

Diary Dates

Coming Up . . .

- Tuesday 25th September 2nd **Gardasil dose** for Year 8 Boys and Girls
- Wednesday 26th September **Tāwari parent/teacher/student conferences** 3.30pm–6pm
- Thursday 27th September **Tāwari parent/teacher/student conferences** 12noon–6pm
- Thursday 27th September **NO school for Tāwari students** from 12noon
- Thursday 27th September **Coffee House** 7pm–9pm
- Friday 28th September **LAST DAY OF TERM THREE**
- Monday 15th October **FIRST DAY OF TERM FOUR**

Kawakawa Coffeehouse Pop-Up Café

Kawakawa host their end of term evening this Thursday starting at 7pm, so why not pop along, a little ahead of start time, from 5.30pm and grab your dinner from the Kawakawa Pop-Up Café in the big Kawakawa space. Yumminess assured!



POP-UP CAFE

5.30PM-6.45PM

KAWAKAWA MAIN ROOM BEFORE COFFEE HOUSE

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

COME ALONG FOR A LIGHT SNACK BEFORE COFFEE HOUSE



PINWHEELS \$2

AFGHANS \$2

CITRUS SLICE \$2

VEGAN CHOCOLATE CUPCAKES \$2

VANILLA CUPCAKES \$2



CAPPA, LATTE, FLAT WHITE, MOCHA, HOT CHOCOLATE \$3.00

ESPRESSO, AMERICANO, LONG BLACK \$2.50

EFTPOS AVAILABLE!

This Week

The rode code and the paradox of freedom

By Thomas McGrath – Deputy Principal High School

Perhaps one of the most sought after badges of independence for any adolescent is that of the New Zealand Driver's Licence. Why is this?

On the surface, there is the prestige and personal fulfilment in being able to own (or borrow) a car. A car is a status symbol for many, and the status that any vehicle represents to the adolescent is that of the independent person. When one can make one's own way around, it means that a vital stage of independence and trust has been reached (not to mention an opportunity for parents to finally relinquish their part-time 'taxi-driver' roles.) Vehicular mobility allows for a new and unprecedented level of 'going out'. When we examine this further however, it provides us some valuable insights into what adolescents need, because it models many aspects of the well prepared environment.

Firstly, consider the paradox of the road system; an intricate network of tarmac and paint, signs and symbols that allows you to travel wherever and whenever you please (within reason). The rigid form of the road and its rules actually create a structure in which to allow safe freedom of movement. It can be common for some observers in Montessori classes to say, "That is so strictly controlled – where is the freedom". While others can say, "That is so free – the children can do what they want." In reality both of these statements are true. Through a process of lessons, children are able to engage in the careful structure of the environment with increasing levels of independence and with natural consequences for error and misdemeanour.

The privilege of road access is withheld until the ripe old age of sixteen to ensure that the task is undertaken by a conscious and mature young adult in a series of stages. The first stage being the learner – the ability to engage in the world with limited capacity with an experienced driver. Secondly, the restricted driver – the ability to engage alone, but with conditions in the environment. And finally the fully licensed driver that may use the prepared environment of the road as required within the agreed road rules and may even begin to teach learner drivers.

Curiously the 'road code' is a sought after study text for adolescents. These beings whom we often associate with being blasé or dismissive of rules actually take quite a fascination with the road code. But it is for the simple reason that a fine understanding of the road rules gives a fast road to freedom. Many might consider driving to be a dangerous pastime, but this by its very nature is what makes it so effective as a system; there are very real and immediate consequences for mistakes and errors. So, to the adolescent, it is an attractive model of freedom and independence and what they require.

Is your adolescent driving you crazy? Don't worry, one day they will drive themselves.



Thomas moved to Wellington in 2005 to pursue academic study and after several years acting, playing music and teaching in various capacities, he began at Wā Ora in 2014. In 2017 he began as Deputy Principal of the High School and it is with pride that he is part of such an active, involved, and vibrant learning community. In his down time, Thomas likes to make great plans with his wife, play the drums and the accordion, sit quietly, read short books, listen to music, drink tea, walk his dogs and tinker in the garden of their house in Newtown.

Sport**Wā Ora basketball results**

Tiniball (year 3-4) vs Koraunui, 6-8. A close and exciting final! Huge thanks to Dylan Budge for coaching the team this season.

Miniball (year 5-6) vs Waterloo Knights, final. Sincere thanks to Sam Fisher (coach) and Shane Schulp (manager) for their work with the team this season.

Wā Ora indoor netball results

Wā Ora Fast but not Furious vs Pick n Mix, 36 – 24.

Swimming Interzones

Congratulations to Oscar S, Olivia C, Jachin-Arepa, Psalms-Rangimarie and Josephine who participated in the interzones on Thursday. Each student placed in the top three of at least one of the finals! Special thanks to parents Connie and Paul for supporting the students throughout this event.

Futsal

An extraordinary number of primary girls participated in last week's Lower Hutt fun futsal festival for girls. Thanks to the senior girls who coached the teams and to Sola for helping on the day.

Congratulations. . .

. . . to Phaedra and Tenakee for making the Wellington Under 10's touch development team.

Wā Ora Weet-bix TRYathlon team

Registrations are now open for kids aged 7-15 years for this Hutt City event on Thursday 14th March 2019. A Wā Ora school group has been created and if your child wishes to be included, click [here](#) when entering. We'll organise a marquee for the day so we can sit together. Any queries, please email [Anna](#). For complete details of the event please go [here](#).

Wā Ora whānau satisfaction survey – last week

Thank you to all those whānau who have already gone online to complete this year's survey, but we'd still like to hear from all of you! There is time to complete the survey at this [link](#). It will take about 10 minutes and will be open for responses until this Friday (28th September). Results will be published by way of the school newsletter at the start of term four.

**Chinese Language Week Event:
Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival****Asia New Zealand
Foundation**

Coming up in primary this week, we will be celebrating Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival with a number of activities run by Lisa and parents. These include Taichi, tea ceremony, Chinese dance, painting, mannerisms and cooking. Children will experience some, but not all, of these options. It will be a great experience for children to explore the Chinese culture. Thank you to the Asia New Zealand Foundation for supporting this project to help students experience Asian culture.

Please check lost property

Due to the large volume of items, we will be bagging it up and donating to charity at the end of this week. The lost property rack is now located in the corridor between the fish tank and doors to the primary deck (Rātā classe end).

Parent teacher interviews

Preschool, primary and Tāwari parent teacher interviews will be held this week. Booking emails for preschool, primary and Tāwari went out last week. Please note there will be NO school for Tāwari students this Thursday 27th September.

**Afterschool care bookings for
parent teacher interviews**

If you need after school care for your child/ren while you attend parent teacher interviews, please remember to book in through the school office prior to the day to help us accommodate your request.

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

The Great Wā Ora Quiz Night and Auction was a huge success on Saturday night. A lot of people are already talking up how it will look in 2019! We will update soon on how much money we raised but things are looking good to reach our target. The auction alone raised around \$2000! This event was brought to you by your crack PTA team but there were so many more people involved. Huge thanks to everybody who put time and effort into this night. Our outdoor environments will benefit hugely and I'm sure the teachers will be looking forward to planning what they will do with the money.

House for rent**House For Rent - Naenae Hills**

Nestled in Native Bush & Set Back from Quiet Street this Sunny, Fully Insulated, 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath House has 2 Decks, a Conservatory, an Integrated Basement/Garage All Whiteware Appliances, a Heatpump & a Woodburner. This Semi-Furnished House will be Available for \$500/week Starting 1 October 2018.

Call 022-068-2184 to view.

School holiday programmes**Kāpiti Island for Kids**

This adventure is for children aged 9-12 from 3rd –5th October and is for 3 days and 2 nights. It includes nighttime kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, games, wildlife discovery, cabin accommodation (quad share), delicious food, ferry and DOC permits. \$395pp. Limited to 14 spaces, please email bookings@kapitiisland.com.

School Holiday Entertainment
Te Whiti Riser Night Walk

Watch the sun set over the harbour with your family, while exploring the Te Whiti Riser this Friday night. This free Hutt City Council event is suitable for all ages and starts at the Te Whiti Park, Whites Line East, Waiwhetu. For more info click [here](#).