

## Diary Dates

### Coming up . . .

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 6–9 class trip
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> April Tāwari parent teacher student meetings
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> April preschool parent teacher meetings
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April year 7 Boostrix and year 8 Gardasil vaccinations
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April year 7 technology
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April working bee 9 am–12 noon
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup>–12<sup>th</sup> April 9–12 camp
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> April 6–9 parent teacher meetings
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April high school parent education evening 7.30 pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April Rewarewa whānau breakfast
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April year 7 technology
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April LAST DAY TERM 1

### Welcome to the following child and her family...

Pōhutukawa–Amélie De Nardi Cooke

### High school parent education evening



**NEXT Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7 pm**  
**TOPIC: How to help at home!**

Please RSVP your attendance to [Thomas](#)

**FIRST DAY**  
**TERM 2**



## This Week

### Why maths isn't the most important subject

By David Starshaw–Mathematics Teacher–High School

I don't believe that maths is the most important subject and I want to explain why below. There are also links to a great video and quiz at the end of this article. The quiz is quite confronting but the video contains an important message for everyone to hear.

On one hand, yes, maths is everywhere. It makes your computer work, it drives your car, it underpins the internet, helps people and governments spend their money wisely, it enables data-mining companies to predict your behaviour, it can be used to influence the results of elections and referendums, and it can be used to pass level 3 NCEA.

But while maths makes your computer work, you don't need to understand the maths in order to use your computer. Only specific professions use high school maths in the real world. Be honest, how many times have you used quadratics since leaving school?

But I believe that the misuse of data is one of the biggest issues in today's society. And it is allowed to happen because we all have misconceptions about the world that we believe, rather than the reality. I don't think I'm overstating this. Look at Trump. Look at Brexit. Look at the rise of echo chambers where people can redefine their realities and warp the facts beyond all recognition. Did you know that most people overestimate the proportion of their country's population who are immigrants? Did you know most people overestimate the wealth held by the richest 1%? It is the stories that we tell ourselves, rather than reality, that define our world view.



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**How not to be ignorant about the world | Hans and Ola Rosling**

How much do you know about the world? Hans Rosling, with his famous charts of global population,...

Most people are unaware that we have brought extreme poverty crashing down. In the last 50 years, poverty has reduced to 50% of what it was. In the words of the late Hans Rosling, "People say that we cannot solve poverty. Of course they think so. They don't even know what has already happened! The first thing to think about the future is to know about the present."

I think therefore that statistics is the most important subject at high school. And also the humanities subjects.

How many misconceptions do you think you have? Watch Hans Rosling's TED talk: [How Not To Be Ignorant About The World](#) and take the [Gapminder Global Knowledge Test](#) he mentions. I assure you it's quite confronting.



*David teaches maths and occupations (science) in Kawakawa and maths in Tāwari. He has been with Wā Ora since 2014. David's degree is in music and he travelled to Ohio in 2014 to train as a Montessori high school teacher. He likes that Wā Ora has guided independent learning and that the high school occupations units have real value to the school community (composting, bike maintenance, chickens, etc.). David likes gaming, ultimate frisbee, and making forts.*

## Sport

### Badminton

Year 8–13 expression of interest meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April from 11.30 am–12 pm in the soft tech room. All welcome! Bring your lunch.

### Basketball

First practice for year 9–13 high school teams will be from 4–6 pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at Walter Nash Centre.

### Cycling



Congratulations to Korey Langridge and Sebastian Toilolo-Meijn who represented Wā Ora in the North Island MTB (mountain biking) Championships on Sunday and 'rode like pros' to achieve great times in their races!

### Indoor Netball

Wā Ora v Wakanda, 13–42.

### Netball

Tui team (Year 9–10) practice from 3.35–5 pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at the high school.

### Touch Rugby

Pūkeko (Y1/2) v Boulcott Blasts (A final), 5–4.

Kererū (Y3/4) v Kelson Lions (B final), 5–7.  
Kōkako (Y5/6) v Naenae Celtics (D final), 3–4.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the touch season went really well this year, with many new and returning players. Thank you to all the parents who bring their kids to the Touch fields and support. See you next summer for the start of the new Touch season!

### Swimming

CAPE Day swimming for year 8–10 is this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Please remember to bring your swimming gear.

### Swimming sports

This event will be held for year 4–13 students on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May at Naenae Pool from 10 am–2 pm.)

## PRACTICE Lockdown this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

In the aftermath of Christchurch, we are holding a PRACTICE lockdown drill this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10 am for the whole school. Part of our procedure is to alert parents via email and the school communications app that we are in lockdown. Wednesday's notifications will say 'PRACTICE Lockdown Drill'. **You will not need to do anything when you receive this notice.** To receive emergency notifications via the school app, please ensure you have the app loaded on to your phone. This can be done via [this link](#).

## Working bee



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

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April

#### 9am – 12noon

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 Dufield	Benjamin Chandrahasen

## Wā Ora hoodies – Order now



Orders are still open 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 NEXT Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April (last week of this term)** and delivery of apparel is expected the first week of term two.

## Kāpiti Island for Kids school holiday programme

This programme is for ages 9–12 from 22<sup>nd</sup>–24<sup>th</sup> April (3 days/2 nights) and includes nighttime kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, games, wildlife discovery, harakeke weaving, cabin accommodation (quad share), delicious food, ferry and DOC permits. Cost is \$395pp and numbers are limited to 14 spaces. To book or for more info, email [bookings@kapitiisland.com](mailto:bookings@kapitiisland.com):-)

## Lost property

The lost property rack (in the hallway near Rātā class) is full once more. Please make a point of checking for your children's clothes as soon as possible (definitely before end of term) and please label your child's clothing as this makes it easier for us to return items.

## Kawakawa market

Hi everyone, Kawakawa market is on every Friday at the preschool area from 8–8.45 am! We sell to all ages, with products that include (but are not limited to) juice, slime, frozen desserts, bath bombs, jewellery, and even cosplay helmets!! We'd love it if you came along!

## Preschool Holiday Programme

This is open to our preschoolers during the upcoming holidays 9 am–3 pm with After School Care available from 3–5 pm at normal term rates; there is no Before School Care. 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. Lunch is to be provided by your family in line with our food procedure but morning tea will be provided. Please email [Anna](#) to confirm your interest.

## Coffee cart and Café



Open Friday 7.45–9 am at Wā Ora Montessori High School serving coffee, hot chocolate, tea, breakfast panini, chocolate bliss balls and vegan lemon cake. Relax in our café-style space or takeaway. *eftpos available.*