

Diary Dates

Coming Up . . .

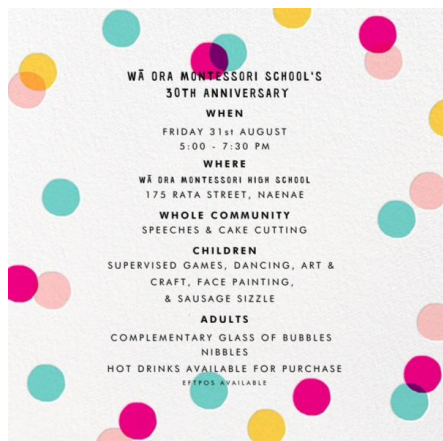
- Tuesday 14th August hearing and vision testing for year 7 students
- Wednesday 15th August 2nd instalment of school accounts due
- Wednesday 15th August dental van here
- Wednesday 15th August preschool parent education evening 7pm
- Friday 17th August whānau hui 5.30pm
- Monday 20th August Council/BoT Meeting 7.30pm Tawhai

Welcome to the following child and her family ..

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

Pōhutukawa – Loretta Evans-Velázquez

Wā Ora's 30th anniversary carnival details



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

RSVP to your paperless post invite by
Monday 20th August.
We hope to see you there!

This Week

The 'Going Out' programme

By Tania Gaffney – Deputy Principal Primary

From about 6 or 7 years ākonga (students) are developing their reasoning minds and continuing to build on their independence that began in preschool. As teachers, we guide them towards becoming independent and an integral part of society. It is during this time that ākonga begin stepping out further into the world to figure out how it works and where they fit in, by physically interacting with it.

'The Going Out Programme' was developed to help with this and involves a small group of ākonga, who arrange to go somewhere, usually for one of three main reasons – to get supplies for class or school, to look further into an interest or to do some sort of community service.

The point of 'going out' is not the end product, i.e. of getting the ingredients; rather it is the journey along the way. When adults run errands, much of the planning is instinctual, based on years of experience and done on the fly. An equivalent comparison for us might be going to visit a new country, where we don't speak the language.

There is scaffolding from adults around the planning side of these ākonga trips - all planning is looked over by teachers before ākonga leave school - resulting in them being able to arrange things for themselves as they get older.

When planning for a 'going out' there are many things to think about before ākonga even step out the door – where to go, how to get there, what to take, arranging an adult, sorting money and a timeframe, practicing and then making phone calls, writing up what could go wrong, how to prevent it happening and what to do if it still does! Finally, everything needs to be signed off. And only after all that comes the outing. 😊

To get on their way ākonga now need to make sure they have everything – money, first aid kit, maps, lunch, correct clothes and shoes and their adult. They must sign out of the office in good time to perhaps catch a bus, get their tasks done and return to school in the time that they said.

Accompanying ākonga on these trips is part of the teacher assistant's job in the 6-9 programme, but in the 9-12 classes we are reliant on the good will of our parents to help us out. The adult's role as a safety net is an important one. They are a shadow, walking a number of paces behind and not interacting, but allowing the ākonga to operate independently of them. I have been on a few of these and have had to train myself to step back, don't help, don't ask or answer questions. It can be a bit of a challenge sometimes, but oh so rewarding to watch and be a part of.

So I am calling for whānau in any part of the school, who have some time during the school day and are happy to add their name to a list of potential companions. There will be a training hour at 8.50am-ish on Monday 20th August or Tuesday 21st August at 7pm in the new staff room.

Even if you're not sure, come and hear more and see if it might be something you could do. By the way you don't need to say yes when asked to join a 'going out', as it is part of the journey for ākonga to find someone who is available.

Council AGM



Wā Ora Council's AGM is on Wednesday 29th August at 7.30pm at the high school (upstairs in Tāwari). Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Principal and it's also an opportunity to meet members of the Council and hear an update on the Wā Ora building programme and where this is heading. Please RSVP to the office or email joanne@waora.school.nz if you are planning on attending. 😊

Sport

Wā Ora Badminton Results

Senior mixed vs St Pats, 1-5

Congratulations to . . .

. . . our junior girls team, who has won division 4 of the Hutt Valley Junior Girls grade.

Wā Ora Basketball Results

Tiniball (year 3-4) vs EHS Rockets won by default (subsequent team vs parents game saw the parents take out a narrow win 18-16)

Miniball (year 5-6) vs Muritai, 9-14

Juniors (year 9-10) vs Tawa, 54-29

Seniors (year 11-13 vs HVHS 4, 79-33

Wā Ora Netball Results

Tui (year 9s & up) vs HVHS 19, 19-17

Miromiro (year 7-8) vs Wainui, 22-21

Wā Ora Indoor Netball Results

Wā Ora Fast but not Furious vs Rangers 13-21

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 😊.

Do you have???

Request from Kawakawa micro

One of our Kawakawa market groups makes reusable shopping bags and other recycled things. If anyone has spare fabric or old clothes, the group would be happy to receive them at Kawakawa on a Thursday afternoon or a Friday morning (from 8.30am to 9.15am). Thank you 😊

Request from primary gardening team

Melissa and Regina would be very grateful to receive any bamboo sticks/lengths people may have at home and not need. The bamboo is needed for a range of tasks in our primary garden areas. Please bring in to school on Friday when the gardening gurus are here to receive or text Melissa on 027 522 8203.

Paid 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 is Monday to Friday from 11.30am – 12.30pm. A current first aid certificate is desirable, but training will be given to the successful applicant. Please email [Tania](#) or [Ava](#) for more information or to register your interest.

Preschool parent education evening

This is the last chance to learn more about 'Grace and Courtesy' and how you can support this at home. The talk is on this Wednesday, 7pm - 8pm in Pōhutukawa class for parents of preschoolers. Please RSVP to the office ASAP.

Health and PE review

We would appreciate you completing the [Health and PE Review](#) survey if you haven't already done so. Thanks for your help in providing feedback to us. 😊

The Great Wā Ora Quiz Night & Auction

Saturday 22nd September



Get your friends together for a well-deserved and fun night out at the Great Wā Ora Quiz Night & Auction. Tickets are on sale [here](#) at eventfinda. With your help we can achieve our fundraising target of \$5000+ for classrooms to develop their outdoor environments.

Be entertained!!



Bring the whole family this Friday night 17th August at 7pm at the Lower Hutt Events Centre, Laings Road to the final of 'Hutt's Got Talent'! This will be an incredible show filled with musicians, dancers, comedians, jugglers and more that will have the whole family inspired. Entry is by koha.

Naenae market

Come along to the pop-up market at Hillary Court on Friday nights, starting next Friday, 24th August from 4pm - 7pm to buy your fresh fruit and veggies. There will also be food trucks with healthy kai, a coffee cart and entertainment. A collaborative initiative between Healthy Families Lower Hutt, Hutt City Council the Team Naenae Trust. If you want to know more or be a part of it, call 021 074 6062 or email teamnaenae@gmail.com.



It's rail safety week

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