



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Fakaalofa lahi atu, Yes, it's Niue Language week. Vagahau Niue has been registered with UNESCO as an endangered language, so one of the challenges is the preservation of Vagahau Niue and Niue culture!



Nau mai Hoki mai to Justyce and Watene who have enrolled at our kura. We are so happy to have you back guys!

Golden Children: Our Kapa Haka roopu performed for the rest of the school on Friday. They have learnt some beautiful new songs and they sound fabulous. We are looking forward to the 8th of November at Harcourt Park from 9.30am for the Cultural Festival.

Kauapa mo te Wiki/Value for the week: **Whakaute/Respect** – We are learning to put all rubbish in the bin. Also, that we always sit down while we eat because that's safest, then we put the rubbish in the bin – tricky when you're hungry and you want to play and you're a kid!

Hangi Fundraiser: Please book and pay for your hangi orders by this Friday 20th October for your 27th of October pick up. All meals are \$16 - Pork & chicken, double chicken no pork, vegetarian. Thanks to CJs Hangi and Whaea Chelsea for making this happen. All funds go towards our pool roof replacement. Helpers required to give out. Let Roseanne know.

Fundraising Committee – We are holding a Fundraising Committee (PSG Group) meeting this Wednesday the 18th October in the staffroom at 2pm. Anyone who is interested in supporting our fundraising efforts – we'd love to see you

Two Teacher Only Days: A reminder that our first Teacher only day is **this Friday the 20th of October**. The school will not be open on this day. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Be Green and be Seen – This Thursday, we are wearing green and collecting a donation for Cerebral Palsy. Our lovely Owen is going to come and visit us on Thursday to say hello and come to see how many people managed to dress up in green for this event. Thanks.

Earthquake Shake Down: A head's up, we are going to have a shake down practice at 9.30am this Thursday, as are many other schools and organisations in the country. It's a good way for us to remember what to do in the event of an earthquake.

Athletics Day: We had a fabulous day of athletics on Friday of sprints, high jumps, long jumps, vortex, quilts... everyone dressed up in their house colours for the occasion:

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Cyber Safety at Home: We have become aware of some senior students having had some inappropriate conversations online with one another over the school holiday period. We recommend parents monitor their child closely when they are using devices at home – don't ever think "my child wouldn't do that" but in fact if they are online they are seeing all kinds of things. The following are recommendations by John Parsons who is a Cyber Risk Analyst:

- 1) Become your child's "friend" in any social network environment your child creates.
- 2) Maintain easy access to your child's profile via their log in.
- 3) Ensure that you can always have access to your child's phone to help them stay safe, check the quality of how they are communicating with others; talk about how they connect and communicate with friends. Is it consistent with the values of your family?
- 4) Educate your children about the importance of protecting images – seek permission before they send or upload images to the internet.
- 5) Try to always maintain open lines of communication with children. Do not over-react if you see something that alarms you or makes you angry, share your concerns, and always talk about the issues and how they relate to them and their friends' safety.
- 6) Agree on a time in the evening for **everyone** to stop using the technology at. "What we model today will either come back and embrace us or bite us tomorrow".
- 7) Talk/ask about their friends and social activity and encourage being open about new friends and what they are up to, and who their parents are. If in doubt, call the parents!

Your child doesn't have a chance or platform to chat with their friends while they are at school online, and we have strong security in place so that they can't access inappropriate sites. If you are struggling with being as technology savvy as your child and require support to find out what your child is up to online, we are happy to help – just let your teacher know.

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

Significant items for the Term 3 calendar:

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| Week 2 16-20 Oct | Wednesday Danish Rounders TMP, Thursday – Cerebral Palsy Fundraiser – wear Green & bring a donation, 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 plus poroporoake |