



# Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*  
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## Pānui/Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> Noema/November 2023

Kia ora, Kia orana, Malo e lele, Faka lofa lahi atu, Namaste,



**Kaupapa mō te Wiki/Value for the week: Kotahitanga/ Togetherness:** – We are learning to be great role models so that other people “catch” how to behave in the best way. It’s particularly tricky while we are rehearsing our show – lots of waiting and repetition. Our Tamariki are doing so well!



**School Production:** “All you Need is Love”. Our school production performance is just next week – wow! Tickets are now on sale from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November - \$5 for the Dress Rehearsal performance on 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10am, and \$10 for the evening performance on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December at 6pm. **Tickets are limited to 2 per whanau.** Please pay at the office. We do

not have Eftpos, so cash is best. Thank you.

**School Trip:** Our end of year School Trip’s focus is on Central Upper Hutt. The trip will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of December – this Friday. We are going to the UH Library, Whirinaki Expressions to see the Super Heroes exhibit, and Maidstone Max. Lunches will be provided, though children will require a big drink and some snacks. **We would appreciate further parent support please, particularly in our middle and senior classes.** Permission slips are on this newsletter or through the Skool Loop app. Thank you.

**Save the Date:** Our Leaver’s Assembly is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm where we will be farewelling our leavers, and celebrating our successes. All are welcome. If your child is going to be receiving an award, we will contact you.

**Haere Ra to staff:** We are farewelling Geraldine Scanlan who has been our Reading Recovery Teacher for 5 years, Jane McFarlane who is retiring, Esther Conroy who is our Wellbeing Specialist who is off to work at the Marae in Waitangirua, and Matt Petrie who is resigning as our Board Chair as his son is off to intermediate next year. Everyone is welcome to attend their poroporoaki/farewell on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of December at 11am. We want to spend this time thanking them for their hard work, generosity of time and skills, and the legacy they have left for us.

**Golden Children** – Winter, Janeiro, Isla and Rewa have been writing stories in Te Reo Māori. They are incredible writers, and particularly Winter who I think it going to be a famous author one day. Mihaero tamariki mā!

**Lost Property** – Wow, we have so much lost property everywhere. We notice as the weather warms and the swimming season is on that we have so much more of it. If you notice your child’s wardrobe shrinking, it’s probably because it’s all here! It’s very noticeable that our boys/tama are not looking after their things because most of it is boys’ clothes. Please encourage your child to come to school and look for their clothing., or alternatively, come and ask your teacher where the lost property box is. Thank you.

## Head’s up:

- **Skool Loop App & Seesaw:** We would encourage you to all install the Skool Loop and Seesaw apps onto your phones It is a great way for us to communicate to you.
- **School Photos:** Photolife have emailed all whanau/families with the codes to your child’s photos and order forms. If you have not received this email in your inbox, please check your clutter or junk just in case it’s in there. Thank you.
- **Term 4 – Sunsmart – Sunhats/Potae:** It is our school policy that all children wear full brimmed sunhats in terms 1 and 4. Please ensure you provide your child with a full brimmed sunhat to wear. We provide Cancer Society sunblock for sensitive skin.
- **Our website:** <https://www.tehaukaretu.school.nz/>
- **Illness:** If your child becomes unwell, it’s still good practice to test them for covid. It is still around, and it is still a killer disease for the vulnerable. If you require any tests, we have plenty at school – just ask and we’re happy to send some home. If someone in the household has covid, we recommend you test your child in the morning – if they test negative they are good to come to school, however, recommend they wear a mask.
- **Tummy Bug** – the tummy bug is still around, though seems to have slowed down a little. If your child becomes unwell with vomiting or diarrhoea, please keep your child at home until 48 hours after their last episode. The best way to avoid the bug is to wash your hands with soap and water use a bleach solution to wipe surfaces.
- **Nit/Kutu:** Please check your child’s hair for nits at least on a weekly basis. We have nit treatments at school if you require them. Nits can also survive in pool water. Any child who has nits will be sent home for treatment (discretely of course).
- **Gates are closed each day from 9am to 3.10pm.** Please drop your child outside the school in the mornings. We will bring your child to the gate in the afternoons where we have a walking bus that leaves from the back gate.
- **School Policies and Procedures:** Policies for review this term are: Curriculum and Student Achievement; Student Achievement Information/Student Achievement and Assessment; Home Learning; Distance Learning; Religious Instruction/Religious Education; Health Education . These are all important policies. We encourage you to go online to have your say: Go to: [schooldocs.co.nz](http://schooldocs.co.nz) – input our school name, user id: māoribank and password: waka – this is your last chance to have your say – thanks.
- **Christmas Raffles for sale** - \$2 each. Drawn on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.



## Significant items for the Term 3 calendar:

Week 8	School Trip Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
Week 9	Wednesday – Production Dress Rehearsal 10am
4-8 Dec	Thursday – Production Performance 6pm
Week 10	Year 6-7 Leaver’s Dinner Monday
11-14 Dec	Leaver’s & Celebration Assembly Wednesday 1pm
	Last day of School 14 <sup>th</sup> December at 12pm plus poroporoake

Yes I give permission for my child/ren \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the school trip on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of December. They will be travelling by bus.

I can / can’t help out as parent support

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_