

## Diary Dates

### Coming up . . .

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> May **9-12 parent teacher interviews**
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May **1<sup>st</sup> instalment of school accounts due**
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May **year 7 technology**
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May **TEACHER ONLY DAY FOR AREA SCHOOL; NORMAL HOURS FOR PRESCHOOL**
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May **Community Anti-bullying meeting 7.30 pm**
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May **year 7 technology**
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May **BoT/Council meeting 7.30 pm**

### Preschool parent education evening-TOMORROW

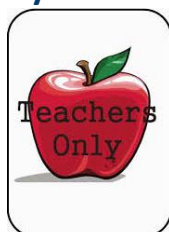


**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 pm in Nīkau class**  
**TOPIC: How to help at home!**  
Please RSVP your attendance to [Anna](#)

Preschool teachers Tara Israelson and Amy Johnson will be presenting the information in this parent education evening. We look forward to seeing you all there.

### Teacher only day for area school NEXT Monday

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for primary or high school students next Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> (week 3 term 2). **Preschool will be open as usual however.**



## This Week

### Rewards

By Tara Israelson - Nīkau Head Teacher – Preschool

I recently found myself in a discussion on the subject of rewards for young children and their merits and drawbacks.

As I listened to the rationale behind offering rewards for specific behaviours in the early childhood classroom, I wondered to myself where this fits within the Montessori context. It's a tricky concept to unravel because there are many rewarding experiences every day both for the children, and the teachers in the classroom. However, how many of these rewards are extrinsic versus intrinsic, and what is the connection between rewards and motivation?

An extrinsic reward is something tangible and visible given to someone for an achievement they have made. An intrinsic reward comes from within the individual and is grounded in satisfaction, pride in work done and a feeling of accomplishment. In a classroom, an extrinsic reward might be a treat—maybe extra playtime outside or a grade on a paper or end of term project. In contrast, an intrinsic reward in a classroom may not be obvious at all unless you are close enough to hear the tell-tale, "I did it!" before the child joyfully moves on to their next pursuit.

In our Montessori classrooms we value the intrinsic reward over the extrinsic for a variety of reasons. Dr. Montessori felt that rewards interfered with children's learning and studies show that this is true, particularly when looking at long term behaviour. While for short term results, a tangible reward might get the response we are looking for, the child is not motivated to repeat this behaviour in the long term. Part of the rationale for giving rewards to children at school is the notion that children do not enjoy learning and that they need an incentive. In our classrooms we know that this is not true—that children are highly motivated to learn! Their interest knows no bounds! Rather than an incentive, we need only give the children time to practice their lessons, and materials to work and play with that feed their interests. The reward for the child comes from the satisfaction of discovery or being able to complete something completely on their own.

Dr. Montessori said, "a child does not need praise; praise breaks the enchantment." (The Child, Society and the World, p. 16). We have found this to be certainly true in our classrooms. Even a seemingly unintrusive "good job" offered to a child who has been feeling quite proud of him or herself can instantly steal the joy. They have already made their own internal judgements about what they have done and our remarks are completely unnecessary.

As we age we begin to need more external rewards for the work that we do, but for children whose natural inclination is to learn, they are merely a distraction from the real prize. There is a great chapter on rewards in the book *Montessori, the Science Behind the Genius* by Angeline Stoll Lillard. It is available on Amazon and through Book Depository.



*Tara started her Montessori career in America as an assistant in a classroom in Boston and went on to gain her AMI diploma in Portland, Oregon. The opportunity to live and work in a new country and learn about a new culture inspired her to join the Wā Ora community in 2008 as the Head Teacher in Nīkau. Outside of the classroom she enjoys cooking, fishing, and exploring the New Zealand bush with her son.*

## Sport

### Basketball

Seniors (Year 11-13) vs Bishop Viard, 39–33.

### Netball

Miromiro (Year 7-8) vs St Claudine 2,1–3.  
Miromiro (Year 7-8) vs MIS 6, 1–1.

Our high school players have joined forces with Raphael House to form a viable team which won both grading games on Saturday.

### Congratulations

Madeleine Bailey has been selected for the NHV Y9 Gold rep team. Roisin Wall has been selected for the NHV U17 Green rep team and Stella Harrison has been selected for the NHV U17 Gold rep team. Well done to all 😊

### Kawakawa Market

Kia ora everyone! This Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, we are having a Pre-Mother's Day market! So come along before school for some lovely Mother's Day themed products!

### Coffee cart and Café

Open Friday 7.45 am–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.*

### Preschool lunch assistant sought

We have a vacancy for a parent to help in Pōhutukawa class from



12 pm–1 pm during term weeks on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This position starts as soon as possible and is for the duration of the year. This vacancy is not open to parents of Pōhutukawa tamariki. If you are interested please either see or email DP Preschool, Anna McLean at [anna@waora.school.nz](mailto:anna@waora.school.nz).

### 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 next week on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 pm in Tōtara class room. Please RSVP to [Jo](#) if you plan to attend.

## Seeking reader/writers

If you are interested in being a reader/writer for our college SAC (special assessment conditions) students in NCEA exams, Juliette our SENCO would love to hear from you. Please email [Juliette](#) for more info or to express your interest.

## Scholastics

Brochures have gone home and online orders are due by next Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

## Entertainment Books



Entertainment books went home last week. If your eldest child is in primary or preschool, the book was given to them in class to take home (unless you opted to opt out last term). If your eldest child is in the high school, you did not automatically receive a book, so if you would still like one, please let the school office know.

Please either pay for your book or digital membership (details on the envelope in which the book came) 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 have not bought 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.

## Upcoming Matariki celebrations



Wā Ora will celebrate Matariki with events for our community on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Come along to T2 at the high school on Friday morning from 10 am–11.30 am and enjoy the performances at our Matariki concert. Ākonga from all classes will be celebrating new beginnings and remembering the past, through waiata, kapa haka, and more. Join us later that evening for a Matariki Hakari. Further details to follow!

## Springboard and platform diving at Kilbirnie pool

Wellington Diving Club runs diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate adult training sessions). Try something new! Visit our website and come along for a 30-minute trial lesson! After school sessions are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and we cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. Casual "drop-in" sessions are also held (most) Sundays. For more info, please visit [www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

## Matariki @ Wainuiomata Marae

A Matariki celebration at Wainuiomata Marae with a full programme of events running from Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July. See info below.



## WAINUIOMATA MARAE 20th - 23rd JUNE 2019

### Crafts Tā Moko Kai Raranga Waiata

### Remembrance Celebration

#### ACTIVITIES RUNNING IN THE WHAREKAI



Matariki market running throughout the week featuring beautiful crafts, pounamu jewellery, and other original art pieces

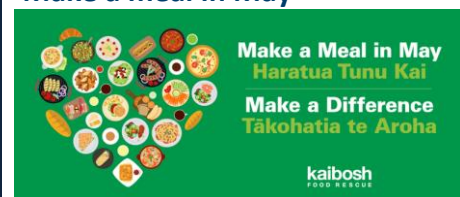
AUCTION & DINNER 7.30pm Saturday evening, all proceeds to go to the marae  
Rongoa Māori Healing Days, Saturday & Sunday 10.00am - 5.00pm each day

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION



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## Make a meal in May



Get together with your family and friends and make a meal with a difference for Kaibosh's annual fundraising appeal—Make a Meal in May (Haratua Tunu Kai). Make a meal at home or work, get your friends, whānau or colleagues to donate what they would have spent on a meal out and help Kaibosh put food on the table for people in need. Every \$20 you raise provides 28 meals to those in our community who need it most. For more info on how to get involved click [here](#).