



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: We're all in this waka together
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Kia ora, Kia orana, Malo e lele, Faka lofa lahi atu,



Nau mai Hoki mai: Welcome back to school everyone. Term 4 is the most exciting term of the year with so much happening including our school production, the cultural festival, swimming, plenty of sports days, and we'll throw an election in there for good measure.
Nau mai, haere mai ki te Kura o Hau Karetu to our newbies Kalyn, Gaara, Merepaea and Hine!

Kauapa mo te Wiki/Value for the week: As it is the first week of the term, we are learning about all our values – Whakautu/Respect, Akohia/Learning, Kotahitanga/ Togetherness, and Atawhai/Kindness. As I've said lots of times before, if everyone was always kind, we wouldn't need any of the other values! So, keeping Kindness at the forefront of our minds will be a big focus this week as we come back to playing together.

Term 4 Focus: Our focus for this term is Performing Arts with the Cultural Festival and our School Production – quite a busy term but very exciting. Please see the termly calendar over page for further details.

Board News: Great news! We have a new Board member – Laura Titi.

"Tālofa lava, I am a māmā to two tamariki and my oldest began at Te Kura o Hau Karetu in term 2 this year. I'm also a youth coach working with rangatahi in the Hutt Valley and passionate about supporting my community to thrive. I look forward to bringing that passion to the board for our kura."

A reminder that anyone can attend Board meetings which are usually on the last Tuesday of every month from 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Big Thanks – goes to Tish and Krystal who ran a very successful BBQ down at Fergusson 4 Square over the break. All funds raised will go towards the pool roof replacement project. Thank you so much ladies! You're incredible.

Two Teacher Only Days: I'm sorry to do this to you, but we have two Teacher only days coming up this term. All primary and intermediate schools in Upper Hutt will be having the same Teacher Only Days on **Friday the 20th of October and Friday 17th November**. Teachers will be working on how we implement the refreshed curriculum. The school will be closed on these days. Thank you for your understanding.

Website: We have a brand-new website. Our website engine is now through Skool Loop who have done a fabulous job at making our website look pretty, and that when you type our name into Google, it actually pops up in the first 3 searches! There is still a bit under construction, but You can access our website on: <https://www.tehaukaretu.school.nz/>

Term 4 – Sunsmart: 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. Any child who does not wear a sunhat will be required to sit on the porch. We also provide sunblock for children and encourage them to wear it before they go and play. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Hangi Fundraiser: We are having a hangi fundraiser to raise funds for our pool roof. **Payment needs to be made by 20th October please**, ready for the 27th pick up. Order forms are going out today per family. All meals \$16 - Pork & chicken, double chicken no pork, vegetarian. Thanks to CJs Hangi and Whaea Chelsea for making this happen.

Head's up:

- Skool Loop App:** We would encourage you to all install the Skool Loop app onto your phones. It is a great way for us to communicate to you. Thank you to Kidlywinks Childcare, Quality Painting Guaranteed Ltd, Queen Street Pharmacy, Bold Motors, Steve McNabb Electrical, Wai Gordon Plumbing, Quadrille Construction Ltd, InForm Physio for sponsoring this app and our website for us.
- 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: schooldocs.co.nz – input our school name, userid: māoribank and password: waka

Significant items for the Term 3 calendar:

Week 1 9-13 Oct	Mihī Whakatau for newbies Monday 9 th at 9.15am Friday 13 th – Athletics Day – dress in your house colours Tui Green, Waka yellow/orange, Kokako Blue, Kereru Red
Week 2 16-20 Oct	Wednesday Danish Rounders TMP Thursday – Cerebral Palsy Fundraiser – wear Green & bring coin Friday 20 th October – Teacher only day
Week 3 23-27 Oct	Monday – Labour Day Tuesday – School Photos
Week 4	Tuesday 31 st October – Inter School Athletics Day
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 4-8 Dec	Wednesday – Production Dress Rehearsal 10am Thursday – Production Performance 6pm
Week 10 11-14 Dec	Year 6-7 Leaver's Dinner Monday Leaver's & Celebration Assembly Wednesday 1pm Last day of School 14 th December at 12pm.

Tukutuku panels: Our tukutuku panels were blessed by Matua Joe yesterday at our mihi whakatau/welcome. The panels have been designed and created by each class and are now displayed in our hall. Each design has a special meaning. Thank you so Whaea Carol for organising us to complete these panels, and for Aaron who popped them on the wall for us:

Ngā Mataamua

The kaupapa of our tukutuku is the revitalisation and reclamation of Māori culture, protocols and customs. The roimata design on the sides, represents the fight and hard work of our Māori ancestors who have passed. The niho taniwha design down below, represents the strength and resilience of the Māori people.

The cluster of Matariki above, is one of the customs that has been revitalised in Aotearoa. The red star of Pōhutukawa is bigger to represent Koro Jim, a pillar of our school. He was the embodiment of Māori cultural revitalisation and reclamation. We will always remember him and all his special work. Above the tukutuku panel, is the Tūhoe flag, to represent the genealogy of Koro Jim and his family. Below the tukutuku panel, is the flag for Māori people, the Tino Rangatiratanga flag.



Te Pūao

In Te Pūao we learned about different kinds of tukutuku designs and decided we wanted to use Poutama on our class panel because it represents our learning journey and working towards our goals.

We wanted to use the Mangopare kowhaiwhai designs at each end because it represents the hammerhead shark and stands for strength, courage and determination. Kaua e mate wheke mate urururoa! Don't die like an octopus, die like a hammerhead shark!



Te Awa - He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai – if kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.

In Te Awa, we believe that Atawhai kindness underpins all of the WAKA values. If we show kindness, we show all of our values. The panel shows hands sowing the seed of kindness and hands receiving kindness. Our kowhaiwhai represents the Mangōpare, the hammerhead shark. The hammerhead shark never gives up!

Ngā Potiki - Kaokao- It is sometimes seen to represent the sides and arms of warriors as if caught in haka action. This represents our kapa haka here at Te Kura o Hau Karetu and acknowledges our roopu from Orongomai Marae, Ma Wai Hakona. Purapura whetu represents the many stars in the sky. The one blue star represents our Kaumatua, Koro Heemi Kara who sadly passed away, 2023.



Te Whanganui - Mā te whakairo nui e hanga te whare; mā te mātauranga e whakāū – big ideas create the house; knowledge maintains it. This panel draws inspiration from the above whakatauki. The central design reflects the belief that our ideas, hopes and aspirations lay the foundation of the whare, while the intricate Poutama staircase design symbolises the knowledge and wisdom that upholds it over time. This piece captures the essence of the whakatauki and our purpose as a school. The design is a fusion of artwork by Emelia Matthews and Jeon Panes.

Te Hikuwai and Te Waipuna

Our Tukutuku panel came from our cluster karakia. The blue is te awakairangi, the green is Rimutaka maunga, and the yellow are the stars guiding us. Our kowhaiwhai at the top and bottom is Mangopare, the hammerhead shark. It reminds us to stay strong.

