



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,

I hope you all had a fabulous long weekend with your whānau/families over the Matariki weekend. Lots of children seemed to have something special they attended which is great for their life experiences. We can't underestimate how important a variety of life experiences is for a child's development. It helps strengthen their social and emotional characteristics and helps them to be able to deal with life events as they grow older.

During the school break, take care of each other, keep warm, eat good food, and stay safe. We'll see you all back on Monday the 22nd July at 9am.

School Reports – these will be going out to you on Wednesday. I've read and signed every one and it's been great to see how our tauira (learners) are progressing. They have all been working so hard. If you have any patai/questions about your child's report, please see your teacher. Thank you.



Matariki breakfast – thank you so much to those of you who attended our Matariki breakfast – we were blown away by how many people attended this year. Thank you to all staff who provided and served our tamariki and whānau. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated crew who love working with our kids.



Matariki Disco: This will be held on the last day of school, Friday 5th July from 1.30pm. Gold coin entry. \$5 packs include popcorn/chips, drink, small bag of lollies and a glow stick. These packs can be pre-ordered – please give your money to your teacher and we will organise the packs for you. We'd love to see children dressed up. Prizes for best dressed boy and best dressed girl, and spot prizes for great dancing.

BAKE SALE



Bake Sale Thursday 4th July – note the day has changed! We are fundraising for our senior camp. Te Matahae are holding a bake sale on Thursday at 11am to support this fantastic cause. Please bring money and baking! We usually have the most amazing baking – whānau are so supportive and we really appreciate it. Families are also welcome to attend the bake sale.



Golden Child: Afu came to show me his amazing piece of writing that he wrote all by himself! "In the weekend, I went to Matariki fireworks with my whānau." What a cool experience Afu! Those kinds of memories are ones you'll never forget.

Sports celebrations:

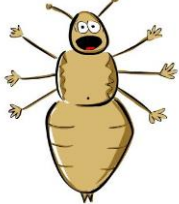
Player of the Day winners. Congratulations to: Te Akau, Reeco, and Christian who were all awarded certificates. We are so proud of you guys!



Kaupapa mō te wīkī/Value of the week: All of the values: Whakaute/Respect on Monday – walking quietly into the office, Akohia/Learning on Tuesday – using our quiet learning voices, Kotahitanga on Wednesday – Following the rules of a game, Atawhai/Kindness – Thursday – remembering to say please and thank you/ngā mihi. On Friday, we will practice them all!



Heads up:



- **Nits** have made a huge come back. Any time we see an adult nit in your child's hair (we will not go hunting for them – it's just if we see them crawling), we will ask you to take them home to be treated. The second treatment usually needs to be about 3 days afterwards, to catch the adults that have hatched after your last treatment. It's a good idea for your child to have their long hair tied up. Don't share combs or brushes. We recommend you check their heads each night.

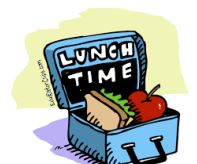
Combing with conditioner is a great way to keep on top of them and getting rid of the eggs. We have combs, conditioner, and nit treatments here if you require them. There is no shame in having nits – nits don't choose dirty or clean hair – they just love human blood and will swing happily from one head to another. Keep on top of the treatments please, and with the holidays coming up, we might be free of them for term 3. Thank you.

- **Back Gates:** are now locked. They are locked from 9am in order to keep students inside the gates. They will be opened again at 2.55, so please wait until the gates are opened – ***don't*** climb the fence. If you want to pick your child up earlier, go to the front gate. 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***. 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. 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:** Colds, sore throats, coughs, and tummy bugs are still around. 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. 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

Week 10 1-5 July	Bake Sale Thursday 11am Matariki Disco Friday 5 th July 1.30pm Last day of School for term 2 is Friday 7 th July at 3pm.
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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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MATARIKI DISCO

**Friday 5th July
1:30pm-2:45pm
School Hall
Gold Coin Entry
Spot prizes**

**\$5 Combo
Popcorn/Chips
Drink, Little
bag of lollies
and glow
sticks.**

**Fundraising for
Year 5 and 6 Camp**



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