



## Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*  
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### Pānui/Newsletter 19 Hepetema/September 2023

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

I would like to acknowledge the tremendous amount of work our teachers and support staff have done this term to create such cool learning programmes this term. Everyone has worked so hard, and I know they're looking forward to having a break for the next two weeks.

**It's Mental Health Awareness week** – Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Take notice, Give. These are the things you can do to help you be mentally well. It's just as important to look after your mental health as it is to look after your physical body. Go to: [bit.ly/3YJ3XnX](http://bit.ly/3YJ3XnX)



**Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori:** Last week we took our senior students and Te Matahae to the Awa/river down by the Māoribank corner, to sing a waiata at 12pm – we were joining in with the rest of the country for our Māori language moment. The hau/wind was really blowing the fragrance of the karetu/grass that grows on the banks of the river that day, but it carried the sounds of our beautiful waiata/singing down the river. Thank you to those of you who supported this event.



**Kauapa mo te Wiki/Value for the week: All the Values – Whakaute/Respect, Akohia/Learning, Kotahitanga/Togatherness, Atawhai/Kindness.** We are learning to show all the values to each other in the classroom and the playground.

**Golden Child** – Lyla's stories just keep getting better and better. She can write two whole pages easily now! The reason she's getting better at writing is because she perseveres and keeps trying, even when it feels difficult. Learning is exhausting, but we are so proud of Lyla and our other Tamariki who are making huge gains in their learning because of their stickability (plus they're also great kids with incredible teachers). ☺



**Whānau Consultation:** Thank you to those of you who have completed the survey regarding whānau/family consultation. So far we have had 34 respondents – the best response of a consultation we've ever had! Thank you very much! I have emailed all whānau/families with a link to the survey regarding consultation for our strategic plan for those of you who still wish to participate. The consultation is open until this Friday the 22nd September.

**End of Term 3/Beginning of term 4:** Our last day of the term is this Friday the 22nd September and we finish at 3pm as usual. Our first day back is on Monday 9th October. We

will hold a Mihi Whakatau at 9.15am for new students & their whānau/families, as well as blessing our tukutuku panels.

**Hangi Fundraiser:** Please see the back of this newsletter for details of a hangi fundraiser coming up for next term – thank you.

#### Head's up:

- School Photos:** These are coming up on the 24th of October. If you would like your child's siblings to have their picture taken with your child, please arrive at school at 8.30am with your children. Class pictures will be taken throughout the day, including the kapa haka group. Kapa Haka students to wear black shorts underneath their clothing with girls hair half up, half down. Thank you.
- 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.
- 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.**
- Netball & Basketball uniforms:** Please return uniforms to school this week.
- Elections are coming up on 14<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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:** PLEASE come and take a look at our lost property to see if any of it is your child's – we have so much of it. Thank you..



#### Riddle me this:

Well done to Kyla Mary who guessed last week's riddle. The answer was "footsteps".  
This week's riddle: "Why did the maths book look so sad?"

Take care over this holiday break. Look after each other and have a huge rest.  
Nga mihi nui, Karen Wellington, Kaihau/Timekeeper on the Waka

#### Significant items for the Term 3 calendar:

<b>Week 10</b> <b>18-22 Sept</b>	Last day of term Friday 22 Sept at 3pm. Return to school for term 4 on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October.
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My whānau and I have read the newsletter for 19 Hepetema/September 2023.

Please tear off and put into the draw for a prize at assembly on Friday.

Signed (name): \_\_\_\_\_