



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,

Wow, what a busy time we're having. Teachers are completing reports which will be handed out at the end of the term, children are busy learning, and property things seems to be happening all the time. Children seem to be really enjoying structured literacy which is a way we are teaching reading and writing. Everyone experiences success in structured literacy, and even those who are very able are well extended. If you have any questions about the structured literacy programme that is running in your classrooms, please ask your teacher. The entire school is doing structured literacy, including seniors and also our Māori immersion class who are doing a programme called Mahi by Mahi. English medium classes are doing a programme called IDeal.

Kaupapa mō te wīki/Value of the week: Kotahitanga/Togetherness: We are starting the day together and ending the day together – we will be at school 9am until 3pm. When we start our day, the whole school begins together with a hui, and at that hui we give out important information. Things like:

- Our value for today and how we will show it
- What plans there are for the day and week for the school
- Any important messages children need to hear

And then straight afterwards, children are into their literacy learning. So it's really important they are all here on time otherwise they come to school late and don't know what's happening.

The end of the day is 3pm. We have an online hui from 2.50-3pm to celebrate the successes of those who have followed the school values. Children are giving a certificate and golden token to put in their House box. It's so important that children are there to hear about each others' successes. We would appreciate it if you would please wait until 3pm to pick up your child. Thank you.

Tomorrow, the golden tokens are being counted up, and we'll find out which House will win the prize being "Making Ice Cream Sundaes". Woo hoo!

Sports Accolades:



Congratulations to Mannat who won the Player of the Day for her team the week before, Taneese who won the Fair Play Award last week, and Archer who won Player of the Day last week. Tino pai koutou!

Netball Fundraiser: On Saturday 22nd 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 or Jewel know – thank you.

Year 4-8 Trip to the Movies: Our year 4-8 students are going to Monterey Cinemas on the bus on Wednesday 26th June to watch "The Mountain". It is rated PG which means it is recommended for all ages, however there are some themes such as illness and death are discussed on the movie. While we consider this a low-risk trip and therefore covered under the "Low Risk permission form", we would ask that you talk to your child about the movie to see how they are feeling about the messages in the movie, which are about friendships and loyalty, and connecting with ancestors.

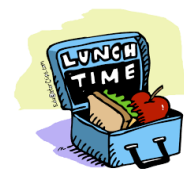
Heads up:

- **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**. Getting to school by 9am is important for children's routines. Thank you.
- **Winter Mud:** Children 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.
- **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, 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 8 17-21 June	Visit to Maidstone Intermediate for Year 6 students Thursday 20 th 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	Movies trip for years 4-8 – Monterey Cinemas Wednesday 26 th June – this is classed as a low risk trip. The Mountain is rated PG. Matariki week – Showcase for Parents Thursday 27 th June – 8am for Breakfast – come one, come all! Matariki Holiday Friday 28 th June
Week 10 1-5 July	Last day of School for term 2 is Friday 7 th July at 3pm.

School Holiday Entertainment (from the Royal NZ Ballet):

We are super excited to be premiering RNZB's new children's ballet *Dazzlehands* these school holidays! We wanted to let your kura know that there will be a free performance with narration in Te reo Māori that we think your ākonga would enjoy! We would love it if you could add this information to your newsletter/info that goes out to whānau – it would be awesome to see some of your ākonga there!

Dazzlehands is a new children's ballet by the Royal New Zealand Ballet which is based on the book by Sacha Cotter and Josh Morgan. This fun-filled FREE show will be performed at Te Papa in the school holidays, on the 12th and 13th of July with performances in Te reo Māori, English and New Zealand Sign Language Interpretation as well as a sensory relaxed performance. The performance is about 40 minutes long and is suitable for ages three and over. Tickets to this show are FREE and bookings are open now via this link: <https://rnzb.org.nz/event/dazzlehands>

Friday 12th of July:

- 10:30 AM English Narration
- 12:00 PM Te reo Māori Narration – Ringakōreko
- 2:30 PM Sensory Relaxed Performance with English Narration

Saturday 13th of July:

- 10:30 AM English Narration
- 12:00 PM English Narration
- 2:30 PM English Narration with NZ Sign Language Interpretation

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TRANSITIONS MATTER!

One of the best things that you can do as a parent to set your child up for success is to get them enrolled early.

The schools in Upper Hutt work closely together and are committed to providing effective transitions between schools. The shift from a Primary School to an Intermediate School and then on to Secondary is a significant change for all our young people.

Schools do their very best to ensure our young people are placed carefully with any supports and resources they may require. This is a huge process and the sooner we know who is coming to our school, the sooner we can begin the transition process.

All our schools are happy to meet with you and help answer any questions you may have.

If you know which school your child will move to in 2025 please

ENROL NOW!