



# 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,

**Sad news:** Sadly, our lovely Roseanne's mother passed away last week after a long illness. Mavis Mahuri had her poroporoaki at Orongomai yesterday. We would like to pass on our condolences and aroha to Roseanne and her whānau. Moe mai ra, moe mai ra, Mavis.

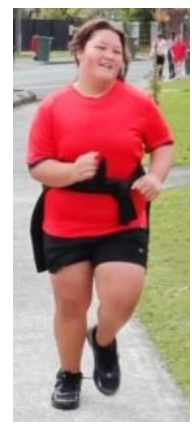


**School Cross Country:** We had a fantastic time at the Cross Country yesterday and are very proud of the Tamariki who ran their hearts out (some walked, but we're proud of them making the effort! 😊). Congratulations to the following children who placed in their year group:

- Year 1-3 Girls – Casey, Vada, Pippi-Rose
- Year 1-3 Boys – DJ, Kyzar, Christian
- Year 4 Girls – Indie, Kahurangi, Winter
- Year 4 Boys – Tobias, Xavier, Kingston
- Year 5 Girls – Skyla, Adelaide, Avah
- Year 5 Boys – Leo Panes, Mason L, Lake
- Year 6 Girls – Taneese, Leraya, Niverah
- Year 6 Boys – Hawiki, Ryder
- Year 7 Girls – Manaaki, Stacey
- Year 7 Boys - Cortez

Registrations for the Interschool Cross Country for this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May have closed already. But if you just want to come to support our Tamariki and soak up the party atmosphere, we'll be at Harcourt Park at 1pm on Sunday. Thank you.

See some of our actions shots:



**Tough Gal Guy Challenge:** next Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – registrations for this event have closed.

**Pink Shirt Day** – This Friday, we encourage you to all dress in pink for Pink Shirt Day. This day is to highlight the need for us all to be inclusive and understand that everyone is different, and to show acceptance to people with all kinds of diversity. As the website says, we want to help:

**eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.**

Any donations gratefully received and will be forwarded to [pinkshirtday.org.nz](http://pinkshirtday.org.nz).



### **Player of the Day – netball**

Congratulations to Zara-Jane who was player of the day for their netball team the Saturday before, and Taneese who was play of the day last Saturday. The girls play in the Hau Karetu year 6 netball team. Each week, a player of the day is chosen, and they receive a McDonalds certificate with a small prize. A reminder to all coaches to send us pictures of your players of the day so we can put them in our newsletter each week.

Thank you to all coaches and team managers who make this happen each week.

Just a reminder that you will need to contribute towards payment for your team's referee each week, as we've not had anyone step up to volunteer to do refereeing. Thank you.



### **Assembly 7<sup>th</sup> May:**

Last week, our kauapa/value for the week was Whakaute/Respect. We were showing all teacher aides respect by listening and following instructions first time, every time. Some of the other people in the picture also showed our other values. Congratulations to you all – we are very proud of you. I hope your certificates are on your fridges, walls, or in a special place at home!



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

Our value for this week is Akohia/Learning. We are learning to be able to *tell what we learned* for the day. When we tell our teachers or family/whanau ask us about what we've learned, it's really important that we think deeply about it. For example, if you are thinking about the planets, just saying "I've learned about the planets" isn't thinking deeply about what you learned. But instead, if you said, "I've learned that the sun is 151 million kms away from the

Earth and 228 million kms away from Mars which means that it's further away from Mars, so it's colder than the Earth, but not just because of that, but also because it's atmosphere doesn't hold the heat in so it gets cold pretty quickly."



**Support Staff Day:** We are celebrating our support staff day this Thursday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our support staff for everything they do for us at Te Kura o Hau Karetu. They all have incredible skills and energy. Because of our support staff we can keep children safer, children can learn in a variety of ways and do a variety of amazing activities, and our teachers don't have completely frazzled nerves! We say, "Nga mihi nui/Thank you very much to (and I've put them in alphabetical order, just in case you

think we have favourites!): Adele, Aliza, Annmarie, Belinda, Chelsea, Dan, Dani, Ian, Irwin, Jenna, Kahurangi, Kim, Lily, Lisa, Maima, Mākere, Rachel, Roseanne, Sharon, and Trish. You rock!



**Trip to Harcourt Park:** to celebrate Road Safety Awareness week, the whole school is taking a walking trip over to Harcourt Park on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, or the next sunny day afterwards. If you are able to come on the trip with us, please let your teacher know – we would love to have you tag along! We will have school lunches brought to the park on that day, but a special morning tea and bottle of water would be great please. But wait, there's more dressing up to do (seems to be a theme this term!). Children and teachers can dress in superhero outfits, as we're celebrating how Super Hero-ish our Road Patrollers are. They save our lives everyday! Super Heroes require good walking shoes though, otherwise their feet get tired, so please make sure your child wears good walking shoes.

**Property news:** - Yesterday, we had our shade sails replaced from when they were ripped in the storm in September last year. Great colours – bright green and bright blue! 😊

The roofing on the old dental clinic/now new library has been replaced, and now we're in the midst of having the admin block roofing replaced. Please be aware of the scaffolding around these buildings. Thank you.

### **How safe are your children online?**

Tonight, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 7-9pm at Mangaroa School, Rob Cope will be speaking to parents regarding Cyber Safety. I cannot emphasise enough important it is that you know what your child is up to online, and that you know the best ways to manage them. I have heard Rob speak, and he really helps to clarify the enormity of the issues our kids are coping with online, and gives good, practical advice on how to manage it. If you are interested in attending, please go to the link below to book seats.

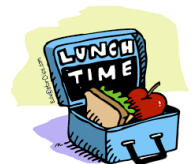
event: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2024/cyber-safety-evening-with-rob-cope/upper-hutt>, or you can turn up at Mangaroa School – I'm sure they'll have seating available.

### **Heads up:**

- **Please remember to sign the “Low Risk 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.
- **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.
- **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



- **Covid protocols:**

Advice from Ministry of Health to keep safe from Covid:

- 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 2, 2024 – a busy term!

Week 3 13-17 May	School Cross Country Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May Pink Shirt Day – Anti-bullying Awareness Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May – please wear something pink on this day to raise awareness for bullying. Cross Country Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May at Harcourt Park.
Week 4 20-24 May	Road Safety Awareness Week – Super Hero Dress up day and Trip to Harcourt Park Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May (or best weather day) Tough Girl/Guy Challenge Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Week 5 27 May-1 June	Samoan Language Week Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Rippa Rugby at MIS for year 6 students
Week 6 5-7 June	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – King's Birthday Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> – Teacher Only Day – do not come to school on this day
Week 7 10-14 June	Book Week - Book Character Dress up Day Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June Whanau Māori Hui Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Sports Day at MIS
Week 8 17-21 June	Working hard!
Week 9 24-28 June	Matariki Holiday Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Week 10 1-5 July	Matariki week – Showcase for Parents TBA Last day of School for term 2 is Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July at 3pm.

### Permission Slip – Low Risk Trips

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_