

## Diary Dates

### Coming up . . .

- Friday 28th June year 7 technology
- Sunday 30th June working bee 9 am
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July END OF TERM 2–WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 12 noon (there is no after school care)
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July FIRST DAY OF TERM 2

### Congratulations to...

. . . Ali, Hira and big brother Musa in Nikau, who have welcomed a baby girl into their family over the holidays. Everyone is doing well ☺.

### Working bee



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

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 9am – 12noon

Charlie King	Lincoln Dutfield
Olive Lourie	Logan McShane
Aria Landall	Angus Newlands
Dilynn Atkins	Moyana Nordstrand
Jamie Devine	Oliver Harrison
Eulie Norton	Toni Partridge
Eli Shearer	Ava Hunt-Ingledeew
Anya Joseph	Amelie De Nardi Cooke
Eva Lamb	Zoe Johnston
Nyla Daud	Tully Whittington-Werry

## This Week

### Selfless social enterprise—a word from Boomerang

By Grace Nickel, Phoenix Dingle and Nyah Holland—Tāwari students—High School

"Happy Birthday!" These two words mean so much to our tamariki. The laughter, the seemingly endless fun, friends and family and being celebrated for just being you, are all elements of a good birthday party that are hard to forget. Unfortunately, an astounding 290,000 New Zealand children are currently living in income poverty. The majority of these children are deprived of a birthday party each year, even when they and their whānau desperately want to have one.

This is the problem that we, three Year 13 students in Tāwari, set out to solve. We all had a few great birthday parties when we were kids, and we want all children, particularly those living in Lower Hutt, to have the same opportunity. Our

business exists to connect the hundreds of children that the Lower Hutt Salvation Army provides basic care for, with a party on their birthday. The parties will be held at the birthday child's choice of either Junglerama or Jumperama Hutt Park.

Our business is named Boomerang. The name is a 'what-goes-around-comes-around' analogy because we believe that when you give to the community, you receive so much more in return. We are passionate about enabling others to give back to their community, in a unique and exciting way. We operate under the Young Enterprise Scheme (YES), which supports young people like us to learn business by doing business.

Children are treasures in clay, constantly molded and shaped by their experiences and environments. We, as a society, play an important role in this process, and it is our obligation to extend out our hands and help. The time will come to pass the baton onto the next generation, and by investing more in our country's children, we all benefit. We have a vision of a Lower Hutt community where every child in poverty gets a chance to smile on their birthday. But we need your help to achieve this.

Our social enterprise has already raised over \$4,000 on our Givealittle page—that's enough for eight whole birthday parties! At the beginning of this year we set a goal of providing ten birthday parties by the end of the school year and with your help, we think we can smash that goal and fund those ten birthdays by the end of this month! You can help us by donating at our Givealittle page [here](http://www.givealittle.co.nz) (or just search "Boomerang" on [www.givealittle.co.nz](http://www.givealittle.co.nz)).

Catch us on TV1's "The Breakfast Show" at 8 am this Wednesday, or TV3's "The Project" at 7 pm this Friday to find out a bit more about us and what we are trying to do. We also have a [facebook](#) page which you can 'like' to keep up to date with our progress!



Above: Nyah, Grace and Phoenix at their business launch, with Enterprise teacher Warren, Wā Ora Principal Ava and Deputy Principal Thomas. Thirty local children from underprivileged backgrounds were able to enjoy the fantastic indoor playground at Junglerama for free at this event.

## Sport

### Badminton

Junior Boys (Year 8–10) vs HVHS 4, 4–3.  
Junior Girls (Year 8–10) vs Naenae College 1, 3–3.  
Senior Mixed (Year 11–13) vs HVHS 7, 4–2

### Basketball

Seniors (Year 11–13) vs St Pats Wellington, 38–31.  
Juniors (Year 8–10) vs Kapiti College, WBD.

### Cross country

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for Regionals: Sophia Mathieson (Rātā) 8<sup>th</sup>, Finnigan Strickland (Kauri) 5<sup>th</sup>, Ashton Teisjens (Tōtara) 12<sup>th</sup> (second reserve). Good luck!

### Netball

Wā Ora/Raphael House combined (Year 9–10) vs St Orans 19, 26–14.  
Miromiro (Year 7–8) vs TAWKKM 1 Keriana, 17–4.  
Toutoutwai (Year 5–6) vs Raphael House 2.

### Mid-season 'thank you'

Sincere thanks and appreciation to all our coaches and managers who find time to make winter sports happen for our students! Your time and effort is warmly acknowledged by all. And to all the parents who transport teams and cheer from the sideline, acknowledgements to you too! Emma, Jackie and SJ

### We're updating our Civil Defence paperwork.

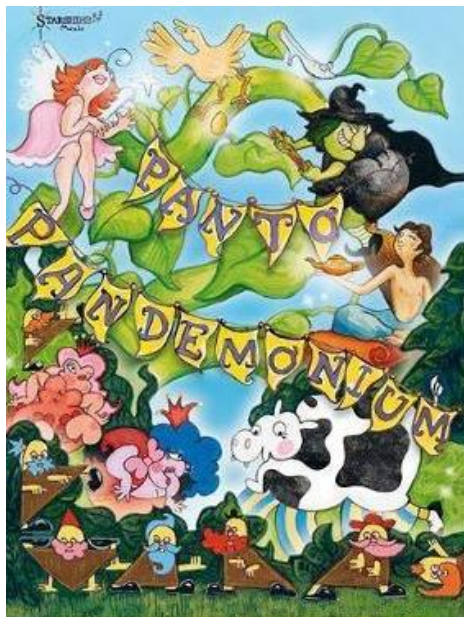
In order to provide the best care for your children in an emergency situation, we need to hold all records electronically and our current paper Civil Defence forms are becoming obsolete.

Please look out for a letter coming home with your child/ren this week requiring you to verify/update the caregivers we currently have listed for your child/ren. Thank you for your cooperation!

### Preschool Holiday Programme

Bookings are now open for the school holiday programme, operating from 9 am–3 pm (after school care is available from 3 pm–5 pm at the normal term charges—there will be no before school care). The programme costs \$175 per week and morning tea is included. You will need to provide lunch as per our food procedure. Please contact [Anna](#) if you have any questions or would like to book.

## Production request for help



Is there anyone in the Wā Ora community who either has/knows someone who has a truck (covered would be ideal) that we might be able to use to shift the set, props, and costumes to and from the theatre on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August (10 am at Wā Ora heading to Expressions Theatre) and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August in the evening (8.30 pm at Expressions theatre heading back to school). Please contact drama teacher Gary by email ([gary@waora.school.nz](mailto:gary@waora.school.nz)) if you can help. All offers gratefully received☺.

### Matariki thank you

Many thanks to all those community members who contributed to our Matariki celebrations on Friday. No matter whether you were organizing, performing or attending, all contributions were vital and greatly appreciated. We can all be proud of our effort as a Wā Ora whānau to maintain our wonderful and vibrant community☺.

### Last day of term closing 12 noon



Please note our last day of this term, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, will be a half day (morning) only. School will end for preschool, primary and high at 12 noon and there will be no after school care on this day. Please make a note of this in your diary and enjoy your slightly longer than normal school holidays☺.

## Beyond the Page – An exciting literary festival for tamariki



Featuring well known authors, illustrators, and performers, Beyond the Page is a festival brimming with literary adventures for tamariki and their whānau to be held 6<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> July across the Wellington region. Children will have the opportunity to explore their creative side, be inspired by spell-binding performances, pick up a new skill, and even meet a storm trooper or two! To find out more about this event, follow Beyond the Page on Facebook [here](#), or visit [www.beyondthepage.nz](http://www.beyondthepage.nz). All events are FREE.

### Naenae Matariki Festival



This weekend's activities include a free outdoor movie on Friday night. Hunt for the Wilderpeople will screen in Hillary Court at 6 pm–8 pm. On Saturday come to the Matariki Market, Hillary Court between 11 am–2 pm or attend a free 'What If?' art workshop by Siân Torrington between 11 am–1 pm at the Naenae library. And Sunday offers a screening of Poi E at the Naenae Library from 3 pm–5 pm. Come along and support our local community☺

### Explore the night sky

Join the Wellington Astronomical Society this Friday night from 7 pm–9.30 pm at the ZEALANDIA Eco-Sanctuary, Waiapu Road, Karori to get a telescopic view of the stars. Hot drinks will be served (BYO cup!). Suitable for all ages, this event has no charge. For more info visit their event [here](#) or [here](#).