

Diary Dates

Coming Up . . .

- Tuesday 7th August scholastics book orders due
- Wednesday 8th August dental van here
- Thursday 9th August preschool & primary parent coffee morning 9am
- Wednesday 15th August 2nd instalment of school accounts due
- Wednesday 15th August dental van here
- Wednesday 15th August preschool parent education evening 7pm
- Friday 17th August whānau hui 5.30pm

Welcome to the following children and their families ..

... who have joined our community in the last couple of terms:

Nīkau – Nu Nu Woodson, Zephram Hoffman and Grayson Sellers

Kōwhai – Anneke Nydam, Amelia Taylor and Jordan Nguyen

Pōhutukawa – Jennika Marcelo

Rewarewa – Nitya Amaravathi

Wā Ora's upcoming 30th anniversary carnival details



- Friday 31st August –
- 5pm till 7.30pm at the High School –
- Speeches and cake cutting –
- Activities for the children –
- Complementary glass of bubbles and nibbles for the adults –

This Week

Acknowledging our staff and term three events

By Ava Szabo – Principal

Kia ora whānau!

Before we begin, I would like to take the opportunity to acknowledge some of our teachers, who have completed their Montessori training or presented at conferences recently.

Holly in preschool has just completed her AMI 3-6 training - a massive effort over 2-3 years; Jason and Michael in the high school have just returned from training in Ohio, where they attended the Adolescent orientation - an amazing 5 weeks; Carol in 9-12 presented a workshop on Handwork at the AMI Elementary Alumni Association (EAA) Summer Conference in Boulder, Colorado, based on her Handwork album; and Krista in preschool recently presented both Grace and Courtesy and Observation workshops at the recent Montessori Aotearoa NZ (MANZ) conference in Napier. Well done to you all!

I hope everyone has now settled back into the term and the routine of school-time. The weather has been a little warmer and it is nice to have slightly longer days, as we look forward to spring. Schools are such hives of activity with many catch ups, meetings and events scheduled each term and we are no different.

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a few details of some of the big events we have coming up.

Wā Ora's 30th Anniversary, Friday 31st August, 5pm – 7.30pm.

It's carnival time at Wā Ora and everyone loves a get together! Please come along with the family to help us celebrate. Our festivities begin with speeches and the cutting of our anniversary cake. What a wonderful opportunity for us to gather together as a community for a few hours. A chance to catch up with friends old and new and share experiences and memories while enjoying some nibbles.

We have not forgotten our tamariki! They will spend their time being entertained with face painting, a disco and some good old fashioned carnival games with a modern twist, all run by our high school ākonga. Invitations will be emailed out soon. See you there!

The Great Wā Ora Quiz Night and Auction

This PTA led event is happening on Saturday 22nd September from 7pm - 10pm. Food and drink will be available throughout the evening. This is going to be a great evening, so come along and support the PTA and its major fundraiser for this year.

A related message from Richard: *We are very happy to announce that almost all our sponsor slots are filled, including our Gold Sponsor Ray White Real Estate, who has generously pledged us \$500. That means we have raised \$2000 already! What we need now is for you to form your team and get your tickets. Spread the word to your friends and family. We would love your help to make this a huge event for Wā Ora Montessori School. Go to eventfinda to book your tickets. Another thing we would love is some more auction items. Please email Tania at tania@waora.school.nz for more info.*

He mahi kai hōaka, he mahi kai tāngata-Hastings Tipa – *just as work consumes sandstone, so it consumes people; everything worthwhile takes considerable effort.*

Council AGM

Hi everyone,

Wā Ora Council's AGM is to be held at the high school (upstairs in Tāwari) on Wednesday 29th August at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and it's also an opportunity to meet members of the Wā Ora Council, who are both parents and staff. There will be reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Principal, as well as an update on the Wā Ora building programme and where this will be heading over the next few years.

We noted last year that we would be undertaking a comprehensive review of our charter and this is now complete, so this AGM is an opportunity to hear about the outcomes of that process and how we will be looking to implement it to support our children over the next 5-year period.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Scott Champion - Chair

Sport**Wā Ora Basketball Results**

Tiniball (year 3-4) vs Kelson Jets, 8-6

Miniball (year 5-6) vs Maungaraki Mavericks, 26-2

Juniors (year 9-10) vs Paraparaumu, 53-24

Seniors (year 11-13 vs St Pats 4, 61-41

Wā Ora Netball Results

Tui (year 9s & up) did not play

Miromiro (year 7-8) vs St Claudine Diamonds, 21-16

Congratulations!

... to the junior girls' badminton team, which has qualified for the regionals!

Wā Ora app – download it now

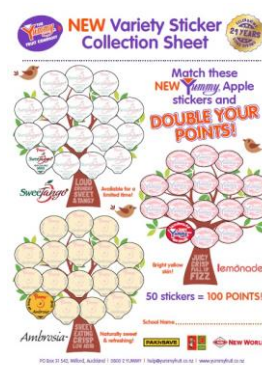
Our new communication app has launched! Download it now to keep up to date with school news and to notify the office of your child's absences. You will also be able to book after school care, check the blogs, read the newsletter, link to our facebook, website, view useful documents and much, much more, 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☺.

Position available

We currently have a vacancy for an adult to provide lunch time supervision to a 6 year old primary child with medical concerns. The role would require you to work from 11.30am – 12.30pm Monday to Friday. A current first aid certificate is desirable, but training will be given to the successful applicant. Please contact Tania (tania@waora.school.nz) or Ava (ava@waora.school.nz) for more information or to register your interest.

Scholastics

Brochures have gone home and online orders are due by tomorrow. Wā Ora earns free books for its library, when parents purchase books for their children through Scholastics☺

Save your 'Yummy' apple stickers

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags and individual Yummy apple stickers and hand into the school office, so that Wā Ora can earn free sports gear. Go

[here](#) to download the sticker chart.

Health and PE Review

Just a reminder to complete the [Health and PE Review](#) survey if you haven't already done so. Thanks in advance☺

Preschool parent 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 is next week on Wednesday 15th August, 7pm - 8pm in Pōhutukawa class. Please RSVP to the office to confirm your attendance.

The Great Wā Ora Quiz Night & Auction

Saturday 22nd September



Tickets are on sale [here](#) at eventfinda.

Help us to achieve our fundraising target of \$5000+ for classrooms to develop their outdoor environments.

Kia ora to all dog parents!

Message from a playgroup parent: I'm an educated dog behaviour consultant and have started my own company in Wellington. My vision on how to live successfully with our dog(s) is actually quite similar to the Montessori views concerning our children. It's all about setting them up for success and giving them as much freedom as possible to make the right choices. If you are interested in getting to know your dog better and to understand its behaviour, please have a look at my website:

www.knowyourdog.co.nz.

Saturday and after school computer classes

For children aged 5 - 15 years. Classes in Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch, Python or Java, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Animation, Video Editing or Build a PC and for the very young, the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499 2211 or visit

www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Beginner guitar lessons

The Rock Academy has a new class for beginner guitarists on Wednesday afternoons at Wā Ora after lunch. A great method with an inspiring teacher. Please contact Geoff Day if you're interested on 021 565 750 or email geoff@therockacademy.co.nz.

Protect your home and raise funds for Wā Ora

Choose (or switch to) Red Wolf as your alarm monitoring provider and they will then donate \$5 per month back to Wā Ora. For further information call 0800 REDMON (733 666).