

Diary Dates

Coming Up . . .

- Tuesday 3rd July Primary Fun Run 9am
- Thursday 5th July Technology Year 7
- Thursday 5th July Kawakawa Coffeehouse 7pm
- Friday 6th July Last Day of Term 2
- Monday 23rd July First Day of Term 3

Pop Up Kawakawa Café

Kawakawa host their end of term Coffeehouse evening this Thursday starting at 7pm, so why not pop along, a little ahead of start time and grab some supper from the Kawakawa Pop-Up Café. Yumminess assured!



5.30PM-6.45PM

KAWAKAWA MAIN ROOM BEFORE COFFEE HOUSE

THURSDAY 5TH OF JULY

COME ALONG FOR A LIGHT SNACK BEFORE COFFEE HOUSE



SAUSAGE ROLLS \$1.50

GF GINGER CRUNCH \$1.50

AFGHANS \$2

CHOC CHIP COOKIES \$2

VEGAN CHOC CHIP COOKIES \$2

BROWNIE \$1.50



CAPPA, LATTE, FLAT WHITE, MOCHA, HOT CHOCOLATE \$3.00

ESPRESSO, AMERICANO, LONG BLACK \$2.50

EFTPOS AVAILABLE!

Save the Date!

Wā Ora turns 30 this year and to celebrate we are holding a celebration for the whole community to come together. Our event will be held on Friday 31st August between 5pm and 7pm at the high school. Come along to celebrate Wā Ora's journey while you enjoy a free glass of bubbles, finger food and birthday cake! Activities for the kids also. Mark your diary!

This Week

Choice Leads to Success as Life Long Learners

By Rose Langridge – Senior Social Studies, History and English Teacher;- High School

Imagine that it is a hot day. The heat is rising up off the pavement, your clothes are stuck to you and all you want is ice cream. Luckily, there is a dairy ahead. You walk in and go to order but there is only one flavour on offer; the one that you don't really like at all (for me that is rum and raisin) but you have to have ice cream so you take it. Your choice has been taken away and I am certain that you would not be happy about it.

As adults we are constantly making choices but most importantly we have the option to make these choices. We even can complain about all these decisions.

I would like you to spare a thought for those who cannot make these choices. Think of students engaging with school content. I remember being told as a class we were all learning the same thing and we were all being assessed on the same thing in the same way.

I am so very glad that our classes look nothing like the ones I had at school. The focus is on agency. In senior humanities the class makes choices about the topics that they look at and where there is the room, they have varying ways of showcasing their learning.

There is movement as the year continues, if a topic of interest comes up then we can learn about this.

The level two class has hadpan discussions about the earth being flat and how no one has landed on the moon. What this has ended up looking like is that I have ordered at tee-shirt that says "stand up for science" and the focus next term will be conspiracy theories.

Every single day at Wā Ora, ākonga make choices about their learning, be it what materials to work with in preschool, what big stories to listen to and lessons to attend in primary through to what topics to engage with at a deeper level in the high school.

Because our students are taking responsibility for their learning, they are evolving the skills to learn independently. This means that they are developing true agency and taking ownership of their learning journey.

In Montessori high schools the staff are referred to as guides, which I think is very telling. It is no surprise whatsoever that all the current research shows that agency and achievement go hand and hand.

I would like to quote Philip Bell, one of the school alumni, from his leaver's speech last year. "At Wā Ora they do not teach us; they show us how to learn". It is something that has stuck with me and something I try to take into the classroom every day. I love learning with and about my class and am so very happy to guide them on their journey towards being lifelong learners.



Rose has taught at Wā Ora since 2012 and has a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and a graduate Diploma of Teaching. In 2014 she had the great privilege of attending the Montessori adolescent training in Ohio, USA. Rose enjoys the community feel throughout Wā Ora and believes that studying the history of humanity helps to develop strong citizenship – she enjoys traveling through time with the high school students! Outside of school you will find her dabbling in cooking various cuisines or at a gig most likely of the indie rock persuasion.

Sport**Wā Ora Badminton Results**

Div 4 Junior Girls vs SHC 7 5 – 1.

Div 3 Junior Boys vs HVHS 6 2-4.

Wā Ora Basketball Results

Seniors (Year 11-13s) vs Kapiti 5 67-34.

Juniors (Year 9-10s) vs Scots 2 34-26.

Miniball (Year 5-6s) vs Waterloo Knights 20-14.

Tiniball (Year 3-4s) vs Boulcott 10-10 (but classed as a win by default).

Wā Ora Netball Results

Tui (Year 9s & up) vs Wainuiomata 23-1.

Miromiro (Year 7-8s) vs Te Aroha 28-36.

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. :)

Signing the Preschool Attendance Register

If you have a preschool child, you are required to sign the attendance register in the office each week. There are currently many parents's signatures outstanding and consequently we have registers dating back several weeks still needing to be signed. The office is open from 8.15am until 5.30pm so please come in when dropping off/picking up and catch up on your signing 😊

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.

The Great Wā Ora Quiz Night & Auction - Saturday 15th September

Planning for the Quiz Night on Friday 15th September is well underway and tickets go on sale this week. Keep an eye out for an email letting you know how and where to buy tickets. We are hoping to secure another few sponsors and more auction items so that we can reach our target of \$5000+ for classrooms to develop their outdoor environments. If you can help, email Richard.

Wā Ora App – Download It Now

Our new communication app has launched! Download it now 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. Click [here](#) to download 😊.

**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 starts 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 three will be 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.

Team Naenae Free Holiday Activities

Team Naenae Trust are running the following free activities from 16th – 20th July from 1 - 3pm each day: visit Naenae police station and meet a police dog; face painting; bouncy castle; swimming, fun with Zumba, cooking with Masterchefs Leila and Margaret. To register contact Christine on 021 074 6062 or teamnaenae@gmail.com.

Team Naenae is also hosting the family movie 'Ferdinand' at Naenae Library at 6pm this Friday 6th July. Free entry and limited seats available. Get your free tickets at Naenae library. Thanks to Naenae Dental for Sponsoring this.

**Find the Light Drama Programme**

'Find the Light Drama' is an exciting new drama programme in Lower Hutt bringing a whole lot of fun to kids. Classes will run weekly for children aged 6 - 18yrs. Come join a FREE TRIAL class on Tuesday 24th July at the Moera Community Hall. The classes will run every Tuesday during term. Contact Chantelle on 022 601 4191 to book or go to facebook/find-the-light-drama.

