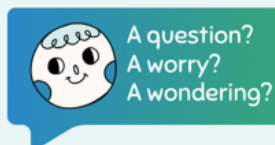
Ngā mihi nui  
Karen Wellington,  
Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka

#### Schedule of Events Term 4, 2024

Week 5 11-15 Nov	School Photos – Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November Teachers are all wearing rainbow colours for the photos – join in with us!
Week 6 18-22 Nov	Swimming starts – please have your togs and a towel ready each day. Community Emergency Response Practice – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 5.30-7pm. Kai provided – all welcome. See flyer below.
Week 7 25-29 Nov	
Week 8 2-6 Dec	EOTC week (Education Outside the Classroom) Senior camp Wed-Fri (years 5-8) Junior trips Mon & Wed TBA
Week 9 9-13 Dec	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec– Year 6,7,8 Leaver's Celebrations and Prizegiving Ceremony – 1pm
Week 10 16&17 Dec	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – Reports go out today Last day Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December at 12pm



Clearing the path to a positive future  
Para he huarahi ki te ora



#### Connect With Us ...

The UHub space is open:  
Mondays 9:30am - 4pm  
Tuesdays 9:30am - 12.30pm

The Learning Centre,  
Fergusson Drive,  
Upper Hutt City Library.

Email us [office@uhub.org.nz](mailto:office@uhub.org.nz)  
Follow us on  
[facebook.com/UhubUpperHutt](https://www.facebook.com/UhubUpperHutt)

UHub Invites  
You to ...

## Our 'Empower U' Sessions:

Term 4

Our 'Empower U' Sessions are one hour long; 20 minutes of learning, 20 minutes of exploring resources, and 20 minutes to connect. Our sessions are designed for parents, grandparents, and caregivers. All welcome, at no cost!

### ★ All Kinds of Minds Coffee Connection



Join us at UHub for a warm hour of connection and conversation! If you're interested in, or curious about neurodiversity in children, this is the perfect opportunity to meet other families, share experiences, and explore valuable resources together.

**Monday 4 November: 1pm - 2pm**

**Venue: Learning Centre,  
Upper Hutt City Library, Fergusson Drive**



### ★ Dads Doing ADHD - Aroreretini

Inviting all Dads, Grandads, Uncles with children who have ADHD-Aroreretini behaviours or a diagnosis. This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow dads, share experiences, and explore valuable resources together.

**Thursday 7 November: 6pm - 7pm**

**Venue: RTLB Rooms, Upper Hutt School,  
Brown Street**



### ★ Navigating Food with Children

Does your child have a challenging relationship with food?

Join us to explore common challenges, identify normal behaviours, and learn effective strategies to encourage a wider range of foods.

**Monday 25 November: 1pm - 2pm**

**Venue: Learning Centre,  
Upper Hutt City Library, Fergusson Drive**

Or

**Thursday 28 November: 6pm - 7pm**

**Venue: RTLB Rooms, Upper Hutt School,  
Brown Street**

Book your  
spot now!

[www.uhub.org.nz](http://www.uhub.org.nz)





# Safer School Runs



When children arrive at or leave school, how and where you stop, park and drive can protect them or put them in danger.

Drivers and children need good visibility to be able to see each other.

Parking restrictions are in place near schools for a reason - to protect our tamariki.

**CHAOS at the school gate...  
are you part of the problem?**

**Choose to stop or park safely  
and legally every time.**



Te Kaunihera o  
**Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta**  
Upper Hutt City Council

# Stopping & parking near a school



**Everyone is only here for  
"a minute or two", but where  
and how you stop or park matters.**

Stopping on broken yellow lines, across a driveway, on a bus stop, and double parking are illegal and risky maneuvers. They endanger children and other pedestrians, and you may get fined if you choose to:

Stop or park on broken yellow lines.....	\$100
Double park.....	\$100
Stop or park in front of or within 1 metre of a vehicle entrance or driveway.....	\$70
Stop or park on the footpath.....	\$70
Stop or park on or near a pedestrian crossing.....	\$100
Stop or park in a way that is inconsiderate to other road users, including pedestrians.....	\$100
Stop or park in an area reserved for disabled persons .....	\$750

**Please put children's safety first at all times.**

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRACTICE

**In a disaster your  
neighbours are your  
first and best source  
of support**

Come along and practice working together as a community during a disaster

**Thursday, 21 November 2024 | 5:30 to 7:00 pm**

**Te Kura o Hau Karetu School Hall,  
32 Hillside Drive, Maoribank, Upper Hutt**

Using an earthquake scenario, this session will cover how to:

- Set up your local Community Emergency Hub
- Ensure those in need are supported
- Overcome potential challenges together
- Make the most of the resources you have locally

Everyone is welcome. Join in and be more prepared as a community.



Find out more at [wremonz.nz/calendar](https://wremonz.nz/calendar)