



# 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,

**Nau mai haere mai** to Xavier who has started today in Te Hikuwai. We are really happy to have you with us Xavier. I hope everyone here will make you feel safe and welcome.



## Hiko:

We had lots of people attend the hiko today – check out the sea of people in this picture, and then the gorgeous tamariki from our kura in the next one! What fabulous weather they had and what a turn

out! It was awesome that we had some many people from our kura attend. Those who didn't go to the hiko event stayed back here at school.



**Our Kaupapa/Value** last week was Atawhai/Kindness. Te Waipuna children were practicing "Sprinkling Kindness". They made fairy bread and the hundreds and thousands represented the kindness they were spreading. Dawn and Karamia are great at spreading kindness!

We notice last week that children were particularly good at practicing Kindness to their teachers and each other. We hope this is a value all children take with them into the rest of their lives.

**This week our kauapa is: Whakaute/Respect.** We are showing we can be responsible for our belongings –

especially while in the pool. Hopefully we'll have less undies and socks being left behind this term!

Also, please check our lost property which is on the porch by Te Hikuwai. There's so much of it and some beautiful items of clothing.



## **Emergency Response Practice:**

This Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 5.30-7pm in the hall, we are holding an earthquake scenario session i.e. what would happen in the event of a major disaster and how would we and the community cope? Te Kura o Hau Karetu is your local Community Emergency Hub. This is where you would find water, and other resources you would need to cope in the event of an emergency. WREMO (Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office) will take us through how to overcome potential challenges and make the most of the resources we have locally.

This event will include yummy kai – children are welcome to attend. We will entertain them.



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### Pool:

We have a tummy bug going around, as well as an awful cough-flu. If your child has been vomiting or has had diarrhoea in the last two weeks, they cannot go swimming otherwise they can infect others. Also, if your child is unwell with a cough or fever, please keep them home. We do not expect them to swim if they have a cough or runny nose. How's this picture for total joy?! Jason absolutely loves swimming in the pool. We are so lucky we can provide swimming lessons for our tamariki which I calculated is approximately 30 times per year!



### Principal's Awards:

Congratulations to Lyrix, Mars-Hauti, Sammy, Reid, Lily, Zayden, Harseerat, Lake, Mason S, Corey, Maddyn, Daniel, Lyla, Hawiki, Lalita, and Leo Panes. We are so proud of you all. These people have worked hard on their spelling, reading, math, at being great friends, concentrating, learning, helping others, and many other fantastic competencies.  
Joy



### Christmas Raffle:

Christmas Raffles are for sale from today. Each whanau/family have received 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** – your school photos will be ready to be picked up by the end of the term – we don't have exact dates yet, but will keep you up to date. Make sure you get your orders in ready for Christmas.

### Swimming:

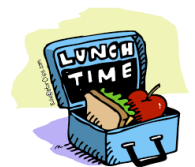
- Please bring clean togs and a towel to school on the day you're swimming.
- Please make sure your body is clean before you swim i.e. don't come to swim so you can have a bath!
- Remember, nits can survive in swimming pool water for at least 20 minutes or more, so ensure you have checked your child's 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		Special Swim	Special Swim	Special Swim	
10-10.45	Te Waipuna	Te Waipuna	Te Waipuna	Pōtiki	Special Swim
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	Special Swim	Te Whanganui	Te Whanganui	Te Whanganui	
2.15-3pm	Te Hikuwai	Mataamua	Mataamua	Mataamua	

### 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, 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
• <b>Finance and Asset Management Policy</b>	Board review
• <b>Managing Income and Expenditure</b>	Board review
• <b>Financial Conflicts of Interest</b>	Board review
• <b>School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income</b>	
• <b>Expenditure</b>	
• <b>Asset Management and Protection</b>	Board review
• <b>Property Planning and Maintenance</b>	
• <b>Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft</b>	

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

### **Schedule of Events Term 4, 2024**

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.
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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

## 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 [wremo.nz/calendar](https://wremo.nz/calendar)

