



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,



Kaupapa mō te wiki/Value for the week: It's Road Safety Week this week. We are celebrating our road patrollers for their life saving skills when they cross our Tamariki across the road each day.

Our Kaupapa/value this week is Kotahitanga/Togetherness. We are learning how to move around the school and outside of school safely. Tomorrow, we are **walking to Harcourt Park together (weather dependent)**, practicing crossing roads safely, and will all **dress up as superheroes** to acknowledge the super work the road patrollers do. The weather forecast isn't great for tomorrow, and we won't go to the park if the weather is

not good. However, we'll still have fun by dressing up as superheroes!

Illness: We have a vomit bug going around. 🤢 To help lessen the spread of the bug at school, we wipe surfaces with a bleach solution and ask children to wash their hands before they eat. Unfortunately, hand sanitizers don't get rid of tummy bugs, so we have to rely on children also making sure they wash their hands and don't put their hands in their mouths. Please help us to support the reduction of the spread of this bug by reminding your child to thoroughly wash and dry their hands. Wash for at least 20 seconds by rubbing hands together back and front, underneath nails and on thumbs. Rinse thoroughly, and dry hands thoroughly on a clean towel. Kids are always in such a hurry that they don't rate the importance of hand washing, but we know how effective hand washing is for keeping bugs at bay.

Notice from the DHB: There have been 15 cases of Whooping Cough in the Wellington region recently, occurring in all ages of people, so it is highly recommended to parents to check vaccination status of children and adults alike. This information can be sourced at the GP. If you are unsure about how to go about checking the status of you or your child's vaccination status, or how to go about receiving a vaccination, please let us know and we can ask our Public Health Nurse to support you.

These are our Pink Shirt People: from last week! Here, we are celebrating diversity and raising awareness about bullying. Bullying is deliberate, misuse of power, repeated, and involves behaviour that causes harm. If you think your child is being bullied, please let Karen know.



Tough Gal Guy Challenge: this Thursday 23rd May – any child who is attending this must be taken by their parents please. All the best to everyone who has entered the challenge. 😊



Players of the Day – netball

Congratulations to the sisters Leraya and Kahurangi who both won Player of the Day on Saturday, but played in different teams. They must have eaten plenty of weet-bix that morning. They are a really sporty family. Tino pai kōtiro mā!

Property news: - Our roofing is still being replaced in the admin block, and hopefully within a couple of weeks, the pool roof will be going on.

Tamariki showing Kotahitanga/Togetherness:

I caught these Tamariki in Te Awa creating a robot together. They were so proud of it and wanted to show me what they had made.

It takes a lot of skills for anyone to be able to work in a group, including: sharing, negotiating, taking turns, helping out with ideas, being creative and inclusive, being able to communicate with one another – and the list goes on. This doesn't happen all by itself. Between the school and you at home, we are creating amazing human beings who are going to do incredible things.



Animals at school:

We are very lucky at our kura where teachers want to help create engagement at school, help to foster manaakitanga/kindness, generosity, and help to create a calm space to learn in. We have frogs and tadpoles in Te Hikuwai, foster puppies in Ngā Mātaamua, and guinea pigs in Te Whanganui. Taurua/students are encouraged to care for these animals as well as treat and handle them with respect. Animals always have access to food, water, shelter, and a quiet space to retreat and time to rest.

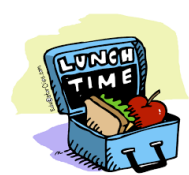
Heads up:

- **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, 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 4 20-24 May	Road Safety Awareness Week – Super Hero Dress up day and Trip to Harcourt Park Wednesday 22 nd May (or best weather day) Tough Girl/Guy Challenge Thursday 23 rd May
Week 5 27 May-1 June	Samoan Language Week Thursday 30 th May – Rippa Rugby at MIS for year 6 students
Week 6 5-7 June	Monday 3 rd – King's Birthday Tuesday 4 th – 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 th June Whanau Māori Hui Wednesday 12 th June Thursday 10 th June – Year 6 Sports Day at MIS
Week 8 17-21 June	Working hard!

Week 9 24-28 June	Matariki Holiday Friday 28 th June
Week 10 1-5 July	Matariki week – Showcase for Parents TBA Last day of School for term 2 is Friday 7 th July at 3pm.

WHOOPING COUGH

Whooping cough (pertussis) is a highly infectious disease and causes breathing difficulties and severe coughing fits. It can be very serious for tamariki and young babies.



It can easily spread between family members by coughing and sneezing. It can also spread quickly around early education centres and schools, which is why it is important to make sure your whānau are up-to-date with vaccinations.

Whooping cough vaccines are free for pregnant people, all children under 18 years old and adults from 45 and 65 years old.

The Boostrix vaccine also offers protection against tetanus and diphtheria.

For more information see: info.health.nz/immunisations/vaccines-aotearoa/whooping-cough-pertussis-vaccine/

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Te Whatu Ora

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

The Learning Centre,
Upper Hutt City Library.

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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