

Diary Dates

Coming up . . .

- Wednesday 21st November **Open House evening** 5.30 pm
- **Kawakawa ballroom Dance** 6.30 pm
- Thursday 22nd November **transition visits for 5-year-olds to 6–9, Y4 to Tōtara/Tawhai and Y7 to Kawakawa** 9am
- Friday 23rd November **bullying prevention survey close-off**
- Friday 23rd November **preschool and primary disco** (Odyssey fundraiser) 5.30 pm
- Monday 26th November **BoT/Council meeting** 7.30pm Tawhai
- Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th November **Y8–10 sexuality education**
- Tuesday 27th November **Interzone athletics**
- Wednesday 28th November **issue 7 Scholastics** order deadline
- Friday 30th November **issue 8 Scholastics** order deadline
- Saturday 1st December **working bee** 9 am–12 noon

Welcome to the following child and her family ...

Kōwhai – Elliotte McLennan-Deans

Open House – this week

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

FOR THE PRIMARY AND PRESCHOOL
THIS WEDNESDAY 5.30-7 PM

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

The outdoor classroom

By Carolyn Bohm – Rātā teacher

Summer is here and as the days continue to lengthen and warm up, it's a great time to think about active outdoor undertakings. Active time outdoors comes with a range of benefits for children (and adults) from increased physical health, to learning about the natural world, to gaining a sense of independence. Movement is critical to a child's healthy growth and development. Spending time outdoors and moving helps children maintain healthy immune systems and decreases their chances of future problems with obesity and heart ailments. Further, physical activity increases children's appetite at meal times due to the energy they burned off playing, walking, swimming or biking and helps them sleep better at night, tired from their physical adventures.

Taking children to the playground or a park is a great way to get them active as well as socializing with other children. When allowed to free play at the park, children learn to make new friends outside of a structured environment, how to navigate the dynamics of playing games in a group (which is much different than playing with just one other friend on a playdate), and how to successfully interact with people who have different temperaments, lifestyles and past experiences. Free play also allows children to develop leadership skills and a co-operative spirit that encourages bonding.

Time spent outdoors free playing, exploring, or engaging in science inquiries encourages a sense of independence in children as well. When at the park or playground with their peers, children can experience the opportunity to do things how they want and be in control of what happens. Outdoor play time fills kids with a sense of energy that encourages them to push themselves in exploration and discovery.

Experiences outdoors are perfect for giving children a better understanding of the world around them, whether an understanding of botany, zoology, geology, physics or astronomy. Nature's constantly changing essence helps children hone observation skills around the cycles of life and terrain that leave the world around them simultaneously in constant flux, but also reassuringly familiar. Positive experiences with and appreciation for nature in childhood helps children develop a stronger sense of environmental awareness. Treks, planting trees, gardening, fruit picking, going to nature exhibitions, or visiting botanical gardens are all great ways of combining physical activity with time spent learning outdoors. If you are looking to do more structured outdoor science exploration there are plenty of books and websites that give outdoor science activities (and explanations for those activities) that use materials you either might have at home already, or could easily pick up from the store. Many of the science explorations I have done in the classroom have come from science books I picked up from the library, some of the my favourites being the "Science Lab for Kids" series.

In the Montessori classroom we strive to make learning a fun, engaging activity that encourages a love of exploration in children. Learning, therefore, is not a chore or something to need a break from, but an exciting endeavour for all times of the year.



Carolyn began teaching at Wā Ora last year. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from New Mexico State University and her elementary (primary) Montessori training. Carolyn was introduced to Montessori as a student teacher, when she fell in love with the philosophy, curriculum and lifestyle. When she is not teaching you can find her somewhere outside – hiking, biking, walking on the beach or star gazing. She likes to cook, write, hang out with friends and explore what's new in science.

Sport

Futsal results

Senior Mixed v HVHS, 18-1.
 Junior Girls v HVHS Pink, 5-1.
 Junior Mixed v Heretaunga, 0-7.

Touch results

Ruru (Y1/2) v Maranatha Cubs, 5-3.
 Pūkeko (Y1/2) v Maranatha Lions, 3-4 .
 Weka (Y3/4) v Kelson Tigers, 10-2.
 Kererū (Y3/4 mixed) v Boulcott, 6-3.

Athletics



Congratulations to our students who participated in the central zone athletics competition and well done to Josephine Cheng (long jump); Jarvi Nodder (vortex); Robert Smyth (long jump); Dimitri Fisher (800m); Cohen Partridge (100m); Edmund Cheng (100m & 200m); Olivia Cheng (100m & 200m) who qualified for the interzone competition!

Working bee



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

Saturday 1st December

9am – 12noon

Eva Lamb	Alara Vitale-Toniso
Spencer Tysoe	Benjamin Chandrahasen
Grayson Sellers	Jachin-Arepa Webster
Lorelei Fetting	Loretta Evans-Velazquez
Nunu Woodson	Cameron Macaulay
Ishan Vallabh	Zephram Hoffman
Amelia Dawson	Hunter McAulay
Mia McNamara	Amelia Langford

Last chance—bullying prevention survey

This week is the last to complete our bullying prevention survey. We would love to hear from all those parents who have not yet completed the survey, to ensure our investigations are fully representative of our community. Please click [here](#) for the survey, which is open until this Friday, 23rd November.

Hello World disco fundraiser THIS Friday – GET YOUR TICKETS NOW



Our primary and preschool disco is on **THIS Friday 23rd November** at the high school. This year come dressed in a costume that celebrates where you are from or where you would love to visit! Enjoy a globally-themed meal for the family (USA/Mexican/Indian/NZ/desserts/hot and cold drinks), and remember to bring your plates, cutlery and cups to help us aim for a zero-waste event! There'll be activities for the children, face painting, glow sticks for purchase and tunes to dance to 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 now at the school office.

Scholastics

The last Scholastic brochure (issue 8) has gone home/into preschool mail pockets and orders must be placed by next Friday 30th November. Issue 7 orders are due by next Wednesday 28th November. To have books processed as a gift for Christmas, please follow the instructions online☺

Transition forms due back ASAP

Many thanks to all those who have returned their transition paperwork to school. If your child is moving up a class next year and your forms are not yet back to us, this needs to be completed and returned to the school office **ASAP**.

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. Programme details to come next week.

Christmas gift donations



Kia ora. This year we're collecting Christmas gifts for Angel Tree Aotearoa. There is a box for contributions in the office and one also at the high school. If you would like to supply a gift, please wrap, if possible, and label with the suitable age and gender. If you would like to donate cash instead, please give to the ladies in the office. Any queries please email [Dannielle](#). Ngā mihi.

Long-term piano loan

Would you like a good quality piano on long term loan at your house? We have a piano that we are looking for a good home for, for some time. If you are interested, please contact Kate 021 238 1106.

Upcoming Civil Defence Nationwide Test of the Emergency Mobile Alert

Emergency mobile alerts are messages about emergencies sent by authorised emergency agencies to capable mobile phones. The alerts can be targeted to areas affected by serious hazards and will only be sent when there is a serious threat to life, health or property, and in some cases for test purposes. If you get an alert, read the message and take it seriously! It will tell you what the emergency is and what to do. It will also tell you which agency sent the message and if needed, where to go for more information. The next nationwide test of Emergency Mobile Alert is this Sunday 25th November. The test alert will be sent by the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management between 6 pm and 7 pm. To get emergency mobile alerts you need a phone capable of receiving Emergency Mobile Alerts. The phone also needs to have cell reception and up to date software. You **don't** have to download an app or subscribe to a service. To check if your phone is capable of receiving these alerts go [here](#).

