



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,

Nau mai haere mai/welcome to Whaea Shaniyn, Matua Clint, Whaea Ashna and Matua Jared who are all starting as staff with us. Shaniyn and Clint are teacher aides working in kura auraki (English medium), Ashna is a kaiawhina working in Te Mataahae, and Jared is working as part time caretaker work while Dayna is away. We are very fortunate to have found such capable people for these positions. A warm welcome to our new students Ella, and Lilly Rose who have started in Te Waipuna, and Ahrie who has started in Te Hikuwai this term, and a nau mai **hoki mai**/ welcome back to Ariaria and Jackson to Te Mataahae.



Whaea Ashna



Matua Clint



Matua Jared



Whaea Shaniyn



Welcome back to school for term 3. This is an exciting term with our school production happening on the 11th and 12th of September. The theme is Atua Māori – it will be a chance for you to all learn about their role in kaitiakitanga or guardianship, and what this means for our tamariki. As well, we are rehearsing for the cultural festival that is early on in term 4. A busy ARTS term. Be reassured that we continue to do our hour a day of reading, writing, and mathematics during this time.

Volunteers:

We are after a number of volunteers to help out with Breakfast Club please. We have breakfast from 8-9am daily. If you are able to support us with the above, please contact Roseanne at the office. Thank you.



Change of clothes:

Please, please, during these wet winter months, make sure your child has a change of clothes in their bags, just in case they get wet while playing. It's not a matter of us not having enough clothing for children to change in, but the time it takes us to find clothing that will fit them. Thank you.

Board Elections:

- Every three years all public schools in Aotearoa hold elections for their School Boards, and this is going to happen again in 2025. If you are interested in sharing your skills with us, be ready to put your name forward.
- Being a part of a school board is an important role that needs people with a range of skills, experiences and attributes who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning. We encourage you to think about this and how your experiences and attributes might benefit the board.

- Election date is **Wednesday 10th September**, and an email will be going out to you all this week regarding calling for nominations for parent candidates. These nominations will close on **Wednesday 6 August 2025**.
- The School Board is a key part of our kura because they do a lot of important things behind the scenes. Our School Board write our strategic plan, consult with our community about things that matter, make sure our finances are being spent wisely and ensure that we are giving effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- Our board is made up of 5 parent vacancies, the Principal, and a staff rep elected by the staff.
- The board have appointed a Returning Officer, Schooled Election Pilot.
- Important things like the nomination and voting forms will be sent to you by email directly by Schooled. If we don't have an email address for you don't stress, because Election Pilot will send these out to you by post so you don't miss out. There are a lot of rules around how elections need to be run.
- Your name and contact details have been provided to Schooled Election Pilot to enable them to deliver elections services for our kura as required by legislation. They will use your contact details for the provision of election services for Te Kura o Hau Karetu only, and your details will be deleted 60 days after the election date as required by legislation. If you have any questions about the election process, then the best people to talk to are the team at Election Pilot. You can contact the Returning Officer directly on 0800 VOTENZ (0800 868 369) or election@electionpilot.nz.
- We will continue to keep you updated through the various stages of the election process.

Heads up:

- **Flus and Covid** – Covid is still around, and so is the flu. The best prevention is to practice good hand hygiene. Wash thoroughly, dry thoroughly.
If your child has vomited or had diarrhea, please ensure they do not come back to school until 48 hours after their last episode. Thank you.
- **Attendance:** Our attendance is back up to 86.7% - slightly up from this time last term.
Let us know if you're having trouble with getting your kids to school – you never know what we might be able to do to support them getting here. We try to make this a happy, safe, dynamic place to be and that children inherently see themselves as great learners who want to learn more.
We have amazing supports in our Counsellor in Schools, Social Worker in Schools, I have a Dream Navigators, and Learning Support Coordinators who are all here to help students be successful at school. Just reach out – contact us at the office.

Ngā mihi nui
Karen Wellington
Tumuaki/Principal

Events Term T3, 2025

Week 1 14-18 July	Earthquake drill – we will be holding an Earthquake drill this week.
Week 2 21-25 July	Skylight Workshop for years 3-4 students. You should have received a notice about this – please let us know if you have not. MIS Open Evening Thursday.
Week 3 28 July-1 Aug	Friday 1st August – we are combining fundraisers , choose the way you dress up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wigs or Crazy Hairdo for Child Cancer, • Daffodils and yellow or the Cancer Society, • Book character, • Onsie for Wellington Free Ambulance • or come as a Pirate for Pirate Day. Please bring a coin as a donation.
Week 4 4-8 Aug	Maidstone Intermediate Year 6 visit
Week 5 11-15 Aug	Goal setting interviews, Monday and Tuesday. You will be able to book your times soon on Skool Loop.
Week 7	Ripper Rugby Tuesday – for seniors

25-29 Aug	
Week 8 1-5 Sept	Conservation week Random Acts of Kindness Day Monday
Week 9 8-12 Sept	School production – dress rehearsal performance Wednesday during the day, and evening performance on Thursday 11 th September.
Week 10 15-19 Sept	Last Day of term 19 th September at 3pm Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori Friday – Pirate Day


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Term 3 policies	Review opens 30 June
• Child Protection	Board review
• Abuse Recognition and Reporting	Board review
• Food and Nutrition	
• Safety Checking	Board review
• Police Vetting	
• Missing Student Procedure	

Go to: schooldocs.co.nz, type in our school name and sign in. We encourage you to check these policies out and have your say if you think there should be amendments. Thank you.

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