



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 Iofa lahi atu,

It's Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori! Kia kaha te reo Māori – making the language stronger.

To celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, our years 4-7 students will be walking down to the awa/river this Thursday. We will be performing a haka down the banks of the river, as are other

schools in Upper Hutt – they are dotted along the riverbank around where their schools are situated. We will be leaving school at 11.30am for our performance at the river at 12pm. Police will be crossing us over state highway 2. Afterwards, we will pop over to Harcourt Park for a play on the playground and then return home via the underground walkway at Brown Owl. We would love whanau/families to join us.

Please note, that if you do not give permission for your child to attend this trip, you need to advise the office. Thank you.

Special Visit: This Thursday, Nancy Bell who is the Director of Education for the Wellington and the South Island, will be visiting our kura – pretty special - as we know how busy she is. We will be holding a mihi whakatau for her at 9am, and welcome any whanau/families who wish to attend to support us in the proceedings.



Kauapa mo te Wiki/Value for the week: Atawhai/Kindness. We are learning to think before we speak. Sometimes we have to think about something not being our business. A good way to think about what we are going to say before we say it is:

T – is it true?
H – is it helpful?
I – is it inspiring?
N – is it necessary?
K – is it kind?

Golden Children – Izaiah loves dinosaurs. He loves pretending to be a dinosaur, and he loves playing dinosaur games. It's so important for our Tamariki to be curious about things and take an interest in them. It's important for human beings to be curious because that is what drives us to create, develop, entertain, and invent. So, when children ask annoying questions, they are being curious which is a trait we need to encourage.



Whānau Consultation: I have emailed all whanau/families with a link to the survey regarding consultation for our strategic plan. We've had an amazing uptake with the survey already, but I would encourage as many people as possible to have their say. Thank you.

Head's up:

- COVID:** it's still around as is a tummy bug. We do have vulnerable people in our school community, and would appreciate it if you do feel unwell, give yourself a COVID test just in case and advise us. **For any illness** - please keep children home if they are unwell. We would appreciate it if you would also advise us each day that they are going to be absent. Vomit bugs – stay away from school 48 hours after last event. Thanks.
- 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.
- Gates are closed each day from 9am to 3.10pm.** We would encourage you to drop your child outside the school in the mornings. We will bring your child to the gates in the afternoons and cross them over the road at Hillside Drive, and walk them from the back gate to Norana Road. **Please don't park on the yellow lines or park on footpaths.**
- Lucky Book Club:** Orders are now closed.
- Netball & Basketball uniforms:** Please return uniforms to school as soon as possible.
- Change of contact details:** Please let Roseanne know if you have changed your address or phone number – thanks.
- Elections are coming up on 14th October.** See which political party your values most align to by visiting:
<https://votecompass.tvnz.co.nz/nz2023>
We will have a polling station here in the school hall on the 14th of October – election day.
- Nits on Wednesdays with Whaea Tish:** if your child is having treatments done with Whaea Tish, **please provide a clean bath towel** in your child's bag – thank you. Anyone who wishes their child to receive treatment needs to complete a permission form that can be collected from the office. Nit combs and nit treatments are available at school – please just let us know.
- Lost Property:** You might think that children think clothes grow on trees! We have so much lost property. See your teacher to find where the lost property box is, and we will also encourage children to go and search for their belongings.



Riddle me this:

Well done to Sandra Lee who won last week's riddle. The answer was "all of them".
This week's riddle: "The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?"

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

Significant items for the Term 3 calendar:

Week 9	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori/Māori Language week – Thursday – we are joining all schools for a rolling haka at Te Awakairangi at 12pm
11-15 Sept	
Week 10	Last day of term Friday 22 Sept.
18-22 Sept	Return to school for term 4 on Monday 9 th October.

My whanau and I have read the newsletter for 12 Hepetema/September 2023. Please tear off and put into the draw for a prize at assembly on Friday.

Signed (name): _____