

Diary Dates

Coming up . . .

- Monday–Tuesday 11th & 12th March **Kawakawa Parent teacher student meetings**
- Wednesday 13th March **fundraising bake sale–primary**
- Thursday 14th March **Weetbix Tryathlon**
- Thursday 14th March **Parent Morning Tea** 9 am Trade School Kitchen Naenae
- Friday 15th March **year 7 technology**
- Friday 15th March **6-9 astronomy night** 8.30 pm (weather dependent)
- Monday 18th March **BoT/council meeting** 7.30 pm staff room
- Monday 18th–Thursday 21st March **primary swimming lessons** Naenae pool
- Thursday 21st March **primary parent education evening** 7 pm
- Thursday 21st March **Pōhutukawa parent evening** 7 pm
- Friday 22nd March **year 7 technology**
- Friday 22nd March **whānau hui** 5.30 pm

Primary Parent Education Evening



Next Thursday 21st March 7 pm

TOPIC: How can I help my child at home? Send your specific questions to your child's teacher by this Wednesday, 13th March. Please RSVP to tania@waora.school.nz if you plan to attend.

This Week

Our term one parent education evenings are for you!

By Ava Szabo–Principal

Kia ora whānau and welcome to week seven. The weather is getting cooler and it certainly feels as if autumn is on the way.

I wanted to take the opportunity in this newsletter to introduce you to our first parent education evening of 2019. The focus for the evening will be: **'How can I help my child at home?'** Parents often say that it's tricky to know what to do to help their tamariki at home as Montessori has such specialised equipment and ways of doing things.

Unlike previous evenings, this time each sector will run their own event. This is to ensure we are able to provide enough time for each area to be covered thoroughly, allowing you to have the time to ask questions and the ability to attend more than one evening if you wish. We hope you will enjoy this new format and we look forward to hearing your feedback.

Below is a little more information on each event, with further details to follow closer to each sector's date.

The **preschool evening** will be held during week one of term two. The focus of the evening will be ways to help at home looking through the practical life lens. The areas covered might include: how to keep the toy box under control; ways to simplify what clothes to wear; and promoting independence in a busy life.

The **primary evening** will be held in week eight of this term on Thursday 21st March, 7 pm–8.30 pm and will focus on the areas of reading, writing and maths. This will be done in different age groups separating the 6–9 and 9–12 areas. Teachers are wanting to know if you have specific questions on how to help your child, e.g. 'how do I help with pencil grip?' or 'how do I help with times tables?'. Chances are, that something you want to know about will be an area of interest for someone else as well. We ask that you contact your child's teacher with your questions by this Wednesday, 13th March as this will give them time to collate and prepare.

The **high school evening** will take place during week eleven of term one and focus on the changing relationship between children and adults which happens during adolescence. It will begin as a whole high school group and will then break into specific Kawakawa and Tāwari groups to address particular points and questions.

It will be great to see you all there. Tania has already been in touch regarding the primary evening. Thomas and Anna will be in contact over the next few weeks with final details specific to each sector.

"Mā roto hoki kia ora ka pai te korero."

"When refreshed, the conversation will be agreeable."



Sport

Futsal results

Junior Girls v Naenae 1, 8–2.
Senior Mixed v Naenae 3, 5–1.

Touch Rugby

Pūkeko (Y1/2) v Maranatha Cubs, 7–4.
Kererū (Y3/4) v Tawhai Dynamos, 5–11.
Kōkako (Y5/6) v Boulcott Chiefs, 1–11.

Indoor Netball

Wā Ora v Skillz that Killz, 12–22.
Great first game for our new team!

Athletics

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Humphries and Olivia Cheng, who represented Wā Ora at the Interzone athletics sports on Wednesday. Some tough competition and the girls gave it their all! Thanks also to Connie Chin for transporting and supporting Kaitlyn and Olivia at the event.

Scholastic Books

Scholastic brochures have gone home/ been put in preschool pockets last week and orders are due next Thursday 21st March.

Fundraiser bake sale this Wednesday 13th March

Renee White and her son Joel in Rātā are heading to Indonesia in the coming school holidays and will be holding a bake sale in the primary playground this Wednesday lunchtime to raise funds for a young girl there, who needs surgery to correct her feet. If you're interested in finding out more about Renee and Joel's journey, click [this link](#) or visit this [site](#) and you/your children can also support Renee and Joel's cause by purchasing baked items at lunchtime on Wednesday or by donating directly to the Mt Hopes bank account, Mount Hope foundation Kiwi bank account 38-9016-0005093-01.

School Photos

In spite of dubious weather last week, most class and individual photos were able to proceed. Kawakawa and Tāwari class photos however had to be postponed and have been rescheduled for Wednesday 27th March (week 9).

PTA twilight school picnic update

Sadly, the weather caused another postponement of the picnic on Friday. The PTA are working through ideas for rescheduling and we will communicate any future date once a plan has been decided upon ☺.

Parents Morning Tea



Come along for a chat and a catch up this Thursday, 14th March at 9am after drop off at the Trade School Kitchen, 17 Everest Ave, Naenae. Our parent morning teas are very relaxed affairs—stay for as long or as short as you can manage. Younger siblings are also welcome. We'd love to see you ☺.

Wetbags—purchase through Wā Ora



Wā Ora is pleased to be able to offer you the chance to purchase wetbags by Mum2Mum at a heavily discounted price. These bags help to reduce the use of plastic bags, and can be used over and over again to take wet/dirty clothes home from preschool and also in many other situations. Many thanks to parent Ren Wanden, who has arranged this special price for Wā Ora parents (32% off RRP for plain bags and 34% off RRP for patterned bags). To order please email ren@macronone.co.nz or text 021 224 4483. Payment can be made to 12-3174-0256579-00 (Wanden Family) and needs to be received by Wednesday 20th March.

Coffee cart and Café



New Location for Coffee Cart & Café at High School Campus in the main entrance foyer on Friday mornings from 7.45 am–9 am.
Special St Patrick's Day cupcakes this week only!

Piano Lessons



Ingrid Palmer, BMus (hons) Performance, NZSI Suzuki Registered. In our piano lessons, we build skills, one step at a time and at the child's own pace to ensure comfort in playing and to enable the development of beautiful tone. I guide parents in supporting their child's practice at home and together we create an environment with encouragement and patience in which every child can learn and enjoy music. For more information, please call Ingrid on 577 0885 or email ikpalmer@yahoo.com.

Belmont mountain bike open day this Sunday

Find some new places to explore on your mountain bike! Bring your bike along to Belmont Regional Park (at the bottom of the Stratton Street entrance) this Sunday from 10 am–2 pm and explore the wide range of mountain bike tracks suitable for all abilities, with the help of Belmont Area Mountain Bike Association (BAMBA) members. What's more, GWRC staff can take you and your bike up the hill in a 4WD to skip the hard bit! Suitable for all abilities and no charge.

Grand Training Holiday Programmes

Grand Training runs fun computer courses in both weeks of the school holidays. We have courses for all aspects of computer skills, from building your own computer, to encrypting a message with Python, to fighting a zombie in Minecraft. Tell us what you want to learn about, and we'll make it happen. Check out www.grandtraining.co.nz or call Wanda on 499 2211 for more details.

March madness fair



Main Street, Upper Hutt comes alive for a day of family fun with shopping, street theatre, music and great food this Saturday 16th March from 10 am–4 pm. With live music, performing arts, and a full stage, this fair is as much about food and entertainment as it is the extensive selection of street stalls.