

Diary Dates

Coming up . . .

- Wednesday 14th November **Odyssey/ICT meeting** for ALL parents of year 7, 8 & 9 students 6.45 pm Kawakawa
- Wednesday 14th November **Kawakawa transition meeting** for parents of year 7 students 7.30 pm Kawakawa
- Thursday 15th November **Kawakawa advisory group outings** 8.30am
- Thursday 15th November **transition to 9-12 meeting for parents** of year 4 students 7.30 pm
- Sunday 18th November **whānau hui catch up** Avalon Park 12 noon
- Wednesday 21st November **Open House evening** 5.30pm
- Thursday 22nd November **transition visits for 5-year-olds to 6–9, Y4 to Tōtara/Tawhai and Y7 to Kawakawa** 9am
- Friday 23rd November **preschool and primary disco** (Odyssey fundraiser) 6pm
- Monday 26th November **BoT/Council meeting** 7.30pm Tawhai

Welcome to the following child and his family ...

Pōhutukawa – Hemi Thompson

Open House Evening

Join your child and share their learning at our... **Open House Evening**

FOR THE PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 21ST 5.30-7PM

The ākonga in each class invite you to get involved in their learning. They may show you a project they've been working on, demonstrate a lesson or give you a tour of the classroom. Teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have.

All whānau welcome

LOCATION: YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM

This Week

Lest we forget

By Ava Szabo –Principal

'Peace is what every human being is craving for, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child.' *Maria Montessori*

On Sunday we commemorated the armistice that signalled the end of WWI. It ended all fighting – on land, sea and air – between the Allies and Germany and came into effect at 11 am (Paris time) on 11th November 1918 marking victory for the Allies.

Across New Zealand, at every cenotaph in every town and all around the world, people came together to remember and to reflect on what was past, pay tribute to the fallen and to recapture the celebration and hope which swept New Zealand that day.

This was a day that allowed us to connect as a community, thinking not only of the past but looking to the future. Wā Ora was among the schools that were a part of our local commemorative event held at the Lower Hutt Cenotaph. We were represented by two of our senior ākonga, Fiann Blackham and Nyah Holland. As the sun shone yesterday morning and people began to gather, we arrived with our wreath that was to be laid in remembrance of that time 100 years ago. I was struck by the number of people, both young and old, who turned out; many perhaps had relatives who had been involved in WWI over a century ago. An important day for many.

There was reference made to the men and women from New Zealand who had been a part of the war. Out of a population of just over one million there were more than 120,000 New Zealanders enlisted and around 100,000 of these men and women served overseas; almost one in five did not return. Approximately 18,000 New Zealanders died in, or because of, the war and over 41,000 men were wounded.

The formal proceedings commenced at 11 am with a two-minute silence. The speakers who followed told the personal stories of our local boys who left the Hutt Valley to travel to places they had never heard of and to horrors that were neither forgotten nor often spoken of again, by those who returned.

Towards the end of the commemorations the poem, In Flanders Fields, written by John McCrae was also shared, a fitting tribute for the day.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



Thank you Fiann and Nyah for representing our school so well on Sunday.

Sport

Futsal results

Senior Mixed v Silverstream 11 Green, 7–1.

Senior Mixed v HIBS, 10–2.

Junior Girls v HVHS Silver, 3–6.

Junior Mixed v Upper Hutt Green, 3–6.

Touch results

Ruru (Y1/2) v Rata Street, 2–6.

Pūkeko (Y1/2) v Naenae Phoenix, 9–3.

Weka (Y3/4) v Koraunui Hot steppers, 4–5.

Kererū (Y3/4 mixed) v Rata Street, 3–8.

Touch Rugby

We have four teams playing this season! Please come along and support us. Games are played at Fraser Park on Thursdays (We wear lime green t-shirts). Pūkeko and Ruru (year 1/2) at 4 pm, Weka (year 3/4) at 4.30 pm and Kererū (year 3/4) at 5 pm. We also run an open touch rugby session on Sundays from 11.30 am – 12.30 pm at Te Whiti Park. All Wā Ora students aged 4 – 12 are welcome. For more information, contact Anna Tapine.

Weet-bix TRYathlon

Registrations are now open for kids aged 7 – 15 years. For complete details please check out [here](#). A school group has been created for the Hutt City event on Thursday 14th March 2019. To be included in the school group, click [here](#). We'll organise a marquee for the day so we have a place to sit together. Any queries, please e-mail Anna on tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com.

End of year concert



This will happen on Wednesday 12th December, starting at the earlier time of 11 am this year at the high school. Parents may arrive from 10.40 am. All children must be picked up by 1 pm and there is no after school care on this day. Further details to come next week.

Kawakawa market on this Friday

Kawakawa market is selling before school every Friday this term (except week 8). With Christmas just around the corner why not start your shopping early!

Hello World disco fundraiser



Our school disco is on Friday 23rd November (next week) at the high school. This year come dressed in a costume that celebrates where you are from or where you would love to visit! And with your costume bring your smile and a greeting from the country you have chosen. Enjoy dinner for the family, activities for the children and dance to great tunes from our Wā Ora DJ's.

Preschool 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm \$4/child
Primary 6.30 pm – 8 pm \$6/student

Tickets on sale after school tomorrow from the school office.

Road works

We have been advised that Waddington Drive (between Rata Street and Prouse Crescent) is to be resurfaced again, as early as this week. Parking will be unavailable on Waddington Drive during this time and access could also be compromised and delayed as work is carried out. Please allow more time for your morning and afternoon school trips to take account of this. Thank you 😊.

Yearbook 2018 Extra Copies



All school families receive a Wā Ora Yearbook at the end of each year – one per family. If you would like additional copies of the year book, it is possible to order these at a cost of \$15 each.

Please email relda by (this) Friday 16th November. Payment will be required at time of pick up, from the school office on Friday 12th December (last day of term for primary).

Please check lost property

We currently have a lot of unnamed clothing on the rack in the hall by the doors to Rātā class end of the primary deck. Please check for any of your child's clothing on the rack. Please name all clothing as it's easy to then return items.

Have you completed the bullying prevention survey?

Thank you to those parents who have already submitted responses to our bullying prevention survey. If you haven't yet, please help us to continue our focus on student well-being by providing your feedback to assist our assessment of this important area. Please click [here](#) for the survey, which is open until next Friday, 23rd November.

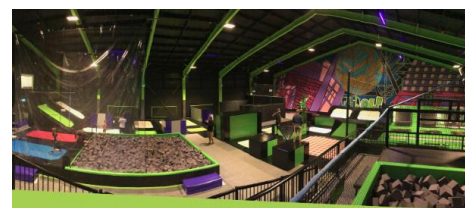
Completed transition paperwork need this week

If your child is moving up a class next year, you will have received your transition pack two weeks ago with information and forms. The paperwork is now overdue, so if you have not yet done so, please complete all the forms in your pack **and return to the office by this Wednesday 14th November**.

Scholastics

Scholastic orders are due by Wednesday 28th November. Issue 8 will be coming home soon and both will be open for orders leading up to Christmas. There is an option to have books processed as a gift for Christmas - just follow the instructions online 😊

Indoor arena



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Flipout Wellington is a fun indoor arena offering a wide range of trampolining, parkour and gymnastic activities for the whole family. We even have a cafe upstairs for parents coffee fix!

