



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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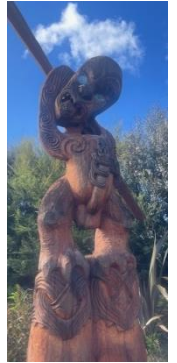
29 October 2024

Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Namaste, Kumusta,

Apologies for not getting a newsletter out to you last week.



I have just returned from a trip to Northland where I spent some quality time with principals from around the Motu/country to learn about the significance of Waitangi and Hokianga to Te Ao Māori, and its relevance for our tamariki and our schools. I had no idea about the significance of the Hokianga Harbour to Te Ao Māori – it's a pretty important place! This was the place where Kupe first entered/came into Aotearoa and his wife cried out, "he ao, he ao," meaning "a cloud, a cloud". Thus naming the land Aotearoa. The carvings at Manea Tapuwae ā Nuku were spectacular. They all had huge meaning behind them and traced back to their ancestors.



Waitangi has always been a special place to me, but I felt especially honoured that we were welcomed by one of the local hapu of Ngāpuhi – a very spiritual moment.

I know we have whānau who hark back to this region – you are certainly from one of the most beautiful places in the country.



Kaupapa mō te wiki/Value for the week:

Our values for this week are all of them – Akohia/Learning – "Doing your Best in the Test." It's assessment week this week and next week. We have got loads of assessments happening so we can find out how much movement your children have made in reading, writing, and math. To do our best in the test we need to dig deep and persevere, make links to our prior learning, and be able to concentrate for as long as we need to.

Diwali news:

Instead of Halloween this year, we are going to celebrate Diwali which is the Festival of Lights. Diwali (pronounced "Divali") is one of the major religious festivals in Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism. The name is derived from the Sanskrit term dipavali, meaning "row of lights." The festival generally symbolizes the victory of light over darkness.



This Friday 1st November, your child will have a choice of a variety of fun Diwali themed activities to choose from, facilitated by both parents and teachers.

Please note that one of the activities may include henna tattoos which are temporary markings on hands. **If you do not want your child to receive a henna tattoo, please let the office know (0275269552).**

Kapahaka



Important reminder:

Next week on Thursday 7th November, we have the Cultural Festival for Upper Hutt Schools. It is being held at Harcourt from 8.45am for the Mihi Whakatau. Te Kura o Hau Karetu is about 4th on the programme, so we are right at the beginning. Gold coin/koha would be welcomed.

This event is only happening on the 7th of November, so **if the weather is not good**, there is no postponement date. If that is the case, we will hold our own performance at the school on the 7th from 9am where all whānau/families are welcome to attend.

Christmas Raffle:

Check out the amazing teddy bear which is just one of the incredible items we have already in our Christmas Raffle – it's as big as a small child! Tickets go on sale in two weeks' time. While we wait for the tickets to arrive, it would be great if anyone had any quality items to donate to the raffle to bring them into the office, please. Tickets will be \$2 each. We will send home a book of 5 raffle tickets per family to sell please.

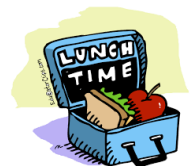


Kid of the week:

Archer Coxson is our Golden Child this week. I caught him outside his classroom eating a juicy and he told me it was because he is now one of the people in his classroom who is on the highest license in the class – Rakau Puawai. The top license means that you get class privileges which could include a juicy, 3 gold tokens for your house group, you could play inside during playtime etc. The top license is for learners who have initiative, who know themselves as learners and know their learning needs, can help others with their learning, are responsible for their actions, and always try their best and knows how to improve on their work. sKa rawe, Archer!

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
• 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 3 29 Oct – 1 Nov	Monday – Labour Day Formal assessments start. Diwali Celebrations Friday 1 st November
Week 4 4-8 Nov	Assessment week Interschool athletics – TBA Cultural Festival Thursday 7 th Nov, Harcourt Park, 8.45am – all invited to attend
Week 5 11-15 Nov	School Photos – Wednesday 13 th 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 st 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 th Dec– Year 6,7,8 Leaver's Celebrations and Prizegiving Ceremony
Week 10 16&17 Dec	Monday 16 th December – Reports go out today Last day Tuesday 17 th December at 12pm



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



A question?
A worry?
A wondering?

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
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



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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

SCHOOL PATROL
STOP

**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