

## Diary Dates

### Coming up . . .

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1<sup>st</sup> instalment school accounts due
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October **BoT/Council meeting** 7.30pm Tawhai
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November preschool/primary parent coffee morning 9am Trade Kitchen Naenae
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November **Sports Celebration Evening** 7-9pm T2, high school
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November PTA **Wheels Day**
- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November **working bee** 9am–12 noon
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment school accounts due

### Welcome to the following children and their families...

- Pōhutukawa** – Nellie Sutherland
- Rewarewa** – Jasper Jeffrey-Sun
- Nīkau** – Adelaide Rives Jonquille

## Wā Ora hākinakina (sports) celebration

Get your tickets from the office NOW – only \$5 per person.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
7–9 pm  
T2 (high school)



Full details overleaf

## This Week

### Montessori reflections with a parent hat on!

By Amy Johnson - Kōwhai Head Teacher – Preschool

I was thinking the other day about how many of us wear multiple hats in this community. Many of us are parents/teachers /PTA members/administrators/Board members/class parents and/or relief staff here at Wā Ora. It is interesting to see this community and this system of education from lots of different points of view.

Before I became a parent, I was a directress in a Montessori environment for eight years. I was leading parent education evenings, on the board of directors and was head of school for seven of those years. I gave a lot of guidance and advice about children's needs and phases of development, long before I had children of my own. I am sometimes asked if having my own children has changed the advice I give parents? I have found that actually, my explanations and advice have changed very little. My understanding of how challenging these lofty goals are in the real world however, has changed a lot!

In harmony with the Montessori philosophy, we strive to give our children time and opportunity to pursue their interests and passions, to try and fail, and try again without judgement. We provide clear, consistent, developmentally-appropriate boundaries that allow them to explore and we do our best to be in the moment with them as they stretch themselves and discover wonders. All these opportunities are incredible gifts to both our children and ourselves. Before I had children, I was practising these things while I spent hours in an environment that was specifically (and scientifically) designed with these purposes in mind. Let me say that again – our classrooms are specifically (and scientifically) designed with these purposes in mind! These special environments have been modified and honed over the last 110 years to serve exactly the developmental stage your child is at right now. Incredible, right?

But the rest of the world? Outside the Montessori environment? Yeah, not so much.

Ever wonder why it sometimes feels so difficult to parent at the grocery store or in the car or the mall? None of those places were designed with children in mind. I have learned as a parent to continue to strive for all of these 'ideals', but also to keep in mind that this is not ALWAYS possible. And that is OK.

Another corner stone of Montessori philosophy is something called "friendliness with error" and it is exactly that; a feeling of warmth and friendliness when things don't quite work out as we would like. A forgiveness that allows us to learn from the not-ideal times or attempts at something and lets us learn from the experience and try again. And again!

So to make a long answer short, I often reflect that my advice didn't really change after I became a parent, but my understanding of the monumental and yet enjoyable task that these ideas present, became much, much deeper.



Amy joined Wā Ora in 2015 after previously working in Montessori centres in Australia. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Linguistics), an AMI 3 – 6 Diploma and a Masters of Education. She loves connecting children with the tools in their environment to discover for themselves their own passion for learning and feels privileged to see them reveal their personality through their interests and actions. In her free time, she enjoys camping and hiking and visiting the beach, skatepark and bike tracks with her family.

**Sport**

**Wā Ora hākinakina (sports) celebration**

This year we celebrate our sporting achievements on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November, from 7–9 pm, with an evening of formal presentations and acknowledgements followed by a mix and mingle supper. Everyone in our community is welcome to share in this special event. Tickets cost only \$5 and can be purchased from the school office until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. All coaches and managers are warmly invited to attend as non-paying guests. We look forward very much to seeing you there.

**Indoor Netball**

Fast Not Furious v Rangers, 34 – 41.

**Primary athletic sports, Y4 -7**

Held on Friday, this was a great afternoon of fun and participation. Events were recorded according to time, distance and/or height and are being compiled. Those students whose results qualify them for interschool athletics will be asked this week if they would like to enter this event (to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> November).

A very special thanks goes to the wonderful Kawakawa students who facilitated the events, to the Kawakawa teachers for working their timetable to allow this, to Tāwari teacher, Zena, for giving her afternoon to help at the sports and to the primary school teachers who supported their students throughout the afternoon.

**School dates for early next year 2019**

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The preschool and area school return in 2019 after the summer holiday on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January, with the high school starting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January, for their Kawakawa half-day Odyssey gear check (am) and Tāwari course confirmation (pm). Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March is a teacher-only day and the school will not be open for students.

**Abacus calendar fundraiser**

We are again offering these calendars, notepads, diaries, mouse pads and card packs to parents with children’s artwork/photo on them. These make a great gift for extended family members, are affordably priced and help to raise money for Wā Ora. Prices as follows:

- Art Calendar/Photo Calendar \$14**
- Diary \$18**
- 8-pk cards/mouse mat/sketch pad \$16**

Order forms for these will be handed out/put in your preschool mail pocket this week and are due back with payment by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Full information is available on the order form (**our school code is KZ752**) and your child’s drawing is now available to view in their class.



**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Cecily Holland, Jaya Cope, Madeleine Bailey, Emily Wong and Kaitlyn Burtenshaw for winning the Best Performance Award of 2018 New Zealand School Students Chinese Short Film Contest.



**Scholastics**

Scholastic brochures are out now and orders are due back on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. There is an option to have books in this issue processed as a gift for Christmas - just follow instructions online.

**Working Bee**



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

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 9am – 12noon**

Alvin Wood	Beau Sweeney
Zoe Rothbaum	Sophie Young
Charlie Munro	Nitya Amaravathi
Chyoe Thean	Sophia Mathieson
Leah Turner	Sebastian Toilolo-Meijn
Jaeda Trapp	Julian Wimbush
Wila Weaver	George Thorogood
Ishan Vallabh	Alara Vitale-Toniso
Asher Wanden	Aidan Waterreus
Ashlea Weaver	Valentino Trujillo
Ailie Weir	Jachin-Arepa Webster
Samuel Trojca	Adam Spurgeon
Elspeth Pottstock-Nichols	
Sailash Prasanna Pabmanabhan	

**SPCA needs your help**



Register online [here](#) to help the SPCA raise money to help more animals. Your \$12 registration gets your doggy a bandana, doggy pedometer and a welcome pack. Track your kms throughout November, get friends and family to sponsor you and together we can help more of the animals in need.

**Seed and Seedling Swap**



Come along this Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October from 11am–1pm to the Eastbourne Community Library, 38 Rimu Street, Eastbourne and bring your spare seeds, seedlings and garden stuff to swap with others. Everyone welcome, even if you have nothing to share – there is always more than enough to go around!

