

## Diary Dates

### Coming Up . . .

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September **Kawakawa parent/teacher/student conferences** 3.40pm–5pm
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September **Kawakawa parent/teacher/student conferences** 12noon–7.30pm
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September **Peace Day**
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> **PTA quiz night** and auction 7pm at the high school
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September **2<sup>nd</sup> Gardasil** dose for Year 8 boys and girls
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September **Tāwari parent/teacher/student conferences** 3.30pm–6pm
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September **Tāwari parent/teacher/student conferences** 12noon–6pm
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September **Coffee House** 7pm–9pm
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> **LAST DAY OF TERM THREE**

### Welcome to ...

. . . Lorelei Fetting in **Kowhāi** class who has just joined our preschool community.

### Peace day – this Friday



Our community will celebrate Peace Day this Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. Whānau are warmly invited to share a breakfast of toast and spreads together on the preschool deck from 8am, before we move over to the primary courts at 8.50am to sing peace songs, light the peace candle and listen to some words about peace. We look forward to having you share this event with us.

## This Week

### The mind of the 0-3 child

By Ava Szabo – Principal

Kia ora whānau

Over the past 2 weeks I have been privileged to attend the AMI 0-3 Certificate course. This would not have been possible without the support of the board and the senior leadership team. A special thanks goes out to Tania for stepping into the Principal's position while I was away.

For me, attending this course was a humbling experience. I have always known that these very small beings were born with an absorbent mind, but I did not fully understand the depth of this capability.

The child absorbs everything and unlike the adult, where these things leave an impression on the mind, for the 0-3 child, these impressions form the mind and are effortless and tireless. This mental power of the 0-6 child is enormous; the child is creating their own mental muscle. The absorbent mind shapes the adult to come.

This special mind allows the child to take in everything in their environment from a very deep level. This is taken in unconsciously for the first three years – all the movements you make, the way you speak and greet people, how gracious you are, how compassionate you are. This then becomes part of who the child is. It builds the human characteristics and it forms their character, the person they will become. This stays with them forever.

In the first three years of life we need to show patience and understanding to the child. They take in, but nothing comes out. Maria Montessori likened it to an old fashioned photograph, where you had to wait for the picture to develop. The child will reveal himself to us when the time is right. Our job is to wait patiently but provide the right environment for this to happen and unfold.

The poem below offers an insight into the child and our relationship with them.

#### On Children - *Kahlil Gibran*

*Your children are not your children.  
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.  
They come through you but not from you,  
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.  
You may give them your love but not your thoughts,  
For they have their own thoughts.  
You may house their bodies but not their souls,  
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,  
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.  
You may strive to be like them,  
but seek not to make them like you.  
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.  
You are the bows from which your children  
as living arrows are sent forth.  
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,  
and He bends you with His might  
that His arrows may go swift and far.  
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;  
For even as He loves the arrow that flies,  
so He loves also the bow that is stable.*

**Sport****Wā Ora basketball results**

Tiniball (year 3-4) vs Naenae semi-final 8-18.

Miniball (year 5-6) vs Boulcott Sharks semi-final – a win to us!

**Wā Ora indoor netball results**

Wā Ora Fast but not Furious vs Hinau Busters, 27-23.

**Netball end of season**

Our year 3–4 team, Pīwakawaka, finished their 2018 netball season with a prize giving on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September. A big thanks to Rob Lamb and Ike Tapine for coaching the team.



Netball Hutt Valley  
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**Preschool parents signing**

Preschool parents, please ensure you sign off your child's attendance weekly on the clipboard in the school office as this is a Ministry requirement. If you have not been into the office for a while, please catch this up before the end of term ☺

**Wā Ora parent satisfaction survey**

Thank you once again to all whānau who have already gone online to complete this year's Parent Satisfaction Survey. This is an important part of how the school collects feedback and helps us to review our practices and refine these where necessary. Every member of the Wā Ora community has an important and valuable opinion so if you have not yet completed a survey, there is still time. This [link](#) will take you directly to it. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will be open for responses until next Friday. Results will be published in the school newsletter in term 4.

**The Great Wā Ora Quiz Night & Auction**

**This Saturday – Doors open 6.45pm**



Thanks to all who have purchased tickets – we are sold out! Remember to drink responsibly and to consider who will be the sober driver. Food, drinks (alcohol and non) are on sale and we also have eftpos. Auction items include a tour around Weta studios, a Weta Digital figurine, original artwork, Mitre 10 vouchers and much more. Do your entire Christmas shop at the quiz night and relax for the rest of the year! If you still want to come along, email [Richard](#) to go on the waiting list. Anyone who has bought eight or more tickets should email [Richard](#) to reserve a table. If you would like to help out on the night, the PTA could do with more helpers, so once again please contact [Richard](#).

**Parent teacher interviews**

Kawakawa interviews will be held this week with preschool, primary and Tāwari holding theirs next week. Booking emails will be out soon. Please note there will be NO school for Kawakawa students from 12noon this Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> and for Tāwari students next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Afterschool care bookings for parent teacher interviews next week**

If you will require After School Care for your child/ren while you attend parent teacher interviews, please book in through the school office prior to the day to help us accommodate your request.

**Preschool holiday programme**

Bookings for the October preschool holiday programme are open and the cost is \$175 per week for 9am - 3pm. After school care will be available from 3pm–5pm for the first week only at the normal term charges. As we don't take casual day bookings, 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](#) to confirm your interest.

**Raising resilient children workshops**

Invest in your future family, children and well-being by attending these workshops on raising resilient children and learn about leadership in the family, parenting from your strengths and problem solving. Facilitated by Madeleine Taylor, People Skills Consultant, these workshops cost \$60 for all three and run Fridays, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 19<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> November 9.30pm – 12.30pm at the Knowledge Shop, 31 Phillips Street, Johnsonville. For more info or to book, contact Madeleine on 027 211 6469 or [madeleine.f.taylor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:madeleine.f.taylor@xtra.co.nz).

**Team Naenae Trust family movie Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September 6pm**

Movie proudly sponsored by:



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**School holiday programmes  
The Rock Academy**

This programme is great for young musicians and singers. Bussing trips every day, songwriting workshops and lots more. It's safe, fun and great for building self-confidence. 3 days each week of the holidays, 9am–3pm. For more info and to book, go [here](#) or contact [geoff@therockacademy.co.nz](mailto:geoff@therockacademy.co.nz).

**Kids on Foot**

We are taking enrolments now for our school holiday programmes in Petone, Wainui and Taita. We have fun and exciting activities planned for your children. Go to [www.kidsonfoot.co.nz](http://www.kidsonfoot.co.nz) or [www.facebook.com/kidsonfoot](https://www.facebook.com/kidsonfoot) for more information about specific timetabled activities, costs and subsidies. Bookings close this Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September.