

Diary Dates

Coming Up . . .

- Tuesday 21st August Going Out information meeting 7-8pm
- Wednesday 22nd August dental van here
- **Friday 24th August midterm break – WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Monday 27th August Council/BoT meeting 7.30pm Tawhai
- Wednesday 29th August dental van here
- Wednesday 29th August Council AGM 7.30pm Tāwari upstairs high school
- Thursday 30th August PTA meeting 7pm Brew'd Boulcott
- Friday 31st August 30th anniversary high school 5pm
- Saturday 1st September working bee 9am-12 noon

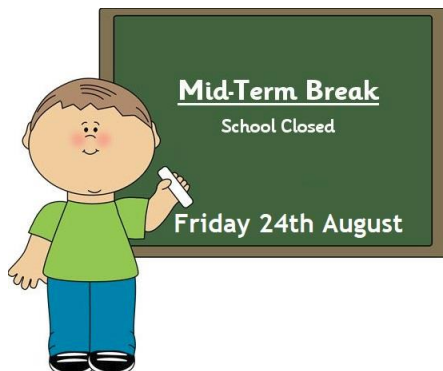
Wā Ora's 30th anniversary - Have you rsvp'd?



- 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 ASAP to your paperless post invite – in your email folder
We hope to see you there!

Remember midterm break



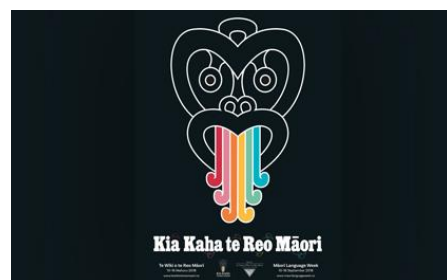
This Week

Maori Language Week – 'Kia kaha te reo Maori'

By Ava Szabo –Principal

Kia ora whānau

This year Maori language week falls between the 10th - 16th September. It is an important week in our calendar and signifies a commitment and a celebration of a language that is our own, unique to this one place that is Aotearoa. It is something we can all take part in and share, both in our classrooms and within our community.



The theme for Māori language week this year

is 'Kia Kaha te Reo Maori'. Kia Kaha means to be strong and is a phrase known to most of us. We often talk about languages as if they are people, talking about our language's health, strength and revitalisation. So when we say, 'Kia kaha te reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.

Although Māori Language Week is now embedded as part of our calendar, this has not always been the case. The change was sparked by students in 1969, some of whom were based here in Wellington at Victoria University. The students had very little knowledge of te reo, so they came together each week on the university tennis courts to practice and learn te reo Māori. The group, led by 'Koro' Te Kapunga Dewes (Ngāti Porou), called itself Te Rōpū Reo Māori/Te Reo Māori Society (TRMS). They aimed to develop and revive their language through quiet action, developing their language skills and increasing people's awareness of te reo Māori and tikanga Māori over several years and never giving up.

On September 14, 1972 the Victoria University Society and an Auckland protest group Ngā Tamatoa delivered a petition to Parliament urging the Government to provide broadcasting and educational opportunities for te reo Māori.

The petition was a success and led directly to the Government introducing optional te reo Māori in primary and secondary schools and a Māori Language Day in the same year. It also provided a training course for native speakers to be established addressing the shortfall in qualified teachers. Māori Language Week was then established in 1975. This petition paved the way for other changes concerning the revitalisation of the language.

Over the next few weeks we will be putting a few words and phrases in the newsletter each week for you to practice. The fortnightly blogs are another place to find phrases used in your class and in our community.

Below is a familiar greeting:

Kei te pēhea koe? (kay tee peh-he-uh ko-eh): *How are you?* Kei te pai. (kay tee pie): *I'm fine.*

Ko taku reo taku ohooho, ko taku reo taku mapihi mauria - *My language is my awakening, my language is the window to my soul*

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 Basketball Results

Tiniball (year 3-4) vs Maungaraki, 22 – 6
Miniball (year 5-6) vs Waterloo, 20 - 8
Juniors (year 9-10) vs Otaki, 60 - 50
Seniors (year 11-13 vs Wainui, 29-58

Wā Ora Netball Results

Tui (year 9s & up) vs HVHS 17, 24-22
Miromiro (year 7-8) defaulted due to injury.

Congratulations to . . .

... our Tui netball team who have taken out their grade on Saturday. Well done girls and many thanks to coach Louane, manager Sarah Jane and all parents and supporters!

Wā Ora Indoor Netball Results

Wā Ora Fast but not Furious vs 5011, 22-24.

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.

Wā Ora app – download it now!

Parents who have already downloaded our app are loving it, so if you haven't already, get it [here](#) 😊.

Parent education evening

The view from the 3rd plane

Come and join us on Wednesday 5th September at 7.30pm in Tāwari (upstairs at the high school) to delve further into the 4 Planes of Development, one of the foundations of Montessori philosophy which guides teachers in preparing the appropriate learning and social environment for ākonga based on their age. Mix and mingle with staff and other parents, tour the high school and listen to a talk by kaiarahi (teachers) from each sector about the main characteristics of the first three planes and a brief overview of the fourth. This will be followed by a panel Q&A session so bring your questions about philosophy and child development. RSVP to the office.

Health and PE review

This is your last chance to have your say in our [Health and PE Review](#) survey if you haven't already done so as we're closing it off this Wednesday evening. Thanks for your help in providing feedback to us. Click on the link above to access the survey.

Working Bee



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

Saturday 1st September

9am – 12noon

Finlay Smith	Anya Joseph
William Robbers	Zack Roberts
Zoe Rothbaum	Rose Russell
Scarlett Sheridan	Olioli-Joe Silivello
Sophie Denton	Jania Marcelo
Adam Spurgeon	Gracien Stapp
Jessica Stokes	Oscar Strickland
Nimue Strivens	Luca Sutherland
Dylann Sweeney	Beau Sweeney
William Taylor	Amelia Taylor
India Thornber	Mila Nagel
Maaz Buksh	

A big thank you!

Many thanks go to Jen Humphries, mum of Poppy Jane and Florentine for donating a lovely nursing chair to our playgroup 😊

Massey University – Child Asthma Study

Massey University is conducting a study looking at the different types of asthma in children aged 8-18. The aim of the study, which involves a lung function test and a short questionnaire, is to improve the understanding of childhood asthma and develop better treatment options for all asthmatics. If your child is between 8 and 18 years old, we would be very grateful if you could take part. The researchers are looking for children with and without asthma to participate. Please contact Jean Feary McKenzie on 0508 ASTHMA or asthma@massey.ac.nz.



MASSEY UNIVERSITY
TE KUNENGA KI PŪREHUROA

March for Mental Health

This student-organised event is taking place this Friday. It starts at 2.30pm from Taita Rock, on the Hutt River Trail and ends at 5pm at Hutt Valley High School.



Boomerang Bags Make and Take

With the goal of ending the use of single-use plastic bags, Boomerang Bags provides free reusable bags to shoppers - borrow a bag and return it next time you're in the area. To help them, come along to Maidstone Intermediate school, Upper Hutt this Sunday 26th August from 10am – 2pm and sew (and take one home) reusable cloth shopping bags. For more info go [here](#).