

Diary Dates

Coming up . . .

- Wednesday 31st July 1st instalment of **accounts** due
- Friday 2nd August **Sports T-shirt orders close** (revised date)
- Saturday 3rd August **Working bee** 9 am

Welcome to the following child and her family...

Pōhutukawa– Adeline Johnstone

Congratulations to...

. . . Batool, Ali and big sister Esra in Nikau, who have welcomed a baby boy into their family at the end of last term.

Congratulations also to Leah, Richard and big brother Zephram in Nikau, who also welcomed a baby boy into their family. Everyone is doing well☺.

Working bee



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

Saturday 3rd August

9am – 12noon

Abby Budge	Charlie Goldberg
Zayna James	Vanisha Tandon
Lydia Millar	Sophia Mathieson
Zoe Mildenhall	Kaitlyn Burtenshaw
Richard Moon	Farren McClelland
Sophie Moore	Zander McFarlane
Charlie Munro	Fletcher McGrath
Mila Nagel	Cormac McNatty
Grace Nickel	Sophie McPherson
Atreyu Olsen	Summer Nguyen
Gabriel Opie	Sonny Nguyen
Emily Parle	Hannah Pinfold
Karan Patel	Aarav Patel
Jude McLennan-Deans	

This Week

Welcome back!

By Ava Szabo–Principal

Kia ora whānau and welcome back to term three. I hope you all had a fabulous holiday and a well-earned rest.

As term three begins, I would like to look back and reflect on some of the events of the last term. What an incredible time it was, with so much going on. Some of our highlights included: Board of Trustees elections, where we farewelled some members and welcomed others, culminating in a well-attended AGM meeting–thank you everyone; the opening of our new Tāwari space–a beautiful extension that will ensure Wā Ora is well equipped to support our growing college in the years ahead; and finally, our fabulous Matariki celebrations consisting of both daytime and evening events. Our daytime performance was a showcase of each class's interpretation of Matariki using waiata, readings, plays and artwork. The evening event was a coming together of our community–a chance to relax and enjoy some time with friends and family.



This term we continue with our Wā Ora events which include: a visit from Mayor Ray Wallace in August as he comes to view our new high school; our school production that also takes place in August; a community evening which will give us the opportunity to come together and celebrate–more details will follow over the coming weeks; the quiz night–it was such a success last year and it's back in September thanks to the PTA (don't forget to reserve the date of Saturday September 14th and we'll see you there).

There is also a mid-term break next month on Friday 23rd August. All areas of the school will be closed for the whole day and on the last day of the term, there will be another half-day with school closed from 12 noon.

Parking continues to be a concern. If you are dropping children off in the morning or picking up after school, please ensure you park legally. Keeping our tamariki safe is our first priority.

Term three is important for our senior students also, as it is the last chance for lessons before exams at the end of the year. This can be a very stressful time for students so if you are worried about your child, please contact their advisory teacher. They are always ready to listen, help and give advice where they can.

And finally as winter sets in, there is always an increase in illness within our community so please look after yourselves this term.

I hope your week goes well. I know we are going to have a great term.

He waka eke noa–we are all in this together

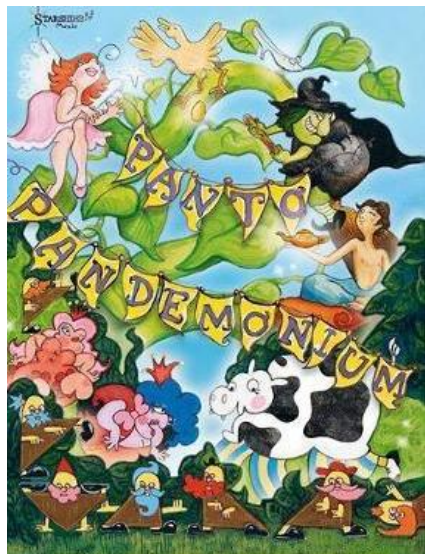
Sport

Wā Ora sports t-shirts for purchase—order due date extended



We have extended the due date for T-shirt orders for another two weeks, to allow high school students to get their orders in. **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.

Term 3 primary production



Tickets for 'Panto Pandemonium' will be on sale next week. Performance dates are: Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th August at 7 pm and Wednesday 14th August at 6 pm.

Advance notice for early close at end of term 3

The last day of term 3, Friday 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.

Items for playgroup

Playgroup is in need of a few items this term and is happy to repurpose/rehome any of these that Wā Ora community members may have at home which they no longer want/need, before buying new. Needed are a jug/kettle, measuring spoons and cups, a foam/yoga mat for the babies' area and a baby gate. If you have any of these to give away, please email dannielle@waora.school.nz. Thank you.

Who does what in Admin/Support

The lovely Donna is away until near the end of this term, so please read below to see who to contact for what:

Hayley hayley@waora.school.nz for

- any financial/accounts questions
- subsidies

Jo joanne@waora.school.nz for

- appointments to see Ava

Sharon office@waora.school.nz for

- changes to preschool afternoon arrangements
- attendance register signing
- notifying of late/sick/holidays/appointments
- afterschool care
- general enquiries

Emma emmashcrader@waora.school.nz for

- new enrolments/transitions

Relda relda@waora.school.nz for

- passwords for school website
- Wā Ora newsletter inclusions
- communication and marketing

School Accounts

Preschool accounts are now in your mail pockets. Accounts for area school students have been posted, so please watch your mail box for these and contact Hayley 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 Hayley if you have any queries about your account.

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.

We are still waiting on some families' civil defence forms to be returned (these were sent home last term). Please return these forms to the office as soon as possible☺.

School office hours

While Donna is away (until week 8 of this term) the school office will open each morning at 8.30 am. The closing time of 4.30 pm will be as per usual.

Wā Ora PTA get-together

Are you interested in being part of the PTA? We are having a get together at the high school on Tuesday, 30th July at 6.30 pm and if you are interested in joining the PTA or are an existing member, we would love you to join us. The PTA is an important part of the school community and it would be really good to grow the team. Please RSVP with your name and a YES to waorapta@waora.school.nz, if you plan on attending. If you cannot make this date but are interested please also let us know and we will get in touch.

Weekly signing of preschool attendance sheets

Please come into the office weekly to sign your preschoolers' attendance. This is a requirement of the Ministry of Education and we now also need signatures for all preschoolers for the holiday period—even if they do not attend the holiday programme, they must be signed for as 'absent'. So please pop into the office next time you are dropping off, as there are lots of people who are not current with their signing. If you have any queries, the office staff will be happy to help you.

Hutt Winter Festival 15th–17th August

Hutt Winter Festival is back for another year to warm up winter for all the whānau, with fantastic creator workshops running alongside an array of fun dance workshops and six headliner projects featuring local artists and performers. For more info head to <http://huttwinterfestival.co.nz/events/>.

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.

