

Diary Dates

Coming up . . .

- Tuesday 30th April **year 7 technology** (make up session)
- Wednesday 1st May **6-9 Wellington Botanic Gardens trip** 9 am
- Friday 3rd May **year 7 technology**
- Saturday 4th May **working bee** 9 am-12
- Tuesday 7th-9th May **9-12 parent teacher interviews**
- Wednesday 8th May **1st instalment of school accounts due**
- Friday 10th May **year 7 technology**

Working bee



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

Saturday 4th May 9am – 12noon

Colton Barnes	Loise Ganachaud
Neo Carter-Knight	Hamish Gardiner
Harry Eathorne	Charlie Goldberg
Danae Enyedi-Laing	Arthur Ha
Ella Fa'afua	Zara Hartford
Lucia Falconer	Gideon Hay
Lorelei Fetting	Emily Ho
Svetlana Fisher	Zephram Hoffman
Felix Ford-Robinson	Nyah Holland
Innes Fraser	Neriah Hopoi
Willow German	Carla Horspool
Lilian Gray	Abi Manolo
Loretta Evans-Valazquez	



This Week

Welcome back!

By Ava Szabo-Principal

Welcome back whānau. I hope you had a lovely break. It's been a busy one with both Easter and Anzac Day wrapped up in these holidays.

Each year on the 25th of April, Anzac Day services are held throughout the country. This is a day of remembrance for those who have fallen in all wars and also an acknowledgement of those who are currently serving in our armed forces overseas. This year, Wā Ora was represented by two of our senior ākonga, Celia Lambie White and Lauren Beckett, who placed our wreath at the Lower Hutt service outside the War Memorial Library.

This is a special service for many New Zealanders and always ends with 'The Ode'. The 4th verse of Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen' is very poignant.

The Ode (English)

They shall grow not old

As we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them

Nor the years condemn

At the going down of the sun

And in the morning

We will remember them

We will remember them

The Ode (Te Reo Māori)

E kore rātou e kaumātuaia

Pēnei i a tātou kua mahue nei

E kore hoki rātou e ngoikore

Ahakoā pēhea i ngā āhuatanga o te wā

I te hekenga atu o te rā

Tae noa ki te aranga mai i te ata

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou

Ka maumahara tonu tātou ki a rātou

We are now gearing up for a busy term two.

Building work continues at the high school with the Tāwari extension well underway—pop up and have a look if you have a moment as the new space is really taking shape and I know once completed, we will provide a wonderful learning space for all our ākonga as they pass through the school.

There is a staff only day coming up for the area school which will be held on Monday 13th May, (week three of the term). The training workshop, offered through the Ministry of Education, will be a great day for the professional development of staff and will focus on behaviour management, and prevention and de-escalation strategies. The school will be closed for both primary and high school students, but please note that the preschool will remain open on this day.

Our bullying prevention community meeting happens on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 pm and is an opportunity for our community to come together and discuss the changes we would like to see in our revised bullying prevention procedure. I will be sending more information out regarding this over the next two weeks, but if you would like to attend, please RSVP to Jo in the office by emailing joanne@waora.school.nz.

Finally, save the date in your diary for our Wā Ora Matariki celebrations scheduled for Friday 21st June. The Matariki committee will be in contact over the next few weeks with further details.

Have a great first week; it's great to see you all back.

Sport



School swimming sports—postponed

Two weeks ago, Naenae Pool was closed—under urgency—for health and safety reasons. We were scheduled to have our school swimming sports at Naenae Pool on 6th May, which now not possible. The swimming sports have been rescheduled for later in the year, the date and location to be confirmed as soon as possible.

School cross country

This event is scheduled for Friday 7th June (week 6). It is expected all students will participate and can do so at their respective levels—running, jogging, walking or a combination!

Badminton, basketball and netball

These sports begin this week. Special thanks to the parents, teachers and high school students who volunteer their time to coach or manage a team. Your contribution is greatly appreciated!

Congratulations

Tāwari student Josh Deacon has been selected for the Phoenix Academy Development Squad. Well done Josh and all the best for a successful season!

Indoor netball

This has been put on hold for winter. Thanks to all those who committed to the school team; it was great fun! We will look at playing in the summer league when winter sports have finished.

Preschool lunch assistant sought



We have a vacancy for a parent to help in Pōhutukawa class from 12 noon to 1 pm during term weeks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This position ideally starts next week for the duration of the year. Please note this vacancy is not open to parents of Pōhutukawa tamariki. If you are interested please see or email DP Preschool, Anna McLean at anna@waora.school.nz.

Donations Tax Letters

All families with primary and high school students are able to claim back a portion of their 2018/19 school donations through the tax return process. These letters have now been posted.

School Accounts

Preschool accounts are now in your mail pockets. Accounts for area school students have been posted, so please check your mail box for these and contact Donna if you haven't received anything by the end of this week. Information regarding payment options (payment methods and instalment dates) is included in the attached 'Accounts Information Letter'. Please talk to Donna if you have any queries about this.

Entertainment Books



Entertainment books will be coming home later this week. If your eldest child is in primary or preschool, the book will be given to them in class to bring home (unless you have elected to opt out last term). If your eldest child is in the high school, you will not automatically receive a book, so if you would like one, you will be able to pick it up from the main school office.

Please either pay for your book or digital membership (details on the envelope in which the book comes) or if you do not require the book (also applies when purchasing the digital membership), please return the book in its envelope to the school office as soon as possible.

Remember also, that even if you do not want to buy the Entertainment Book, you are still able to donate \$13 to the PTA which is the amount Wā Ora makes from each book sold. Please email the [office](#) if you would like to do this.

Bullying prevention community meeting

Save the date for this community meeting which follows up last year's anti-bullying survey. The meeting is scheduled for the third week of this term on Wednesday 15th May at 7.30pm in Tōtara class room. Please RSVP to [Jo](#) if you plan to attend.

9-12 Parent Teacher Interviews

If you have not already made a booking to see your 9-12 child's teacher, please click [here](#) and enter the code 58ge8.

Changes to Lower Hutt recycling



From Sunday 5th May, only plastics 1 and 2 will be accepted in usual kerbside recycling. Plastics numbered 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 will now go into general waste. For further info about this change you can visit the LHCC [recycling page](#).

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.



Upper Hutt library book sale



Upper Hutt Central Library is open again with heaps of space in the Rotary Lounge for a lovely ol' book sale. Running all day every day until Sunday 12th May. Adult fiction 50c, adult nonfiction \$2, children's books 50c, CD's and DVD's \$2 and magazines 20c. As always, all remaining items are free on the last day.

Creative writing meet ups for 13–21 year olds



Have you always wanted to be a poet/novelist/screen writer/songwriter? Then come along to the Common Room: Creative Writing meet-ups on Fridays from 4.30 pm–6 pm at the Lower Hutt War Memorial Library for creative youth. Get inspired and write something new! Occasionally, guest writers and publishers will visit to answer your questions on getting published. For more info, contact Hutt City Libraries.