



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Talofa Lava,



It is Samoa Language Week! The 2024 theme for Samoa Language Week is 'Tautua i le alofa, manuia le lumana'i – Serve in love for a blessed future'. We are using this chance to link our value in with this theme which is based on service. We are using atawhai kindness to serve others. How do we do this? We can hold the door open for others, bring a cupcake in for someone we don't know very well, pick up someone's rubbish that isn't yours – there are literally millions of ways we can show service to others.

A message from Roseanne:

I am so grateful for the love showered upon me during the loss of my mother. I feel very lucky to have such amazing work colleagues and to be blessed with such a caring school community. Love Roseanne. xx.

Teacher Only Day – Tuesday 4th June

We have a teacher only day on Tuesday 4th June, so there is no school on this day. King's Birthday holiday is Monday the 3rd, and Teacher Only Day is Tuesday 4th. Staff will be working on an Inclusive Design Model for teaching on this day. Thank you for your understanding.



Sports accolades:

Congratulations to Ivanna who won a certificate for Fair Play Award in Netball last week. Fair play is so important to any sports game as it means we all have much more fun.

We had a huge team participate in the Tough Gal Guy challenge – more than we ever have. We are so proud that you all participated in something that may have been so out of your comfort zone, that definitely would have been freezing cold and muddy, but mostly looks as though it was so much fun!



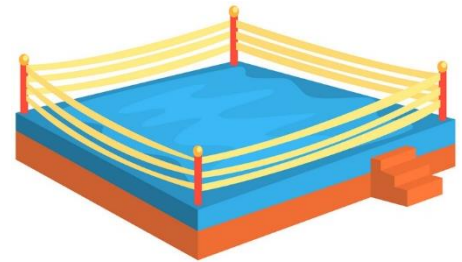
Speaking of fun, here's a picture of Whaea Aliza and Whaea Lisa who dressed up as Super Heroes – Super Lisa and Super Aliza.





We didn't get to walk down to Harcourt Park last week due to the poor weather conditions, but we did have loads of people dress up as their favourite super hero. Funnily enough, around 25% of the super heroes were dressed up as Spider Man. Here, we have our junior boys here who were all dressed as their favourite hero. They're doing their web shooting poses.

Illness: The vomit bug is still around, but waning, and now we are onto the coughs and colds. With Covid also making a come back around the motu/country, it's looking as though we all need to take care to keep the bugs away. In the coughs, colds, and covid arena to combat the spread of the disease we have masks, hand sanitizer, washing of hands, sneezing into our elbows, using tissues to blow our noses, and staying at home when we are unwell. In the Vomiting corner we have washing of hands and keeping people away for 48 hours after their last event of vomiting. Keep up the good fight people!

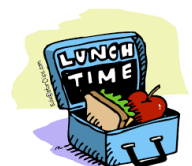


Heads up:

- **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.
- **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 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 - Dress up postponed – lots going on and you've already been asked to dress up so much this term. Book Character Dress up Day Friday 14th 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.

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