

Diary Dates

Coming up . . .

- Thursday 4th July primary trip to Kapa haka festival Walter Nash 9.30 am
- Friday 5th July END OF TERM 2–WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 12 noon (there is no after school care)
- Monday 22nd July FIRST DAY OF TERM 3
- Saturday 3rd August Working bee 9 am

Early close this Friday

**CLOSING
EARLY**

Please note our last day of this term, this Friday 5th July, is 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☺. We apologise for any inconvenience this late notice may have caused our whānau.

Advance notice for early close at end of term 3

The last day of term 3, 27th September, will be a half-day only. School will end for preschool, primary and high at 12 noon and there will be no after school care on this day. Please mark your diary.

Happy term break everyone



This Week

Bush walks in the preschool

By Anna McLean – Preschool Deputy Principal

In the last year, we have extended the “rite of passage” activities of the 5-year-olds to include a weekly bush walk. This came out of an investigation into how we were implementing spontaneous science.

Our school programme provides many opportunities for this, so the recommendation was that we find a space beyond the preschool where tamariki could be in the outdoors and experience science in a wider, natural context. After further investigation into how other centers achieved this and discussions within preschool, it was decided that the Rātā Street bush was ideal in proximity and suitability.

With support from rangatahi (young people) from the high school and the parent community, we have been able to do a weekly walk into the bush. One of the key objectives of the bush walks has been that tamariki explore this place in all kinds of weather and in each

season to experience the changes in the flora and fauna. Another key objective is for the play to be child initiated rather than being teacher led. Adults are in the background observing what interests the tamariki and posing questions to open up new avenues of thinking, but not getting involved or suggesting solutions to challenges.

The success of the activity prompted us to send in an application to MANZ to be considered for the Dr. Nicola Chisnall Memorial Award for 2019. The award recognises initiatives that make significant contributions to tamariki, families and communities. Entries are voted for by the membership and the winner receives \$500 as a contribution towards supporting or extending the work. The award was set up in Nicola’s honour after she passed away from cancer in 2013. Our links as a school, with both Nicola and her husband Dave, go right back to the establishment of Wā Ora in 1988. They were both members of the group who started our school and Nicola was one of the first teachers here at that time. Wā Ora was the inaugural winner of this award back in 2014 and so we are keen to try again!



Anna joined Wā Ora in 2018, having spent the previous 10-years teaching in a 6-12 classroom at Tawa School. She has both AMI 3-6 and 6-12 Montessori training and a Bachelor of Education Degree (Teaching) Primary from Massey University. Anna likes sharing her passion for Montessori and never tires of talking to people about it. She lives in Tawa with her husband and two older children and in her spare time likes reading and is getting used to being a gardener.

Sport

Badminton

Junior Boys (Year 8–10) vs UH, 2–4.
Junior Girls (Year 8–10) vs SHC 1, 6–0.
Senior Mixed (Year 11–13) vs Naenae 3, 2–4

Basketball

Seniors (Year 11-13) vs St Bernards, 45–56.
Juniors (Year 8–10) vs Onslow, 37–40.

Netball

Wā Ora/Raphael House combined (Year 9–10) vs Naenae 5, 24–8.
Miromiro (Year 7-8) vs St Claudine 2 Sharks, 6–17.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Olivia Cheng who has been selected to swim in the Wellington Individual Regionals on Thursday. Good luck, Olivia!

Wā Ora sports t-shirts for purchase



Please see the order form attached to this newsletter's email for

details of the new Wā Ora sports T's available for purchase. It will be a requirement for all high school students wishing to play badminton or futsal in a school team to purchase their own shirt as part of their uniform (email coming from Sarah Jane with full info); primary students may choose to buy their own shirt, but a limited number will be available to borrow for students representing the school at events/team sports. There is a child's size 10 shirt at the office and a sizing chart for trying on.

Remember to notify the office if your child will be absent

If your child will be away or late, you must notify the office. You can either:

- use the school app, or
- text 029 770 4286, or
- email office@waora.school.nz or
- call 04 567 2377, option 1 and leave a message on the absences answer phone. You should contact the school before 8.30 am to advise that your child is away. If you do not do this, we will send a text asking where your child is. Thank you for your cooperation; this helps us to account for all students and ensure their safety.

Lost property clear out

Please check the rack in the hallway at the Rātā class end of the deck for your child/ren's clothes before the end of term. As it will be cleared during the holidays.

The school holidays are a good time to name all items of your child/ren's clothing and to remind ākonga to take care of their belongings. Winter jackets are expensive to have to replace if lost. This really assists us in returning named items to you/your child.

Singing lessons and choir

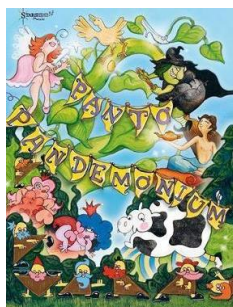
Our music teacher Michael Stebbings is looking for high school students to join a choir next term. Michael has a lot of experience working with choirs and singers and is hoping to take the new Wā Ora choir to the 2020 Big Sing—a national choir festival and competition. Practices will be one day per week after school and also one lunch time per week. If your child is interested, they can reply to Michael's email survey [here](#) before next term.

Please return your Civil Defence paperwork ASAP.

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.

A letter went home with your child/ren last week requiring you to verify/update the caregivers we currently have listed for your child/ren. We would be very appreciative for your forms to be returned as soon as possible 😊

Term 3 primary production



Tickets for 'Panto Pandemonium' will be on sale at the start of next term. Dates are: Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th August at 7 pm and Wednesday 14th August at 6 pm.

Can you help us?

A group of Tōtara 1 students led by Sienna and Jessie have written a play based on Harry Potter and are performing this to primary classes next term. They would like to borrow any Harry Potter costumes (robes/cloaks, etc.) for the performance so if you can help out please leave your name with [Joel](#) or [Jackie](#) for further contact.

Best Start wearable art show



Best Start is once again putting on their popular Wearable Arts and Music show at Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua on Wednesday 17th July (during school holidays). There are shows at 10 am–12 noon and 1 pm–3 pm and entry is by gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to Wellington Free Ambulance.

Do you want to learn about fish?

Animates is running free activities in all stores on both Thursdays (11th and 18th July) of the school holidays. Both sessions will run from 11 am for 40 minutes and children will learn everything there is to know about fantastic fish! It's perfect for children aged 5–10 years old.

Staglands these holidays



We've gone mad for marshmallows again this winter and during the July school holidays, we will be giving them away free to all visitors to toast on the cosy barn campfire and enjoy some wild cooking in the great outdoors. What's more, be in the draw for a Staglander Pass, valued at \$200, by guessing the number of marshmallows that we will give away during the school holidays! Simply get your entry forms from the ticket office on your visit and fill in with your guess. Visit our [website](#) for entry charge information and further details.