

## Diary Dates

### Coming up . . .

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December **Rewarewa parent evening** 7.30 pm
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December **Y4–8 regional athletics**
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December **6-9 Trip to Wainui Pool**
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December **Kawakawa Coffee House** 7 pm
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December **Leavers' Dinner** 6.30 pm
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December **Tāwari activities day** 8.30 am
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December **End of year school concert** 10.40 am
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December **SCHOOL CLOSSES 1 PM**

### Term 4 Coffee House pop-up cafe

Kawakawa host their end of year 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!



**Mac 'n' Cheese with green salad \$9**

**Tomato & Roasted Garlic Soup with crusty bread \$7**

**Sausage Sizzle \$4**

**Pistachio Shortbread \$3**

**Christmas Cupcakes \$3**

**Coffee Cart –cappuccino, latte, hot chocolate, espresso... from \$2.50**

**See you all there!**

## This Week

### A change of occupation

*By Richard Goodyear – Kawakawa teacher*

A key part of our curriculum in Kawakawa is called 'occupations'. I'm sure you've heard bits and bobs about this over the years or you may have children in the adolescent programme already so know quite a bit.

Occupations is one of the main pillars of our programme. It is both a collection of traditional subjects (science, technology, design, communication and more) and a mandate for a way of working (going out to meet professionals, seeing projects in society and inviting experts in to help us, and working on hands-on projects that serve the community).

Currently, the students get a lot of choice about what projects they join but once in that group, often the autonomy for the project sits largely with the adult guide. That model is not so different from what many mainstream adolescent programmes are doing around the country.

We are going to change that next year and at the same time expand the purpose of our projects. Projects will exist within themes that are both current and future-focused in Aotearoa.

The first of those is kaitiakitanga, the notion of guardianship. As our society comes to grip with the impact we have had on the land, we know we are going to have to adopt economic activities that see the land, water and life thrive while the people also thrive. Kaitiakitanga projects will be focused on this and other related themes and be based on the high school site of course but branch out into the forests and streams on this side of the Hutt Valley.

Manaakitanga is another occupations overarching theme. This uniquely Māori concept encompasses hospitality, respect, caring for others, hosting and many other ideas. It will look a bit like growing food and serving people lunch, but it will be so much more. We might put a hangi down but before we can do that we will need to investigate the soil chemistry of our site (it used to be a plastics factory after all). We might make a pizza oven and explore the physics of insulation and heat first. Ākongā will have the opportunity to follow ideas of their own and ones worked out by their teachers.

And lastly, we will have a good old-fashioned zone for tinkering and creating. We are calling it 'Maker Space'. It will evolve into something we can't imagine yet but no doubt it will be a place to build, create, code, solder, print 3-D models, solve problems and so much more. It will be full of tools and will be a place to try weird and wonderful projects. Some of which will have a purpose, some of which may just be created. Just because. One of my hopes for 'Maker Space' one day is to create a plastics recycling factory (designs are online). But we'll see.

Exciting times in Kawakawa.



*Richard has taught at Wā Ora since 2012 although he had had his eye on the school for many years prior! He's been in Montessori education since 2004 and loves it. It fits beautifully with his vision of education as being learner centred, flexible and in developing strong ethics and values in people. Richard is married with two children and fun times for him are to park up with a good book and beverage in his sunny garden or in one of the many mountainous, bushy national parks Aotearoa is blessed with.*

## Sport

### Touch results

Ruru (Y1/2) v Boulcott Rams, 3–8.  
Pūkeko (Y1/2) v Kelson Sharkes, 2–8.  
Weka (Y3/4) v Dyer Street Dynamos, 7–2.  
Kererū (Y3/4 mixed) v Naenae Hurricanes, 2–11.

Finals are on Thursday at Fraser Park 4pm–5pm. Come and support our teams!

### Futsal results

Senior Mixed v Heretaunga College 1, 4-3.  
Junior Girls v Heretaunga Girls Pink, 5-6.  
Junior Girls v Upper Hutt College, 1-2.  
Junior Mixed v Hutt Int Blue, 0-9.

### Athletics

Congratulations to Olivia Cheng who has qualified for the regional athletics competition. Good luck!

### Do you have...?

... any untreated scraps of timber to spare suitable for our preschool carpentry table? If you can help please bring in and let Anna know:-)

### Lost property

Please check through our collection of clothes on the lost property rack in the corridor nearest to Rātā class by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December as any clothing left at the end of Tuesday will be donated to charity.

### Can you check in on our chickens?

If you are staying local these holidays and can come in and check on the Kawakawa chickens, we need volunteers every day or two to top up water and feed. Any eggs in the coop, are yours to take. Please email [Hanne](mailto:Hanne) to go on the roster.

### Last days 2018

A reminder that Wā Ora will close next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December after the concert with no after school care on that afternoon. Preschool and after school care will operate as normal for the rest of next week (Thursday and Friday) and the following Monday and Tuesday finishing on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

### PTA Quiz Night update

The PTA is proud to announce that the term three quiz night raised \$7,200!! A heartfelt thank you to all those in our community who supported this massive effort. Each sector (preschool, primary and high school) is now deciding how to best spend their share of the funds raised in their outdoor areas☺.

## End of year concert



This year's end of year concert is next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 11 am at the high school. Parents may arrive from 10.40 am. Teachers will walk preschool and primary classes up to Rata Street at 10.50 am and back down to Waddington Drive after the concert where parents can pick up. THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE ON THIS DAY.

**10.40 am Parents start arriving**

**11 am Opening address**

**11.05 am Scott Champion, BoT chair**

**11.10 am Andrea Thompson, PTA chair**

**11.15 am Class items (Nīkau, Rewarewa, Pōhutukawa, Kōwhai, Rātā, Pūriri, Kauri, Tōtara, Tawhai, Kawakawa, Tāwari)**

**12.10pm Leavers Ceremony**

**12.20pm Ava Szabo, Principal**

**12.25pm Staff leaving the school**

**12.30 pm Staff item**

**12.35 pm Concert finished**

**1 pm SCHOOL CLOSED**

### Newsletter moving to the app

From next term our weekly school newsletter will be available via the school communications app but will no longer be emailed. We will still have hard copies available from the counter at the school office should you prefer this and remember that the newsletter is also able to be viewed on the login part of the school website if you wish to read on a larger screen than your phone. If you have not yet downloaded our app, here is the [link](#) to do so.

### Christmas gift donations



This year we're collecting Christmas gifts for Angel Tree Aotearoa. Contributions can be made to both the office and the high school. Please wrap your gift 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.

## Movie Fundraiser

# MOVIE NIGHT FUNDRAISER DOUBLE FEATURE

I am putting on a movie fundraiser at Lighthouse Petone on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December to raise money for an exchange to England at the start of next year. The movie is 'Mortal Engines' and it starts at 7.30 pm; tickets cost \$20 each. If you would like more information or to book tickets, please email me at [student.abudge@waora.school.nz](mailto:student.abudge@waora.school.nz). Thank you, Abby Budge (Tāwari student).

### Casting call! Looking for singers

If you want to be a part of a magical day recording the first 'Feel Brave' song in a studio with some fabulous musicians and being part of a music video that will get exposure all around the world, please send a video/video link of you singing to [info@feelbrave.com](mailto:info@feelbrave.com). You'll need to be able to be at the recording studio on the Kapiti Coast on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and also be available for an audition in person on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January and participate in a rehearsal a few days before the recording date. It doesn't matter what age you are, but your voice just needs to sound like characters who are around the 8–10 year-old range. For more info go [here](#).

### Inline Hockey

Junior players aged 12 and under are sought for inline hockey in Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt. Please contact Sandy Nimmo if interested on 027 663 4344 or email [sandynimmo17@gmail.com](mailto:sandynimmo17@gmail.com).

**RENEGADES**  
**Hutt City**  
Inline Hockey Club

## INLINE HOCKEY

*Junior players 12 and Under preferred but all applications welcome*

WALTER NASH STADIUM Lower Hutt	UPPER HUTT RINK 4A Railway Avenue
<b>January 14 to 17 inclusive.</b> 3pm to 5pm each day. \$10 per session. Equipment provided.  <b>Term One</b> - 4pm to 5:30pm every Tuesday. \$5 per session. Equipment provided	<b>Fridays</b> 3pm to 5pm January 18 and 25 plus February 1st. \$10 per session. Equipment provided.  <b>Term One Fridays</b> 6pm to 8pm \$5 per session. Equipment provided.

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