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**Te Kura o Hau Karetu**

He waka eke noa: *We’re all in this waka together*

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**27 February 2024**

Kia ora to Whanau/families/aiga of the tamariki at Te Kura o Hau Karetu,

**Meet the Teacher Evening** – thanks to all who attended last night. We had so much fun in the pool the slippery slide, playing ball, drawing with chalk, and eating yummy sausages. Thank you to all the teachers who put this event on for your Tamariki. We love talking to you all and just having a general catch up.









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

**Kotahitanga/Togetherness** – Looking after our own and others’ property.

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* It’s U-Day this Thursday the 29th of February. For U-Day, we are fundraising for UHUB by dressing up in something starting with U (unicorn, ukelele, undies etc.) and/or dressing in blue and green which is the logo for UHUB. UHUB is a new place that is starting in March. It will be operating initially out of the library (eventually will have it’s own space in Upper Hutt), and it is a ONE STOP SHOP for people to go and talk through solutions. There are a variety of organisations involved, some of which are Orongomai, CDS (Child Development Services) from the hospital, Budgeting Services , Chemists, etc. The idea is that instead of you having to travel for miles, you will be able to access services at one place in Upper Hutt.
* This initiative was started by the Upper Hutt Cluster of Schools, and we are hopeful that this will be able to meet a variety of needs for whānau/families. However, we need to pay for someone to keep this initiative going. We are aiming to raise $4 per child to donate to UHUB. We really appreciate your support and generosity.

**Paid Union Meeting (PUM) 19th March:**

* Teachers have a PUM on Tuesday 19th March. We would very much appreciate it if you would be able to pick up your child/ren at 12.30 on this day.
* We will have Mrs Wellington and teacher aides staying behind to look after those children who are unable to leave early.
* Important - **please advise us if you are leaving your child at school for the entire day** so we can organise care for them. Thank you.

**One hour a day, reading, writing, maths, years 0-8:**

* As you may have heard through the media, the government is requiring all schools to complete one hour per day of reading, writing, and maths (the 3 Rs – in the olden days, they used to call maths, arithmetic). For our school, nothing much will change as we were already timetabling an hour per day of each, however, our Friday timetable will look slightly different as we have to find an extra hour for writing.
* At times, we will be integrating some subjects into others e.g. when we are doing an inquiry, we may be doing some writing or maths. Sometimes in math, we do writing when we are solving math problems etc.
* The 3 Rs will look a little different in our junior area however. We know that part of good reading and writing programmes that children need to be able to confidently speak and use their oral language skills which we will be doing lots of when we are playing. We don’t play all of the time, but play is a great way to learn about the world and each other, and is a time when teachers introduce new concepts to learners/ākonga.
* If you have any questions about “One hour a day” please speak with your teacher or myself.

**Did you know?**

* 60% of a human body is made up of water. The brain and heart are composed of 73% water, lungs are about 83% water, skin 64%, muscles and kidneys 79% and even bones contain 31% water. So, it just shows how important it is that we drink plenty of H20 throughout the day.
* Water can help to prevent dehydration which can cause headaches, mood swings, nausea, constipation, and kidney stones (very painful according to those who have had to pass one!).
* Water helps your body regulate its temperature, lubricates and cushions our joints, protects our spinal cord and other sensitive tissues, and gets rid of waste through urination, perspiration and bowel movements.
* Your body needs more water in the summer, when you are physically active, and when you are unwell.
* Water is literally used in every part of the digestive process, so keeping up your water intake helps your digestion right through to the end!

**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***. 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.
* **New Details:** If you have a new address or phone number, please let Roseanne know. It’s important that we have your latest contact details in the event of an emergency.
* **Potae/Sunhat:** Please ensure your child has a wide brimmed sunhat to wear during terms 1 & 4.
* **Swimming/kaukau:** Swimming will continue until week 6.Swimming is part of the curriculum and all children are expected to participate. **Togs must be polyester, not cotton**. Long hair needs to be tied up. Anyone who has had vomiting or diarrhoea in the last two weeks will not be able to swim – thank you.
* **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. Logo

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* **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 – particularly while we are experiencing such hot temperatures. Thank you.
* **Assemblies:** We hold our weekly celebration Assembly on Fridays at 9am. All whanau are welcome to attend.
* **School Values** – we teach the ākonga/students about these values every day. It would be great if you would be able to speak with your child at the end of each day to find out what they learnt about the values:
  + Whakaute/Respect
  + Akohia/Learning
  + Kotahitanga/Togetherness
  + Atawhai/Kindness
* **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. Thank you.
* **Covid protocols:**

Since 2020, Covid protocols have changed a lot. Just letting you know of the Ministry of Health recommendations for keeping each other safe from Covid. The advice is:

* 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.

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR WHĀNAU CONTACT DETAILS INFORMATION UPDATE.

Ngā mihi nui

Karen Wellington,

Kaihautu/Timekeeper on the Waka

**Schedule of Events Term 1, 2024**

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| Week 4 26 Feb-1 Mar | Meet the Teacher Monday 26th February  Thursday 29th Feb – U-Day. Dress up as something with a U, wear your undies on the outside, be a Unicorn, bring an umbrella or a ukelele, or wear green and blue. Fundraising for UHUB – a community space for whanau/families in Upper Hutt to support every need for your child. We are aiming to raise $4 per child.  Support for Whanau with Children who are Neurodiverse Hui in Staffroom 9.30-10.30am. |
| Week 5 4-8 March |  |
| Week 6 11-15 March | I have a Dream BBQ Friday 15th after school  Swimming finishes this week. |
| Week 7 18-22 March | Student Conference for a selected few, Friday 22nd March |
| Week 8 25-29 March | Good Friday – Easter Holiday |
| Week 9 1-5 April | Easter Monday and Tuesday – Easter Holidays |
| Week 10 8-12 April | Last day of term 1 12th April. Return to school on 29th April.  9th-12th April – Dental Van/Bee Healthy Bus at school. |

**Whānau Contact Details**

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**Pamol/Panadol –** I agree to staff giving my child pain relief Yes/No (please circle) You will be notified if medication is given.

**Food Allergies –** My child has no known food allergies. Yes/No

My child has the following food allergies; \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Permission Slip**

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\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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