

## Diary Dates

### Coming Up . . .

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February school accounts 1<sup>st</sup> instalment due
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February Waitangi Day Holiday– SCHOOL CLOSED
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February Kawakawa students home from Odyssey 5:30pm at Bluebridge terminal
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February year 7 Technology
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February Kawakawa students’ day off in lieu of Waitangi Day



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

- Kauri**–Zoe Mildenhall,
- Rātā**–Moyana Nordstrand
- Tōtara** – Ashton Tietjens
- Kawakawa**–Oscar Zuijderwijk
- Tāwari** – Lauren Bennett, Sharna Wealleans, Katy Zhou

### Reminder:

#### NO HAT NO PLAY

Remember to pack your child’s sunhat for school this term. During the summer terms 1 & 4 all students must wear a sunhat with an appropriate sized brim if outside. Also please remember to apply sunscreen to your preschooler before school.



## This Week

### Welcome Back

By Ava Szabo – Principal

Kia Ora Wā Ora whānau

Welcome to the first week of 2019. I hope you all had a fabulous holiday and are managing to settle into the back-to-school routine without too much difficulty. It is wonderful to see our tamariki again and hear about all their holiday adventures.

Holidays are so important; they give us the time to sit and relax without the stress of work, offering a break from our regular day-to-day commitments and providing us with the opportunity to hit ‘refresh’. Holidays also give us time to reconnect with family and friends, have fun and enjoy the luxury of ‘doing nothing’ for a while which is so important for our mental and physical wellbeing.

### Building Update

Much has been happening at school over the holidays. The renovation of our administration block is well underway and the revamped space will provide us all with a more useful area which we hope you will enjoy on your visits to the office each morning. We are hopeful that all work will be completed by the end of February.



The Tāwari extension is also underway at our high school campus. If you have visited the Rātā Street site over the last few weeks you will have noticed the steel required for the extension is now in place. With such a large project I am unable to give a definitive end date, but we are looking forward to moving into our new space later in the year.

### Odyssey

Our Kawakawa ākonga (students) left for their annual Odyssey yesterday. This year they will be exploring beautiful Golden Bay, staying at Tōtaranui. The trip includes a three-day expedition, camping in the Abel Tasman National Park, meeting mana whenua in Golden Bay and listening and learning about places of special significance, connecting with Te Awhina marae and working alongside their Open Day on Waitangi Day, which will be a unique privilege. We wish our students and kaiarahi (teachers) well and look forward to hearing about their adventures very soon.

Finally, I would like to welcome our new staff for 2019.

In the primary school, we have two new teaching assistants; Helen Stipkovits joins Kauri class and will be working with Samantha, and Anna Freeman will be working with Carolyn in Rātā class

In after school care we welcome Jared Gillies who will cover Thilini Perera’s maternity leave. We wish her all the best for the arrival of her second child in February.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your week and I look forward to catching up soon.

## School Accounts

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Preschool accounts are with your child's teacher. Please collect these when you drop off/pick up as soon as possible. Accounts for area school students have been posted so please watch out for these in your mail box and contact Donna if you haven't received anything by the end of this week. You can pay by either internet, cash, cheque or eftpos (savings/cheque) at the office and have the option to pay in three instalments if you would like. Instalment dates are as follows:

- 1st Instalment–Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February
- 2nd Instalment–Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February
- 3rd Instalment–Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Further information regarding payment options, is included in the attached 'Accounts Information Letter'.

### Before/after school care bookings

Please let Sharon in the office know if you would like to book your child into before and/or after school care for a regular booking (same time/day, etc.). Please advise her of days by either emailing [office@waora.school.nz](mailto:office@waora.school.nz) or using the school app. Please note that if you have a regular booking but your child will NOT be attending for some reason, you MUST let the office know, as this affects staffing levels at BSC/ASC.

### Asthma inhalers

If your primary school pupil uses an inhaler and you haven't returned it after the holidays, please do so as soon as possible, together with the completed Asthma plan. If you never took it home, please come in and check expiry dates as soon as possible.

### Does your child regularly leave school early for activities?

If you regularly pick up your primary and/or high school student(s) from school earlier than the normal 3.30pm finish time, you must notify both the office and your child's teacher by email. Your email should advise all of the dates this will be happening. If your arrangements change, you need to keep the office updated via email. Thanks for your help with this.

### Who does what in Admin/Support

Please talk / email directly with:

**Sharon** [office@waora.school.nz](mailto:office@waora.school.nz) for

- notifying of late/sick/holidays/appointments
- afterschool care
- general enquiries

**Donna** [donna@waora.school.nz](mailto:donna@waora.school.nz) for

- any financial questions / subsidies
- changes to preschool afternoon arrangements

**Emma** [emmaschrader@waora.school.nz](mailto:emmaschrader@waora.school.nz)

- for new enrolments/transitions

**Jo** [joanne@waora.school.nz](mailto:joanne@waora.school.nz) for

- appointments to see Ava

**Relda** [relda@waora.school.nz](mailto:relda@waora.school.nz) for

- passwords for school website
- Wā Ora newsletter inclusions

**Hayley** [hayley@waora.school.nz](mailto:hayley@waora.school.nz) for

- BoT meeting minutes

### Working bee letters

Keep an eye out for your letter detailing the date of your rostered 2019 working bee which the office will email to all school families in the next few days.

### Please label all clothing and stationery

The start of the new year is a good time to name all items of clothing and stationery. Doing this also assists us to return named items to their rightful owners 😊

### Waddington Drive roadworks

Work is about to start on resealing Waddington Drive between Rātā Street and Strand Street. While this is underway, parking will be unavailable along this section of road. Please take extra care at drop off and pick up time to ensure our students' safety.

### Absences, late and appointments

If your child is going to be away sick or on holiday, or has an appointment in school time, you must notify our school office. You can do this via the school app, by texting 029 770 4286, by emailing [office@waora.school.nz](mailto:office@waora.school.nz) or by leaving a message on the absences answer phone 567 2377 before 8.30am. If you do not notify us, we will text you for their whereabouts. If your child is away sick for more than one day, you must advise the office EACH day they are away. Also if you are picking up early or dropping off late, you must call at or text the office to say your child is leaving now/is back now.

### Self-contained unit for board

Our Tōtara teacher Jackie Kirk has an up stairs, self-contained unit for board. This would suit a single professional person or couple. If you are interested, please contact Jackie on 027 212 9036 for more information.

### Avalon public hall—permanent and casual hire available

Suitable for: housie, dance class, yoga, aerobics, craft club, patchwork/quilting club, chess club, singing group, weddings, events, etc. Please email [avalonpublichall@gmail.com](mailto:avalonpublichall@gmail.com) or or call 027 214 4421 to book.

### Free cooking demonstration

Join Chef Laurent Loudeac as he takes you through the wonderful world of cooking and gastronomy at Petone Working Mens Club, 47 Udy St, Petone, Lower Hutt, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2 pm–4 pm. This culinary tour will give you plenty of ideas for the next time you need to deliver that perfect meal for your loved ones. Donations to Heartkids on the day welcome.

### Tunnel Gully mountain bike trail open day

The NtrailZ crew have been busy building a variety of mountain bike tracks in the Pakuratahi and Kaitoke Forest, with trail options suitable for all abilities. Pakuratahi Forest, Upper Hutt. Join them this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 10 am–2 pm and explore a stunning new place to ride! You can go it alone or a member of the club can show you and your friends the best type of track for your abilities. There will also be members on hand for bike checks and repairs, onsite BBQ, give-aways and spot prizes including mankies (maps on a hanky) and t-shirts! For more info on directions click [here](#).

### Are you thinking of selling your house?

Kia Ora. If, from your referral, we list and sell your home in The Lower Hutt area, we will donate \$500 to Wā Ora Montessori School. Contact us today for a no obligation appraisal. Supporting Wā Ora Montessori School. Jodie and Eugene Winterburn. Red Coats Professionals Lower Hutt. 022 462 0121 [teamwinterburn@redcoats.co.nz](mailto:teamwinterburn@redcoats.co.nz).

