

## Diary Dates

### Coming Up . . .

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July Dental Van on site
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August 1<sup>st</sup> Instalment of Accounts Due
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August Dental Van on site
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August Working Bee 9am-12noon



### Working Bee



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

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
**9am – 12noon**

Eli Shearer	Ava Hunt-Ingledew
Finn Anquetil	Sophia Mathieson
Lydia Millar	Samuel Moir
Richard Moon	Sophie Moore
Charlie Munro	Mila Nagel
Jarvi Nodder	Ellie Pritchard
Eulie Norton	Summer Nguyen
Sonny Nguyen	Grace Nickel
Atreyu Olsen	Emily Parle
Karan Patel	Aarav Patel
Hannah Pinfold	Sophie Pirimona
Elsbeth Pottstock-Nichols	
Dominic Nethercott-Sim	

## This Week

### Storytelling

By Ava Szabo – Principal

Kia Ora Wā Ora Whānau and welcome back to Term 3. We are looking forward to the new term and hearing the holiday stories of our ākongā.

I want to mention an important event we are looking forward to celebrating this term, which is Wā Ora's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August from 5pm-7pm. This is a family friendly affair for us all to enjoy and more details will follow shortly.

Another couple of dates to note this term are Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August which is our Midterm break and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September which is a Teacher Only Day, when the whole school (preschool, primary and high school) will be closed.

At the beginning of the school holidays many teachers were fortunate enough to attend the Montessori Aotearoa New Zealand (MANZ) conference held in Napier. This is always a wonderful opportunity to listen to the ideas of some very knowledgeable Montessori practitioners from NZ and around the world. An amazing experience!

One of the themes covered this year was the art of storytelling, not to be confused with reading stories. The storyteller has the ability to turn new learning, concepts and even the everyday event into something wonderful and extraordinary for the child.

We have all experienced these people in our lives in the form of our teachers or a family member; or perhaps you are the storyteller, the one who enthral and excites the imagination of the child? These oral stories are often repeated and live on in the conversations we have with our children, remaining in their memories for a long time.

Below is a quote from one of the speakers, Michael Dorer, in which he explains why storytelling is so important for the child.

'I think it's important to try to get children to become storytellers and story writers - story creators. Listening is important forever. But from that comes being able to tell and share stories. Or dramatize them and act them out. Or begin to be like a jazz player and spin off with ideas that go this way and that, off that original story. Then create your own stories. If that emerges in children, I am delighted. I want to celebrate that. '

Michael also spoke to us of the importance of storytelling in the Montessori environment. He explained how stories touch the spirit of the child who listens. Stories, like art, open the mind to the strange and wonderful world that surrounds us.

He reminded us of the great stories of cosmic education. These stories contain the knowledge of everything including ourselves. They teach the child gratitude and appreciation; gratitude for the past – that has brought us to the place we are today; appreciation of the present – what we have now. Finally, the great stories teach the child that they represent the future and that we have a belief in them and this gives meaning and therefore gratitude for the future.

Teaching through story telling appeals to the child's imagination - it makes the lesson more interesting and exciting for the child. Through telling stories, we humanise these concepts and make them accessible to the child.

*"... when I look up in the universe, I know I'm small but I'm also big. I'm big because I'm connected to the universe, and the universe is connected to me."* Neil deGrasse Tyson

## Sport

**Wā Ora Badminton Results**

Div 4 Junior Girls vs HVHS 12, 3-4.

Div 3 Junior Boys vs HVHS 7, win by default.

**Wā Ora Basketball Results**

Juniors (Year 9-10s) vs Wellington College 5, 58-25.

**Wā Ora Netball Results**

Tui (Year 9s & up) vs St Orans 14, 17-10.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Oscar Strickland, who placed 16<sup>th</sup> in the regional cross country competition.

Congratulations also to Nea Blackham, who played in the Youth Futsal Nationals during the holidays. Nea's team won the competition.

**Who does what in Admin/Support**

Please talk / email directly with:

**Donna** [donna@waora.school.nz](mailto:donna@waora.school.nz) for

- any financial questions/subsidies
- changes to preschool afternoon arrangements

**Jo** [joanne@waora.school.nz](mailto:joanne@waora.school.nz) for

- appointments to see Ava

**Sharon** [office@waora.school.nz](mailto:office@waora.school.nz) for

- notifying of late/sick/holidays/appointments
- afterschool care
- general enquiries

**Emma** [emmashcrader@waora.school.nz](mailto:emmashcrader@waora.school.nz) for

- new enrolments/transitions

**Relda** [relda@waora.school.nz](mailto:relda@waora.school.nz) for

- passwords for school website
- Wā Ora newsletter inclusions
- communication and marketing

**No Kapa haka This Term**

# Kapahaka

Kapa haka will not be running during term 3. Look out for a term 4 update at the end of this term, or if you have any queries e-mail [kapahaka.waora@gmail.com](mailto:kapahaka.waora@gmail.com).

**The Great Wā Ora Quiz Night & Auction - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Planning for the Quiz Night on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September is well underway and tickets are on sale [here](#) at eventfinda. 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](#).

**School Accounts**

Preschool accounts are now in your mail pockets. Accounts for area school students have been posted, so please watch your mail box for these and contact Donna if you haven't received anything by the end of this week. Information regarding payment options (payment methods and instalment dates) is included in the attached 'Accounts Information Letter'. Please talk to Donna if you have any queries about your account.

**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 ☺.

**Preschool Education Evening**

We are holding an education evening for parents of preschool children on the topic of 'Grace and Courtesy' and how you can support this at home. The evening will be held in week 4 of the term on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August from 7pm - 8pm. Mark your diary and keep an eye out for further details which will follow next week.

**Bee Healthy Dental Van Visiting****FREE Dental Checks!**

Students at Wā Ora are due for their *free* annual dental check-ups.

**The Dental van will be at Wā Ora on Wednesdays from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> September.**

Once seen, your child will be given a letter that may include details of another appointment. Please contact us to change this appointment if required. Please search your child's school bag!

To book or reschedule your appointment, or update your contact details, please call 0800 TALK TEETH. We look forward to seeing you soon!



Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt  
[www.beehealthy.org.nz](http://www.beehealthy.org.nz)  
0800 TALK TEETH (825 583)

**Are You Thinking of Selling Your House?**

Kia Ora. If, from your referral, we list and sell your home in The Lower Hutt area, we will donate \$500 to Wā Ora Montessori School. Contact us today for a no obligation appraisal. Supporting Wā Ora Montessori School. Jodie and Eugene Winterburn. Red Coats Professionals Lower Hutt. 022 462 0121 [teamwinterburn@redcoats.co.nz](mailto:teamwinterburn@redcoats.co.nz).



Supporting the Child Cancer Foundation for over 20 years.

**WRKA Free Karate Open Days**

Come along to our Wainuiomata (Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July) and Lower Hutt (Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July) karate dojos and try a half-hour karate class, completely free, from 9am to 2pm. Plus, if you join on the day, you get our amazing special offer of NO JOINING FEE, FREE UNIFORM, BELT and BADGE - valued at \$70! To join you need to bring ID, bank details and pay your first month's training fee in advance. Come on down and give it a go! Please see [www.wrka.nz](http://www.wrka.nz) for timetables, and regular fees including family discounts. We have 150 members aged from 5+ years and offer traditional karate training with a focus on building confidence, discipline and fitness.