

Diary Dates

Coming Up . . .

- Monday 25th June Kapa Haka 3.40pm Tōtara
- Thursday 28th June Technology Year 7
- Friday 29th June Launch of 'Work of Wool' War Memorial Library 6pm
- Sunday 1st July Working Bee 9am – 12 noon
- Monday 2nd July Kapa Haka 3.40pm Tōtara
- Thursday 5th July Technology Year 7
- Thursday 5th July Kawakawa Coffeehouse 7pm

Working Bee



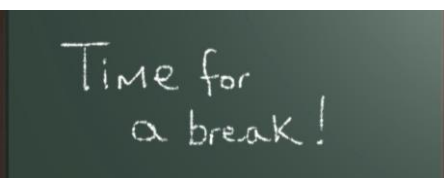
Please check below for your eldest child's name to attend this working bee. Contact the office with any queries.

Sunday 1st July

9am – 12noon

Keilan Cross	Asher Emmanuel
Dilynn Atkins	Madeleine Bailey
Jack Carras	Catherine Harrison
Oliver Harrison	Oscar Wong
Mitchell Jellicoe	Anya Joseph
Jesse Karl	Vanisha Tandon
Logan McShane	Angus Newlands
Eulie Norton	Toni Partridge
Michael Owen	Eli Shearer
Tully Whittington- Werry	

Last Day of Term is Friday 6th July



This Week

A Māori Parent's Perspective

By a member of our Whānau Hui

Kia ora Wā Ora whānau,

I thought a few words to explain my view of Matariki at Wā Ora would be a good thing, as a Māori parent of Māori children at this school.

It seems that one of the greatest challenges in reviving the Māori language and identity is simply that all of us parents seem so time-poor. All our families can be so busy that we simply prioritise it further down the list. We are all out in the world, working to keep a roof over our family's head, kids' sports on weekends, birthday parties and family events, that the Māori identity in NZ is simply not top of mind.

However, the Māori identity is reinvigorated simply by our families showing up and taking part in a Māori event. Children take their lead from us, so when you attend an event like Matariki, your child sees that you have fitted it into an already busy schedule. Which means it has an importance to you and therefore an importance to them. And as a Māori parent, I see your attendance at Matariki as a statement to building and respecting Māori identity and I appreciate you for it.

Wā Ora and its families can take great pride in the Matariki event this year. It has grown every year and this is what I saw that night:

- A gathering of many families for a Māori celebration and sharing of food
- Children playing together at a Māori celebration
- Māori art work covering an entire wall
- A generation of children learning the stories of Ngake and Whātaītai
- Moira Wairama, a local Māori author, speaking to the same children about the importance and power of local legends
- Adults able to sit and talk together, at a Māori celebration

And did you know on Monday nights, a Te Reo course is attended by mostly non-Māori parents?

So, thank you for coming - as a Māori parent, I really appreciate you.

Thank you for you and I perhaps chatting (korero) or eating (kai) together.

Thank you for our children perhaps playing (takaro) or enjoying the bonfire together.

Thank you for our children celebrating (whakanui) Matariki in the same way we might recognise Wellington Anniversary Day.

Thank you for our children learning (ako) a local Māori legend about Wellington Harbour and the taniwha that created it.

There were many people of different cultures there that night and I hope to learn more about you also.

The words below are all words that Māori associate with their Marae. I think we can be proud to associate these words with Wā Ora and Matariki last week.

Kōrero (talk), **Kai** (food), **Tākaro** (play), **Whakanui** (celebration) and **Ako** (learning).

Sport**Wā Ora Badminton Results**

Div 4 Junior Girls vs HVHS 6-0.

Wā Ora Basketball Results

Seniors (Year 11-13s) vs Taita 81-36.

Juniors (Year 9-10s) vs Otaki 46-53.

Miniball (Year 5-6s) vs HC Hornets 10-8.

Tiniball (Year 3-4s) vs Sts Peter & Paul 10-8.

Wā Ora Netball Results

Tui (Year 9s & up) vs HVHS 15 16-3.

Miromiro (Year 7-8s) vs Maungaraki 16-12.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Oscar Strickland who placed 6th at the interzones and qualified for the regionals in July!

Primary School Fun Run!

A fun run is planned for Tuesday 3rd July. Please support your child to wear suitable shoes and clothing for exercising. They will also need a warm top, rain jacket, drink bottle and snack. :)

Swimming

Results from the school swimming sports are attached to this newsletter.

Central Zone competition (Y4 - 8) takes place at Naenae Pool, 28th August (week 6, term 3). Further details available early next term.

Wanted!

Do you have a comfy/arm chair no longer needed that could be donated to our playgroup for breast feeding mums? Also we are in need of medium sized cushions to cosy-up our book corner. If you can help please email Dannielle.

Preschool Holiday Programme

This is open to our pre-schoolers during the coming school holidays at a cost \$175 per week for 9am - 3pm. After school care will be available from 3pm - 5pm at the normal term charges, but there will be NO before school care. We don't take casual day bookings so you will need to book and pay for a whole week, even if you don't use it all. This allows us to maintain appropriate kaiako/tamariki ratios. Lunch is to be provided by your family in line with our food procedure but morning tea will be provided.

The fee will need to be paid in advance. Please email anna@waora.school.nz to confirm your interest.

Wā Ora App – Download It Now

Our new communication app launches today! You will soon receive a text message with the details of how to download the app. Also keep an eye out for posters around school and info on our facebook page. The app will make it easier for caregivers/whānau to keep up to date with school news and to notify the office of absences. You will also be able to book after school care, check the blogs, read the newsletter, link to our facebook, website, view useful documents and much, much more, all via the app. Best of all you can sign up for alerts relevant to your child's class/ activities/sports, etc.



Over time as more parents sign up to the app, we hope to be able to reduce the amount of school emails to whānau.

Thank You To . . .

. . . Kowhai parent Emily Dutfield, mum of Lincoln, who brings mandarins for the preschool every week from her tree at home - many thanks:-)

Playgroup Coffee Group Starts T3 0-18 months

Our Wā Ora Montessori Coffee Group for parents and their babies/toddlers aged new-born to 18 months old is starting up in week 1, Term 3. The coffee group will run every Wednesday morning from 9am - 10.30am during term time in our playgroup environment at a cost of \$40 per term. Tea and coffee will be provided (parents, please feel free to bring food for your little one if they will need a snack). Each week Dannielle, our playgroup coordinator, will lead a discussion on a different aspect of Montessori that you might like to use with your little one.

If you would like to come along to your first session at no charge to see if it is for you or simply have questions, please email Dannielle or collect an enrolment form from the school office. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Free Firewood and Kindling

We have cut down three trees and have a large pile of wood (both trunk and branches) in varying lengths. Free to a good home! You will need a trailer to transport it. Please contact 021 060 2388 or louisa.m.jackson@gmail.com.

Mad for Marshmallows**Free Marshmallows at Staglands**

.. to toast on the fire!

Available school holidays
7th to 22nd July



Open Every Day
9:30AM-5:00PM
www.staglands.co.nz
2362 Akatarawa Rd
Upper Hutt



Make sure you visit Staglands these July School Holidays and enjoy free marshmallows to toast on the fire down at the barn. Don't forget they'll also be running their, very popular, free tractor trailer rides (circumstances permitting). Bring the kids and the adults too and immerse yourself in this classic kiwi childhood experience.

Hangi Fundraiser

Muturangi Te Kohanga Reo is doing a hangi fundraiser on the last day of this term, \$10. See Kelly in the library to order or txt her on 027 361 1751.

Beyond the Page 2018

Hutt City Libraries brings you 'Beyond the Page', a literary festival of events to entertain, excite and inspire the region's tamariki and their

whānau! Beyond the Page runs during the school holidays from 7th -22nd July. Families can also join in the region-wide 'Beyond Amazing Race' - there's something for everyone! All events are free, but some require bookings. For more information and event schedules, visit www.beyondthepage.nz