



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,

Mānawa maiea te putanga o Matariki
Mānawa maiea te ariki o te rangi
Mānawa maiea te mātahi o te tau
Hail the rise of Matariki
Hail the lord of the sky
Hail the New Year

Matariki - This is a very special time of the year for us at our kura. Our Tamariki are doing all kinds of amazing activities at school to celebrate the Māori New Year. We will be show casing these to you at our breakfast this Thursday at 8am – all whānau/families are welcome – we would love to see you there.

Everything you need to know about Matariki:

<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/discover-collections/read-watch-play/matariki-maori-new-year/what-and-who-matariki/what-matariki>



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.

Back Gates:

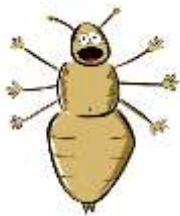
- Our back gates are locked now during the day from 9am-2.55am.
- They are locked to keep children safe from leaving the playground.
- The gates will be unlocked at 2.55pm – please wait to collect your children until then.
- For health and safety reasons, **do not allow your child to climb the fence.**
- If you need to get into the school, go to the front gate entrance.
- If you have any queries, please call the office 0275269552.
- It is not unusual for schools to have to lock their gates. I don't know of one primary school in Upper Hutt who doesn't lock all gates bar one – all to keep their kids safe. We've just been very spoilt until now that we haven't needed to lock our back entrance.
- Staff do not have keys on their person, and we will not be coming down to unlock the gate unless there is an emergency.

Thank you for your understanding.

**KEEP GATE
LOCKED
AT ALL TIMES**



Bake Sale Tuesday 2nd July: We are fundraising for our senior camp. Te Matahae are holding a bake sale next Tuesday 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. Just remember to come through the front gate! 😊 Thank you.



Nits have made a huge come back in the last week. 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. Just let us know.

There is no shame in having nits – it's not as though nits choose dirty or clean hair. Nits 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.



Golden Child: Izahn came to show me his amazing story. It says: "In the weekend, I went to the bake sale." He and his sister and mum came down to the netball at Heretaunga College and helped us sell our baking.

Thank you so much to all of you who

- baked for the bake sale
- spent money at the bake sale and sausage sizzle
- helped to sell the bake sale and sausage sizzle
- helped to set up the gazebo and tables for the bake sale
- cooked the sausage sizzle
- transported everything down to the netball courts and back again.
- Thank you to Activation who lent us their gazebo.



A HUGE NGĀ MIHI to Jewel and her family who spent ages organising this event. We have raised \$1243 from this event towards our Senior Camp which is a fantastic achievement.



Sports celebrations:

Congratulations to:

- Olivia and Kahimou who both won player of the day for the Upper Hutt Rams Typhoons.
- Myla who won Player of the Day, and Hassandeep who won Fair Play award for the netball.



We are incredibly proud of you! Me poho kererū.



Assembly Principal's Award Winners from last week:

We have so many of our Tamariki winning principal's awards each week. This week we had, Jacob, Charlie A, Ayla, Myla, Evie, Ariaria, Jon-Kyrie, Millie, Alex, Olivia, Inangaro, Reeco, Jensen, River, Dayton, Daniel, Poorvi, Xavier and Reid.


The winner of the Goodies or the Bag was Corey.

Kaupapa mō te wīkī/Value of the week: Atawhai/Kindness: We are remembering to use our manners. We say 'please' if we would like something, and "ngā mihi/thank you" if we receive something.




Year 4-8 Trip to the Movies: Our year 4-8 students are going to Monterey Cinemas on a double decker bus tomorrow, 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:

- **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

Schedule of Events Term 2, 2024

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. Matariki Disco Friday 5 th July 1.30pm.

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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