

## Diary Dates

### Coming up . . .

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October **BoT/Council meeting** 7.30pm Tawhai
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November **Self-defence Y11-13 girls** morning 9am–2pm T2
- 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
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November **Sports teams photos** 9.30am T2
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November **2<sup>nd</sup> instalment school accounts due**
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November **playgroup open morning 9am**

### Welcome to the following child and his family ...

**Rewarewa** – Charlie Eastall

### 2018 Wā Ora Bullying Prevention Survey

We are about to begin a review of our anti-bullying procedure with a google survey to whānau. Please help us continue our focus on student well-being by completing the survey (survey link will be emailed later in the week) and providing your feedback to assist our assessment of this important area.

**Wā Ora hākinakina (sports) celebration**  
This Thursday 1st November  
7–9 pm T2 (high school)



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

## This Week

### Hākinakina (sports) awards, Montessori style

By Sarah Jane Lambie – Sports Coordinator

One characteristic of a Montessori environment is that it is 'non-competitive', meaning that Montessori teachers support students to strive to be their best selves – in all school activities – and encourage them to show consideration towards others as they do so.

The thing is though, we live in a world that often focuses on competition; a world where individuals are pitched against one another for personal gain. And it feels good to win, to be the best, right? How then, in the context of physical activity at school, can we hold true to Montessori philosophy and support students in managing this deeply ingrained instinct to win, by allowing them to shine and grow in sport yet maintain a spirit of collaboration?

At Wā Ora one of the ways we do this is through our annual sports evening. We invite everyone in our school community to attend the event at which all those who participate in hākinakina (sports) at Wā Ora – players, coaches, team managers and supporters alike – are acknowledged for their contribution, commitment, team work, development and skill.

We hope you will join us at this year's sports celebration, this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 7–9 pm, for presentations and acknowledgements followed by a mix and mingle supper. For catering purposes, **ticket sales close end of day tomorrow**. Tickets are \$5/person and can be purchased from the school office. (Phone or email to arrange your tickets if you are not coming in and then make payment via internet banking to the same bank account as your donations, using the reference of 'Sports Celeb' and your surname.)

All coaches and managers are warmly invited to attend as non-paying guests. We look forward very much to seeing you all there!

### 2018 parent satisfaction survey review in brief

By Relda Hermann – Marketing Administrator

Last term Wā Ora surveyed the parent community for feedback on the school and various aspects of its operations. We received 105 responses this year, 5 down on last year, however with the school growing, this number needs to grow to continue to be representative of our whānau. Our survey once again focused on several key areas.

Within **communication** modes, email is still far and away the most popular way for us to communicate with you, but the app has proved a winner with 50% of respondents preferring this. 80% of respondents have downloaded the app and comments around content and functionality are very positive. Questions around the **parent education evenings** saw varied suggestions for future topics and strong interest around being able to view a video of an evening if you were unable to attend. Satisfaction remains high with the **SLT** (senior leadership team) and whānau understanding of the **BoT's** role and members has remained constant from last year. The **community** questions provided heartening reading with very positive responses to meeting needs for connection, both overall and at the sector level; gratitude for all that the PTA does was also significant. Overall satisfaction with Wā Ora has nudged up from last year to 91%.

A big thank you to all who contributed their time to share their thoughts. Your comments and suggestions will be carefully considered and implemented where possible. And if you weren't able to contribute this year, perhaps you can in 2019! ☺

**Sport****Sports teams photos**

Team photos will be taken this coming Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am in T2. Any student who has played a team sport for Wā Ora this year will need to bring their uniform INCLUDING shoes/boots, etc. and matching socks to school on Monday. Uniforms already handed in will be available for students to change into on the day. Those with uniforms at home MUST please bring them!! Digital copies of photos will be available for whānau to purchase at a cost of \$5 per photo.

**Futsal results**

Senior Mixed v HVHS Brown, 5-5.  
Junior Girls v Chilton, 4-6.  
Junior Mixed v HIBS Blue, 0-12.

**Indoor netball results**

Fast Not Furious v Mamith, 30 - 27.

**Touch**

Thank you to all those families who are supporting touch at Wā Ora this year and especially to our coaches and managers Anna and Ike Tapine, Sharon Udy and Ben Love.

**Primary school athletics**

Results have been processed and qualifiers for the central zone competition notified. Please confirm with sarahjane@waora.school if you wish to participate on 12<sup>th</sup> November at Hutt Rec. Further details will be sent via email.

**Scholastics**

Scholastic brochures went home last week and orders are due back on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Issue 8 will also be coming out soon and both will be open for orders for these weeks leading up to Christmas. There is an option to have books processed as a gift for Christmas - just follow instructions online.

**Playgroup open morning**

We are excited to be holding an open morning for new and interested parents of toddlers 18 months to 3 years at the Wā Ora Montessori Playgroup next Thursday morning, 8<sup>th</sup> November 9am – 11.30 am. Pass this information on to any interested friends you may have and encourage them to pop in and visit us and see our Montessori playgroup environment, share a bite of morning tea and chat with our co-ordinator and other playgroup parents.

**Abacus calendar fundraiser**

We are again offering calendars, diaries, notepads, mouse pads and card packs with children's artwork/photo on them to parents. Great gift ideas for extended family members that help to raise money for Wā Ora! Prices are as follows:

**Art Calendar/Photo Calendar \$14**

**Diary \$18**

**8-pk cards/mouse mat/sketch pad \$16**



Order forms for these have been handed out/put in your preschool mail pocket last week and are due back with payment by this 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.

**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
Chyoe Thean	Nitya Amaravathi
Leah Turner	Sophia Mathieson
Jaeda Trapp	Sebastian Toilolo-Meijn
Wila Weaver	George Thorogood
Ishan Vallabh	Alara Vitale-Tonisio
Asher Wanden	Aidan Waterreus
Ashlea Weaver	Valentino Trujillo
Ailie Weir	Jachin-Arepa Webster
Samuel Trojca	Adam Spurgeon
Elspeth Pottstock-Nichols	
Sailesh Prasanna Pabmanabhan	

**PTA wheels day cancelled**

Wheels Day will now NOT be happening this coming Friday as the PTA are currently looking at scheduling some super-sized fun and exciting events for the school calendar next year ☺

**Art exhibition and sales this weekend**

ArtBourne is a popular biennial art exhibition of contemporary artworks, jewellery and sculpture from nationally acclaimed and emerging artists. Come along this Saturday and Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November) from 11am – 4pm at Wellesley College, Days Bay. FREE entry. For more info go [here](#).

**Hutt City Libraries Summer Reading Challenge 2018-19**

Any child aged 0-12 years can sign up for the challenge at any of our eight Hutt City Libraries from 1<sup>st</sup> December. And the entire whānau can join in. This year we have *The Little Read* for ages 0-5 years; *The Big Read* for ages 5-12; and *Explore, Read, Relax* for rangatahi and adults.

It's a great way to support your child's reading and help them maintain the reading achievements they have made throughout the school year, even while on holiday! More details are available at [library.huttcity.govt.nz](http://library.huttcity.govt.nz) and at all Hutt City Libraries.

**Upper Hutt Highland Gathering**

A Scottish highland gathering at Harcourt Park, Upper Hutt this Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 9.30 am – 3.00 pm! Bring the family for a fun-filled day of music, dance and activities, including highland dancing, bagpipes, Scottish sword fighting, archery, highland cows, clan tents and more. Dancing starts at 9.30 am with Scottish sword fighting, 'Shoot the Knight' and pipe band displays from 11.30am onwards.