

Diary Dates

Coming Up . . .

- Tuesday 29th May PTA AGM 7pm
- Thursday 31st May Technology Year 7
- Monday 4th June Queens Birthday Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Wednesday 6th June 3rd Instalment of School Accounts Due
- Thursday 7th June Technology Year 7
- Saturday 9th June Working Bee 9am-12noon

Congratulations to ...

. . . Kate and Kane Anderson and their sons James (Tōtara) and Lewis (Pūiri) on the birth of their new baby daughter and sister born last week. Welcome to the world ☺.

Working Bee



Please check below for your eldest child's name to attend this working bee. Contact the office with any queries.

Saturday 9th June
9am – 12noon

Blake Braddock	Neriah Hopoi
Sophie Denton	Nicola Jury
Mahi Kalidas	Anusha Kamanahalli
Bethany Kinq	Cormac McNatty
Amelia Langford	Papai Le
Olive Lourie	Hunter Macaulay
Fraser Maggs	Cameron McAulay
Jania Marcelo	Sophia Mathieson
Thea Martin	Fletcher McGrath
Blake Mayhem	Jude McLennan-
Vanya McCurdy	Zander McFarlane
Mia McNamara	Sophie McPherson
Demetri Mackey- Hawkins	
Madhavan Kiridharan	

This Week

Matariki Celebrations 2018

By Ava Szabo – Principal

Kia ora whānau and welcome to my second newsletter of the term. Time is flying past - I can't believe we are in week 5 already!!

There are always so many wonderful things happening at school and the next big event on our calendar is the celebration of Matariki. As promised in my earlier Matariki newsletter, here are further details related to the day performance and evening Hakari.

In the morning, starting at 10am, each class will perform a short item based on the story of 'The Two Taniwha of Wellington Harbour'.

Families and guests are welcome to arrive at the high school from 9.50am. High school ākonga will be there to welcome you all to T2 (the space where the gym used to be).

We are very lucky to have Moira Wairama, the author of the book 'The Taniwha of Wellington Harbour', as our guest for this performance. I am sure she will enjoy watching the routines each class has developed over the last few weeks.

The event will be MC'd by a Tāwari student with the performances finishing at approximately 11am. A timetable of performance order and content will be emailed out later in the week.

At the end of the performances, preschool classes will return to their rooms for their shared lunches. All preschool whānau are invited to this lunch - children will be baking this week to create food for this occasion. You are welcome to bring a dish to share with your child's class if you wish, but please remember no eggs, no nuts and minimal refined sugar. We look forward to seeing you there.

For everyone else (area school ākonga and whānau), a shared lunch will be served in T2. Ākonga will be asked to bring a labelled (with ingredients) contribution of food to share. During this time, we are planning for some Tāwari students to organise and run a variety of games for the students. The lunch and games will conclude no later than 12.30pm to allow for classes to resume and Tāwari community workers to clean up.

In the evening, we will come together again as a community to share a hākari (feast).

This part of our Matariki celebrations will begin at 5.30pm, once again at the high school in T2 (the old gym).

We warmly invite all whānau to come along to the hākari and connect with other members of our community over a communal meal. If you are able to attend, please bring a dish to share. The dish you choose to bring may be of significance to your own culture/heritage - even a family favourite would be most welcome. Please label your dish with the ingredients it contains, so that those with allergies / intolerances can safely enjoy their meals also and remember to bring something to serve it up with.

Please arrive from approximately 5.15pm onwards for a 5.30pm start. Some tamariki may wish to perform their class piece in this informal setting before the hākari (feast) which will commence at 6pm. Remember to supply your own plates and cups, cutlery and non-alcoholic drinks as per usual and take any leftovers of your dish home with you.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible☺

Sports Results**Wā Ora Badminton**

Junior Boys vs HIBS 8 6-0

Wā Ora Basketball

Seniors (Year 11-13s) vs Wainui 2 29-77
Juniors (Year 9-10s) vs St Bernards College 70-21

Intermediate (Year 7-8s) vs Hutt Int 70-6

Wā Ora Netball

Tui (Year 9s & up) vs Sacred Heart 25 24-2
Miromiro (Year 7-8s) vs Hutt Int G 32-3

Congratulations

Well done to Madeleine Bailey who has been selected for the Hutt Valley Year 8 Gold representative netball team. A great effort also from Kaitlyn Humphries, who made it through to the third trial.

PTA AGM - Rescheduled

Our PTA AGM has been rescheduled to tomorrow night - Tuesday 29th May, from 7pm in the staff room. We will be electing two positions at the AGM – Chairperson and Secretary. If you would like to join this fantastic group of parents, who have a lot of fun, whilst helping the Wā Ora community, please come along – we'd love to see you there.

Absences, Late and Appointments

If your child is going to be away, sick or on holiday, you must notify our school office by texting 029 770 4286, or emailing office@waora.school.nz or leaving a message on the absences answer phone 567 2377 before 8.30am. If you do not do so, you will receive a text asking for your child's whereabouts. If your child is away sick for more than one day, you must advise the office by either phone, email or text message EACH day that they are away. Thanks for your help with this.

Also if you are picking up early or dropping off late, you must call at the office to say you are leaving now/are back now.

Newspapers needed!

Can you please donate some newspaper to Tawhai class. Please drop into the class or the office. Thank you☺

Preschool Thank You

Thanks to Pearl Angus, mum of Jay-Ming in Kōwhai, for all the donations of plants, paper, sewing materials, etc. that she supplies to the preschool on an ongoing basis.

Do you have . . . ?

Hi, my name is Toni and I am a Tāwari student after an unloved, broken violin for an art project. If anyone has one, please flick me an email at

student.tpartridge@waora.school.nz.

Many thanks ☺

Lost Property Rack Full

Please check the lost property rack for your child/ren's clothes, located in the hall past the office (next to the fish tank) as it is filling up already this term.

Matariki Programme

Please find below a brief overview of our Matariki celebrations, to be held Friday 15th June, Week 7 of this term:

Morning – Performance, T2, High school

10am-11am Class performances

11am Preschoolers return to preschool for shared class lunches

11am Area school students and whānau enjoy shared lunch and games in T2.

12.30pm Event concludes

Evening – Hākari, T2, High school

5.15-5.30pm Whānau arrive

6pm Hākari begins

Pumpkin Soup Fundraiser

On Wednesday, 6th June, we will be selling pumpkin soup out of the Tōtara kitchen at playtime. Soup is \$3,

bread is \$2 and lemonade is \$1.50. There will be gluten-free bread, garlic bread and plain bread.

We will be going around the primary and high school classes from Wednesday 30th May to take orders. Orders will also be taken on the day and all payments are due on 6th June. Thank you, from Nikitha, Dayna, Anusha and Freya.

Kids Yoga and Mindfulness

Yoga and mindfulness support a child's well-being with healthy movement and techniques to improve concentration and reduce anxiety and stress. Kula Kids Yoga makes it fun with classes in Lower Hutt and Eastbourne. Check timetables [here](#) for children ages 5-9, 9-13 and teens or come to a Family Class on Saturday 23rd June.

Police Dive Squad Open Day

The Police Dive Squad is celebrating 50 years! Come and have a look around the dive base and see what the team get up to this Saturday, 2nd June between 10am - 2pm at Seaview Marina, Unit 2, 100 Port Road, Seaview, Lower Hutt). You'll be able to see a range of our specialist dive equipment and meet the dive squad officers. The two police boats will also be there. This is a free event.

Petone Beach Railway Run Day

The Hutt Valley Model Engineering Society operates the Miniature Railway for the public on Sundays between 1pm - 4pm (weather permitting), \$2/single ride or \$10/ six ride concession ticket. No EFTPOS available. Visit them at 6 Marine Parade, Petone, Lower Hutt.

Fil-Trip 2018

Wellington's biggest Filipino festival is happening at Walter Nash Stadium this Saturday, 2nd June from 9am! Come and celebrate Philippines like the Filipinos do! With even more performances, sports, activities and food from your favourite Filipino and international groups, this is a Philippine trip in Wellington you won't want to miss! More details at www.filtrip2018.com.