

8 March 2026

Relay for Life 2026

Kia ora e te whānau o Upokongaro,

I am excited to announce that we have been invited to perform waiata at Relay for Life this year. This occurs at Cooks Gardens on Saturday 28 March 2026. Relay for Life is, "A powerful community event to celebrate survivors, honour those we've lost and fight back against cancer by raising life-saving funds for the Cancer Society."

Uncle Ned Tapa will open the celebration with a karakia. The first lap is led by those who had or have cancer and the loving people who care for them. Our waiata bracket will follow this, from around 2.20-2.35pm in the middle of the field. This year's event is called, "Festival of Colours." Can your child please wear bright coloured shorts/pants and shoes if they own any (please don't go out and buy any!) with their school uniform t-shirt.

Please let me know in the form below if your child/children are available from 2-2.40pm on this day. We will meet at the Maria Place Extension to move into the grounds together. A \$5 spectator entry fee is asked for parents please, but not for our tamariki who are performing. We will be singing a range of waiata we have practiced at kura. To find more information about this amazing event, please visit <https://whanganui.relayforlife.org.nz/>. Here you will find information about entering a team or sponsoring others to walk the track at Cooks Gardens from 2-10.30pm.

Ngā mihi maioha,

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My child/children

is/are available on Saturday 28th March 2026 from 2-2.40pm to sing waiata at the Relay for Life event.

Signed _____

Relationship to child:

Date: _____