



# 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,



We had such a nice visit from Chris Hipkins and Cushla Tangaere-Manuel on Friday. They were really impressed with the Kapa Haka group and the welcome we gave them. Matua Chris made a special visit to meet with Jack who has made a scrap book with him in it, as well as to meet with staff to discuss politics of the day. I was so proud of all our Tamariki who performed beautifully, and sat so patiently throughout the proceedings. Thank you to whānau/families who also attended, and to Matua Tipene who supported us.

## **Teacher Aide Union Meeting**

This Thursday, our Teacher Aides will be out at a Union Meeting from 12pm. We have emailed those of you whose children will be affected. If you have any questions about this, please urgently let Karen know. Thank you.

## **Sports accolades:**



Congratulations to Kingi who won the Fair Play Award for his team in netball on Saturday. We are so proud of you!

**Netball Fundraiser:** On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, we are on BBQ duty down at the netball courts. We will be fundraising for Camp, so would really appreciate support from whānau/families to set up, cook, and serve. We would also appreciate baking donations which can be dropped off at school on Friday. If you are able to offer support, please let Roseanne know – thank you.

**4 Square Help:** Our Tamariki like playing 4 Square – A LOT! However, we often find that children get quite upset when they think they aren't "out" when they clearly *are* "out". They argue with us about the rules, and we've put loads of supports in place for them, but we still have challenges with the game. We've had lots of chat with Tamariki about how to play fairly in 4 Square but often falls on deaf ears. It would be great to discuss you're your child that not everyone wins in a game – that's why it's called a game. In *any* game you play, there's always a winner and always a loser. The elated feeling we have when we win is what we are always trying to strive for because it feels good. When we lose, it feels frustrating, and it's not a nice feeling, so we try to avoid it at all costs. It is part of life though, and really important for us to learn how to deal with.

### Winter Mud:

Yes, it's Winter, and yes, there's mud. We don't want children to stop playing on the mud, but we would like to ask those who wish to play on the grass and in the mud to wear gumboots and bring a change of clothes. While we have some changes of clothes, we never seem to have the right sizes. Please help us by putting a change of clothes in your child's bag, and encouraging them to wear gumboots at this time of the year. Thank you.



**Illness:** This week, we are looking at Covid and the flu with a terrible cough.

Just a reminder that if your child presents with any cold or flu symptoms, please keep them at home so we can try to prevent the spread of the bugs. Keep testing for Covid – if they test positive, they need to stay away from school for 5 days from their first symptoms. Usually within a week children are ready to come back to school after having Covid or the flu, however, some take a little more time. Please keep us in the loop with your child's illness – thank you.

**Lateness** – a reminder please that if your child comes to school late, they need to come to the office so we can record them as attending for the day. Thank you.

### Heads up:

- **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**. However, we would rather children were at school late than not at all. Getting to school by 9am is important for children's routines. 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. Our carpark can be quite full and it's safer to drop your child off at the gate and have them walk in. You do not need to drop them to the office unless they are running late – thank you.

#### **End of the day –**

- Front gates are closed all day from 9am-3.10pm. We will cross children over at the end of the day. Please use the "crossing".
- Back gates: There will be two walking bus teachers to walk your children to the intersection of Hillside Drive, Moeraki, and Norana Roads and will be crossed over by the road patrollers.
- **Breakfast Club:** 5 days per week from 8 – 9.30am. We require help on a **Thursday** 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:
  - Employer responsibility



- Appointment procedures
- Equal Employment Opportunities
- Teacher Relief Cover
- Safety Checking
- Police Vetting for Non-teachers
- Classroom Release

Ngā mihi nui

Karen Wellington,

Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka

### Schedule of Events Term 2, 2024 – a busy term!

Week 7 10-14 June	Book Week - Dress up postponed until next term. Whanau Māori Hui Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 5.30pm
Week 8 17-21 June	Visit to Maidstone Intermediate for Year 6 students Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June – sports day. Thursday 9.30am – Hui for Whanau of children who have neurodiverse needs. Neurodiverse means any child who may have Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Epilepsy, Tourettes, Dyscalculia, Intellectual Disability, or FASD. This is a support group for ideas from each other as well as hopefully learning some things about what you're entitled to.
Week 9 24-28 June	Matariki week – Showcase for Parents Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June – 8am for Breakfast – come one, come all! Matariki Holiday Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Week 10 1-5 July	Last day of School for term 2 is Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July at 3pm.



#### Connect With Us ...

The UHub space will be open:  
Mondays 9:30am - 4pm

Tuesdays 9:30am - 12.30pm  
plus

Thursday 30 May 6pm - 7pm

Saturday 8 June 12pm - 2pm

Thursday 20 June 5pm - 6pm

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### UHUB Invites You... To Our 'Empower U' Sessions:

Our 'Empower U' Sessions are one hour long, 20 minutes of learning, 20 minutes of making/ exploring resources and 20 minutes to connect with other whānau. All welcome, no cost!

- ★ Monday 20th May: *'Reducing anxiety in children through movement & play'*  
12pm - 1pm
- ★ Thursday 23rd May: *'Reducing anxiety in children through movement & play'*  
6pm - 7pm
- ★ Monday 27th May: *'Navigating children's worries!'*  
11.30am - 12.30pm
- ★ Thursday 6th June: *'Navigating children's worries!'*  
5pm - 6pm
- ★ Monday 10th June: *'How Social Stories can help your tamariki with anxiety'*  
1pm - 2pm
- ★ Thursday 13th June: *'How Social Stories can help your tamariki with anxiety'*  
6pm - 7pm

Focus: 0-12 years, learning and wellbeing