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**Te Kura o Hau Karetu**

He waka eke noa: *We’re all in this waka together*

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**12 March 2024**

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

**Nau Mai Haere mai:** Welcome to Fua who has started in Te Whanganui last week all the way from Tonga! The temperature certainly won’t be as warm as Tonga, but I’m sure everyone has welcomed you warmly!

We also welcome two new teacher aides to the team – Lily and Irwin. Nau mai haere mai ki te Kura o Hau Karetu kia koutou.



**Sunsmart:** I’m proud to say that almost every child wears their sunhat during playtimes – it’s the best year ever with the best uptake of sunhat wearing – thank you – it has been a real team effort. Children could still drink more water though – it’s great for your body.

**Swimming:** We are in the last week of swimming this week – so we’re having a big push to make sure everyone brings their togs every time they need to swim:

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| **Mane/Monday** | **Turei/Tuesday** | **Wenerei/Wednesday** | **Taite/Thursday** | **Paraire/Friday** |
| Mataamua |  |  | ORS\* | Swim Club |
| Te Waipuna | Te Waipuna | Te Waipuna | Ngā Pōtiki | ORS\* |
| Te Pūao | Te Pūao | Te Pūao | Te Hikuwai | Ngā Pōtiki |
| Te Awa | Te Awa | Ngā Pōtiki | Te Awa |  |
|  | Te Whanganui | Te Whanganui | Te Whanganui |  |
| Te Hikuwai | Te Hikuwai | Ngā Mataamua | Ngā Mataamua |  |

\* our ORS students, please liaise with your teacher as there may be additional times they will swim.

**I Have a Dream Function this Friday:**

This Friday 15th March is a special function for the IHAD year 3 and 4 students. Students, bring your togs! We will be having fun in the pool. Whaea Maima has organised a speaker from Orongomai Marae for parents, and then we will have shared kai afterwards. Timing is from 3.30-5pm. If your child is in year 3 or 4 and you haven’t already RSVP’d or signed up for this event, please email Maima on maima@4abettercity.nz or let Mrs Wellington know. Thank you.

**Easter Raffle:**

We have a beautiful Easter raffle now for sale with tickets selling at $2 each. You will receive one book of 5 tickets worth $10 which we would really appreciate you trying to sell to your friends and family members. This is our last efforts to finish raising money for the school pool roof. Please bring your money to your classroom, along with the ticket stubs with a name and contact phone number on the stub. If you would like additional tickets, please let Roseanne or Rachel know.

If anyone has anything they would like to donate to the raffle, please bring to the office. I can tell you that there are already some delicious delights in the raffle, as well as some toys and things that you don’t have to eat! Thank you.

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

**Whakaute/Respect** – We are showing respect to our environment by picking up rubbish when we see it and trying really hard for it not to get there in the first place! Tamariki are requested to sit down while they eat and place any rubbish in the bins or back in their bags. If you have any spare brown paper bags at home for children to use, please send them to us. Teachers are looking extra hard at people who are putting rubbish in the bins and they will receive a gold waka coin to put in their house’s post box. The house who fills theirs up the first receives a special House celebration. Ask your child which house they are in – Kereru (red), Tui (green), Weka (yellow), Kokako (blue).

**U-Day:**

* Thank you to those of you who purchased a Juicy on Friday. We will be selling Juicies again this Friday at 1pm – they are $2 each. Funds raised will go towards UHUB. Thank you.

**Goal Setting – this Wednesday and Thursday:**

Goal setting is this week - Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th of March, here at school. This is a chance for you to talk about your hopes and dreams for your child while they are at school. We are a team – whanau, child, and the school – we need you to help your child’s dreams come true. You can book on Skool Loop or text the school on 0275269552 with your preferred times. Please select from the following:

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| **Wednesday 13th March** | **Thursday 14th March** |
|  3.15-5.30pm |  3.15-5pm |
|  6-7.30pm |  |

**Paid Union Meeting (PUM) 19th March (next Tuesday)**

* A reminder that Teachers have a PUM on Tuesday 19th March. We would very much appreciate it if you would be able to pick up your child/ren at 12.30 on this day.
* We will have Mrs Wellington and teacher aides staying behind to look after those children who are unable to leave early.
* Important - **please advise us if you are leaving your child at school for the entire day** so we can organise care for them. Thank you.

**Heads up:**

* **Please remember to sign the “General Trips” form** which gives us permission to take your child on school trips. See form below. Thank you.
* **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.
* **New Details:** If you have a new address or phone number, please let Roseanne know. It’s important that we have your latest contact details in the event of an emergency.
* **Potae/Sunhat:** Please ensure your child has a wide brimmed sunhat to wear during terms 1 & 4.
* **Swimming/kaukau:** Swimming will continue until week 6.Swimming is part of the curriculum and all children are expected to participate. **Togs must be polyester, not cotton**. Long hair needs to be tied up. Anyone who has had vomiting or diarrhoea in the last two weeks will not be able to swim – thank you.
* **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:** Runs 5 days per week from 8 – 9.30am. We require help on a Thursday & Friday. 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 – particularly while we are experiencing such hot temperatures. Thank you.
* **Assemblies:** We hold our weekly celebration Assembly on Fridays at 9am. All whanau are welcome to attend.
* **School Values** – we teach the ākonga/students about these values every day. It would be great if you would be able to speak with your child at the end of each day to find out what they learnt about the values:
	+ Whakaute/Respect
	+ Akohia/Learning
	+ Kotahitanga/Togetherness
	+ Atawhai/Kindness
* **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. Thank you.
* **Covid protocols:**

Since 2020, Covid protocols have changed a lot. Just letting you know of the Ministry of Health recommendations for keeping each other safe from Covid. The advice is:

* If your child feels unwell, test for covid.
* If they test positive, they should stay at home and rest for 5 days from the first day they felt unwell.
* They are likely to continue to test positive for a while after that, but they can still return to school as long as they are feeling well.
* As the government are now not giving covid test kits away, we don’t have any Covid tests left to give you, sorry.

If your child is unwell at all, we will send them home.

Ngā mihi nui

Karen Wellington,

Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka

**Schedule of Events Term 1, 2024**

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| Week 6 11-15 March | I have a Dream BBQ Friday 15th after schoolSwimming finishes this week. |
| Week 7 18-22 March | Student Conference for a selected few, Friday 22nd March |
| Week 8 25-29 March | Good Friday – Easter Holiday |
| Week 9 1-5 April | Easter Monday and Tuesday – Easter Holidays |
| Week 10 8-12 April | Last day of term 1 12th April. Return to school on 29th April.9th-12th April – Dental Van/Bee Healthy Bus at school. |

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**Permission Slip**

For low risk school trips, we have a blanket permission slip that we ask you to sign at the beginning of each year please. Low risk trips may include travelling on bus or in a vehicle to a local destination, a local walk, sports trips etc. Any trip that is of a higher risk – we will advise you and forward you a separate permission slip to sign e.g. camp.

I give permission for my child/ren (name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

to attend low risk trips throughout 2024. I understand the school will advise us of the trip beforehand, and that all their safety protocols will be followed.

Name of Parent/Caregiver\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Caregiver\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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