

Diary Dates

Coming up . . .

- Monday 25th–Thursday 28th March **primary swimming lessons** Naenae pool
- Tuesday 26th March **year 7 technology**
- Wednesday 27th March **high school class photos**
- Thursday 28th March **new parent get-together** 5 pm
- Friday 29th March **year 7 technology**
- Monday 1st April **6–9 class trip**
- Monday 1st–2nd April **Tāwari parent teacher student meetings**
- Monday 1st–3rd April **preschool parent teacher meetings**
- Tuesday 2nd April **year 7 Boostrix and year 8 Gardasil vaccinations**
- Friday 5th April **year 7 technology**
- Saturday 6th April **working bee** 9 am–12 noon

Welcome to the following child and his family...

Nīkau–Ben Brough

Congratulations to...

. . . Esther and Kunaal and big brother Karun in Kōwhai who have welcomed their new baby boy last night. Everyone is doing well☺.

High school parent education evening



Tuesday 9th April 7 pm

TOPIC: How to help at home!

Please RSVP your attendance to [Thomas](#)

This Week

From the board

By Scott Champion–BoT/Council Chair

As the Board has got underway with its first couple of meetings for 2019, we have spent a lot of time focusing on buildings and budgets. The new year has seen some significant building activity, with work undertaken on the administration area at the preschool/primary campus, and significant extensions underway for Tāwari at the high school site.

The administration area is now complete, providing a more welcoming environment for our community and visitors to the school, and a better work environment for our staff. The extensions to Tāwari continue and are a significant step in the school moving towards its final shape across all our age groups – from 18-months to 18-years.

More building work is planned over the coming years as we look to continue to cater for growth as students move through the years, and better shape our Montessori learning environments to support our children.

This building activity, and creating the right future environment also forces the Board to focus on budget and ensuring we have sufficient income as a school to deliver the education, and educational environment our children require, and that aligns with our ‘special character’ of being a Montessori school.

As an ‘integrated school’, there are a number of areas at Wā Ora that are not supported by government funding yet are critical in delivering the Montessori education we have all chosen for our children. These include our buildings, which in a state school are owned and funded by the government. Our buildings, current and future, are owned and built by us as a school community.

Additionally, we support our teachers’ Montessori professional development, so they can deliver the best possible education for our children, and the unique and beautiful Montessori materials that characterise our classrooms and other learning environments are also provided by us as a school community.

Additionally, small learning communities are important to us, and as a result we have more teachers per child than state schools, and our classroom spaces are larger per child than those in a state school.

As a result of all this, donations from the school community are critical in ensuring we can continue to function effectively as a Montessori school.

We have chosen donations, rather than compulsory attendance dues for a number of reasons. Using a donation to meet our needs allows them to be tax deductible, not subject to GST, and has less associated compliance/administration costs. All of these reduce the cost to you as members of the Wā Ora community.

Donations are what enables the school to deliver the education we have chosen as parents and caregivers. Thanks for your continued support of Wā Ora.



Scott Champion has led the Wā Ora Board of Trustees/Council since 2018. He and wife Jenni have two children at Wā Ora and are enthusiastic supporters of Montessori. Most of Scott’s work is in the primary sector and around land and natural resource issues. He has a background in agricultural science and has worked in tertiary education, the commercial wool sector and for the national sheep and beef industry organisation.

Sport

Futsal results

Both our futsal teams played their final games of the season on Friday night, the girls taking second place in their division and the seniors 3rd. Well done teams!
 Junior Girls v HVHS Silver, 2–5.
 Senior Mixed v Silverstream Blue, 9–3.

Special thanks to coaches Martin Eathorne and Nea and Cared Blackham along with managers Gillian Christie and Sola Freeman.

Touch Rugby

Pūkeko (Y1/2) v Tawhai Tigers, 7–3.
 Kererū (Y3/4) v Maranatha Panthers, 5–5.
 Kōkako (Y5/6) v Rata Street 5, 3–6.

This week is the final game of the season so come and support us! Next season is term 4.

Indoor Netball

Wā Ora v Te Team, 14–15.

Preschool Holiday Programme

This is open to our preschoolers during the coming school holidays. Week 1 is open Monday–Thursday (closed Friday for Good Friday) at a reduced cost of \$140. Week 2 is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (closed Monday for Easter and Thursday for Anzac Day) at a reduced cost of \$105. Hours are 9 am–3 pm and after school care will be available from 3 pm–5 pm at the normal term charges; there is no before school care. Lunch is to be provided by your family in line with our food procedure but morning tea will be provided. The fee will need to be paid on booking in advance of attending. Please email Anna to confirm your interest.

Preschool Gate

As it's always a busy time in the preschool playground before and after school, please ensure you always keep a close watch on your child/ren and that when leaving through the front gate, you do not inadvertently let any other child leave at the same time, unless they have their parent/caregiver with them. Thank you for your vigilance.

School photos

Kawakawa and Tāwari class photos, which were postponed due to bad weather have been rescheduled for THIS Wednesday 27th March at 8.30 am and 9 am respectively, so please support your teen to be at school early/on time.

Working bee



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

Saturday 6th April

9am – 12noon

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| Esra Alsadah | Jay-Ming Angus-Wen |
| Colton Barnes | Valentino Trujillo |
| Max Beck | Abby Budge |
| Rosa Buescher | Maaz Buksh |
| Nell Boucheny | Keilan Cross |
| Jaya Cope | Danielle Deacon |
| William Cronin | Emily Drumm |
| Hanne Dansted | Charlie Eastall |
| Phoenix Dingle | Asher Emmanuel |
| Lincoln Dutfield | Harry Eathorne |
| Benjamin Chandrasahen | |

Wā Ora hoodies – Order now



Orders are now being taken for our Wā Ora hooded sweatshirts. This year orders can be completed online [here](#) or via a paper order form (which can be printed out from the attachment to this newsletter's cover email or picked up at the office; complete and return to the school or scan and email back). **The deadline for orders is Wednesday 10th April (last week of this term)** and delivery of apparel is expected the first week of term two. Full details are on the order forms and online order page.

Parent Teacher Interview Bookings

Booking codes are in the table below. Please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the appropriate code from below. 9–12 interviews are scheduled for week two of next term. Emails will be sent when bookings are open.

| Preschool | 6–9 | Tāwari |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 01-03/04 | 09-11/04 | 01-02/04 |
| code= gpt68 | code= cgeu2 | code= mkg5b |

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Coffee cart and Café



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COFFEE CART

New location for Coffee Cart & Café at high school campus in the main entrance foyer. Open Friday mornings from 7.45 am–9 am and now also on Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes!

1st Waterloo Scouts open day



Come along to our open day this Sunday 31st March between 10 am and 2 pm and celebrate our 80th anniversary with us. Renew Friendships and make new owns while walking down memory lane. Free, fun scouting activities for all ages including games and crafts, food stalls, raffles and a ceremony and cake at 1pm. Bring the kids and find out what Scouting is all about!

