



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Pānui/Newsletter 7th Noema/November 2023

Namaste! Happy Diwali. Diwali is one of the major religious festivals in Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism. The name is derived from the Sanskrit term *dipavali*, meaning "row of lights." The festival generally symbolises the victory of light over darkness. The official date for celebrating Diwali this year is 12th November.



Golden Children: Our Kapa Haka Roopu performed at a dress rehearsal last week at our Whānau evening. They are due to perform at the **Upper Hutt Cultural Festival this Wednesday 8th November at Harcourt Park.** This event begins at 9.30am tomorrow. All are welcome. Tamariki have worked very hard for this – it's so exciting!



Kauapa mo te Wiki/Value for the week: Atawhai/Kindness – We are learning to Stop and Think Before we Speak. We are repeating our context this week as we are really trying to have an impact on treating each other with respect. My mother used to say, "if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." We'll practice saying nice things to uplift one another and fill each other's buckets.

Swimming: Swimming will be delayed a week and all things going well will begin on Monday 20th November. I know how excited many of our children are about getting into the pool. Swimming is a compulsory part of our curriculum, just as other sports are. We expect every child to swim and we would appreciate it if you would please provide your child with a clean towel and togs three times per week – timetable below. If your child has vomited or had diarrhoea within the last two weeks, they cannot swim unfortunately. We would appreciate it if long hair was tied up. Swim caps are a good idea, though not compulsory. Togs need to be tog material, no t-shirts allowed as they clog the filters, thanks

Times	Māne	Turei	Wenerai	Taitē
9.15-10am	Mataamua	Pōtiki	Mataamua	Pōtiki
10.10-45	Te Waipuna	Te Waipuna	Te Waipuna	ORS students*
11.30-12.15	Te Awa	Te Awa	Te Awa	Te Hikuwai
12.15-1pm	Te Pūao	Te Pūao	Whaea Carol	Te Pūao
1.30-2.15pm		Te Whanganui	Te Whanganui	Te Whanganui
2.15-3pm	Te Hikuwai	Te Hikuwai	ORS students*	Mataamua

* please check with your teacher regarding the details of this



Our Christmas raffle is up and running. Tickets are \$2 each - \$10 for a book. The raffle already has some incredible items in it, but we are always looking for more. If you would like to donate some quality Christmas items for the raffle, please give to Roseanne at the office. Funds raised go towards the replacement of the pool roof.

Teacher only day: A reminder that our next Teacher only day is next Friday 17th November. The school will not be open on this day. Thank you for your understanding.

Tissues: We've gone through so many boxes of tissues this year! This is the call for some donations of boxes of tissues. Roseanne will gratefully receive them at the office. 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.
- 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.
- 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. We still have lots of nits going around school, and it requires that everyone does their bit to stop them in their tracks so we can stop the spread. Nits can also survive in pool water. Any child who has nits will be sent home for treatment (discreetly 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. We will bring tamariki to the intersection of Moeraki, Hillside and Norana Roads and cross them over.
- 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: schoolsdocs.co.nz – input our school name, user id: māoribank and password: waka

Nga mihi nui, Karen Wellington, Kaihau/Timekeeper on the Waka

Significant items for the Term 3 calendar:

Week 5	Wednesday 8 th November – Cultural Festival @ Harcourt Park
Week 6	Teacher only day Friday 17 th November 2023
Week 8	School Trip Friday 1 st December – notices to go out soon
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 10pm
	Last day of School 14 th December at 12pm plus poroporoake