



Te Kura o Hau Karetu

He waka eke noa: *We're all in this waka together*
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Kia ora, Talofa Lava, Mālō e lelei, Kia orana, Namaste, Kumusta,

We've got a big week this week! We have:

a) **Cultural Festival on Wednesday 19th August**

b) **Teacher only day on Friday 21st August. Please do not send your child to school on this day.**

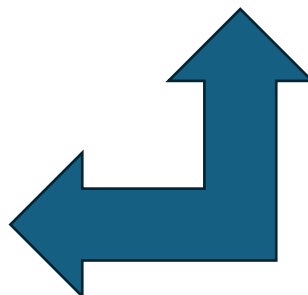
Cultural Festival: Both our kura and Mangaroa School are the host schools for the annual **Cultural Festival** which is aligning with Orongomai's 50th Jubilee. There are three important messages you need to know about **Wednesday 19th August:**

- c) 40 students will be attending and performing at Te Kupenga. All other classes will be running as usual.
- d) Please provide baking on Tuesday so we can take it to the marae for Wednesday. We are feeding all of the workers.
- e) Whānau will not be able to watch the performances live due to Te Kupenga's strict numbers limits.

However, there is a link to the livestream. We will be playing these at school during the day:

It all kicks off at 8.45am, with our kura performing 9.10am. Purehurehu are performing at 9am. Expect everything to run to time as this has been organised by the amazing Whaea Carol, Whaea Paige, Whaea Araluen, and Whaea Mel. What a team!

Cultural link - live streaming on Wednesday 19th August 2026



Winter weather: Eddison, a.k.a. Spidey, found ice at the bottom of the slide a couple of weeks ago – it's a huge piece! Gosh, we've had some cold days this winter. In Maymorn it reached -4°C on the 28th July – brrr!
A reminder that in these cold winter months for people to please name their child's clothing as children do leave their belongings lying around at playtimes. Also, please provide a clean change of clothes for your child if you're happy for them to play in the mud!

Netball Fundraiser: Thank you so much to all of you who contributed to our bake sale in some way. We ended up having a huge amount of baking, and we know that the public were totally impressed! There were lots of excited faces coming up to decide what they were going to choose to eat!
Thank you especially to Jewel and Krystal who worked really hard on the day as well as organising everything up to the day, and to Cherieamour, Emily, Kane, and Diane who all worked to serve these items, and to Nicholas who cooked sausages and onions all day! Thanks Jonathan for your contribution also.
All proceeds will go to our senior camp fundraiser (Camp is on in December this year for all year 5-6 students).

Father's Day Raffle: If you require additional tickets to sell, we have plenty for you at the office. Tickets are \$2 each. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 4th September. All proceeds will go towards our Senior Camp. Thank you.

Geometry: Check out these gorgeous pictures from our ākonga in the Rainbow Room. They've been learning about shapes in geometry. I think I can see 6 different shapes – how many can you see?



I HAVE A DREAM UPDATE

Term 3 has been full of fun, creativity and learning for our Dreamers!

Lunchtime programmes have included literacy and numeracy games and pancake making, while our After-School Programmes have featured tie-dye T-shirts, sushi making, pottery at The Potters' Roost and an exciting Engineering Challenge. Due to a venue cancellation, our planned Year 3 & 4 Boxing Club excursion was replaced with a fun-filled trip to the Trampoline Park at Brewtown, which the tamariki enjoyed.

This week is the final week of lunchtime and after school programme for Dreamers who are currently attending. A new group of Dreamers will have the opportunity to attend from next week through to the end of Term 3. It has been

fantastic to see our Dreamers getting involved, trying new things and learning together. **Volunteers wanted!** We are still looking for volunteers to support our After-School Programmes, Monday–Thursday, 3pm–4:30pm. If you can help, please contact Whāea Numa on

021 245 1268.



Policies for review:

Our policies for review this term are:

Term 3 policies	Review opens 20 July
• School Community Engagement Policy	Board review
• Inclusive School Culture	Board review
• Enrolment	
• Student Attendance	Board review
• Student Uniform/Student Dress Expectations	
• Concerns and Complaints Policy	Board review

These are the policies specified on the review schedule. You can also review any policy that has a review button. Go to schooldocs.co.nz, then use the username: maoribank and the password: waka. You can go and have your say on any of the policies that are up for review.

Nits and Scabies – They are still around. Everyone, please be vigilant about checking your child's hair for nits, and if your child seems to be itching their body parts, please check for intense itching that worsens at night, small red bumps or a pimple-like rash, and tiny, thin, wavy grey or white burrow lines in the top layer of the skin. Treatments for nits are available at school, and treatments for scabies are available either at the pharmacy or through your doctor. Scabies treatments through your doctor will be free of charge.

Breakfast Club Helpers – We would appreciate more volunteers for breakfast club please. We need someone for Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Breakfast club is open from 8am-9am.

Whānau Hui –

- **Zoning** – Following many emails, I now have confirmation from the Ministry of Education that Te Mataahae is exempt from zoning, that is, we are able to continue to enrolling ākonga into Te Mataahae as we have always been for children outside of our school zone as long as they meet the criteria that they have attended a kohanga or full immersion kura for a year or more, that whānau are on their own learning journey, and that the child themselves is passionate about learning in te reo. All whānau who are wanting to enrol into Te Mataahae will go through an interview process with the Kaiako and leadership team before being accepted.
This is fantastic news. I want to thank everyone for their passion about our Māori immersion space and the mere fact you all turned up in the numbers you did to our meeting with the Ministry of Education is a huge testament to your commitment to your child's education in Te Reo. Ngā mihi nui!
- **Goal setting** – Hopefully you've all been able to catch up with your teacher to discuss your child's goals. Your teacher will be in touch soon if they haven't already.



Te Reo Māori phrase of the week:

Your Te Reo Māori phrase of the week is "Karawhiua!", which means "Give it all you've got!" or "Go for it!". Use it to cheer on a friend, encourage a coworker, or support a sports team.

- **Pronunciation:** Kah-rah-fee-oo-ah

More Ways to Use It

- **Karawhiua ra!** – Go for it! / Give it your best shot!
- **Ka pai!** – Good! / Well done!
- **Kia kaha!** – Stay strong / Be strong

Important Notices & Reminders:

- **Teacher only day – we have a teacher only day on Friday 21st August** – please do not send your children to school on this day. This means that our school year will now extend to the 16th December.
- **Peanut-Free School:** A reminder that we are a **peanut-free** school. We ask that no peanut products are brought to school, including peanut butter and foods containing **peanuts**. Note that when a packet says, "may contain traces of nuts", this is OK. Our school lunches do not contain peanuts. Other nuts are also ok.

- **Student Attendance expectations:** Regular attendance at school is important to your child's success, and the nation's goals is currently for all students to attend school for 90% of the time. You may have received a letter regarding your child's attendance which I am required to send. I encourage you to come to see me or phone or text if you receive this letter. Thank you for your support.
If your child is going to be absent for any reason, it is essential that you advise us:
 - o phone on 045269552, or
 - o text on 0275269552, or
 - o email to: office@tehaukaretu.school.nz, or
 - o message on the Skool Loop app, to confirm your child's absence and provide us with the reason.

Ngā mihi nui, Karen Wellington, Tumuaki/Principal

Important Dates and Events:

Week 5 17-21 August	Wednesday 19 th August – Cultural Festival @ Orongomai Marae Friday 21 st August – Teacher Only Day – please do not send your child to school on this day.
Week 6 24-28 August	Daffodil Day – Friday 28 th August – please bring a donation, and dress in yellow if you're able.
Week 7 31 Aug-4 Sept	Rippa tournament for seniors Tuesday 1 st Sept. Father's Day Raffle drawn on Friday 4 th September at assembly.
Week 8 7-11 Sept	Friday 11 th September – Onesie Day, Wig Wednesday and Super Hero Day all rolled into one! Choose one and come and dress up with a donation. All proceeds will be distributed in half to Wellington Free Ambulance and Child Cancer.
Week 9 14-18 Sept	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori – watch this space for further information on events.
Week 10 21-25 Sept	Board meeting Tuesday 22 nd September at 7pm. Cricket for seniors TBC 22 nd Sept. Last day of school – Friday 25 th September at 3pm.

