

## Diary Dates

### Coming up . . .

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August **parent morning tea**  
Trade School Kitchen Naenae 9 am
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August **Rewarewa afternoon tea** 3 pm
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August **production rehearsals 9–12s** Expressions Theatre UH
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August **production rehearsals all primary** Expressions Theatre UH
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August **primary production evening performance 7 pm** Expressions Theatre
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August **2<sup>nd</sup> instalment term accounts due**
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August **primary production evening performance 6 pm** Expressions Theatre
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August **primary production evening performance 7 pm** Expressions Theatre
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August **Whānau Hui** 5 pm
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August **BoT/Council meeting** 7 pm staffroom

### Get your production tickets

Tickets for ‘Panto Pandemonium’ are on sale now from the school office. More production info on page two ☺.



## This Week

### Whānau at Wā Ora

*By Marina Pouesi, Ike and Anna Tapine–Wā Ora Whānau Hui*

Ngā mihi mahana ki whānau o Wā Ora–Warmest greetings to Wā Ora whānau.

Many of you may be aware that we hold a regular hui for the parents of Māori tamariki at Wā Ora Montessori. We thought you may be interested to hear more about the kaupapa (purpose) of the hui.

Over the years we have looked at the tikanga (protocol) of the hui and what our moemoeā (aspirations and dreams) for our tamariki (children) and hāpori (community) are. Coming together to talk about these has not only been helpful but it has also given us, as Māori whānau, the opportunity to sit alongside each other and staff to discuss ways in which we can learn from each other in relation to Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Montessori. We envision these discussions continuing to foster an environment at Wā Ora where Māori culture is the norm, and where tamariki are encouraged to understand and learn more about the language and culture and who they are as students in New Zealand.

We consider opportunities and strategies that will contribute to the Wā Ora hāpori. A couple of examples of the outcomes are:

- the stories and legends told at Matariki
- the recent 6–12 primary trip to the Hutt Fest Kapa Haka rehearsals at the end of term three.

These are simple but core values to Māoritanga that won't happen without some effort and co-operation between whānau and the kura (school).

We hope that having opportunities to come together, celebrate our culture, discuss and have opportunities to learn from each other as Māori, parents and whānau will be invaluable; the ripple effect of this can only benefit everybody at Wā Ora.

Each term we meet at school to share kai and kōrero, and to make any decisions on what we need to do as whānau—how we can contribute as whānau to Wā Ora events, staff development and our own development. Recently we have had a couple of monthly informal hui at a whānau home to ensure that kōrero continues and any action points are being completed.

The hui at the school is one Friday evening per term and the informal hui are on a Saturday or Sunday once a month. The next hui is at the school Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 5 pm.

If you are a parent of a Māori child, please know that you are welcome (many of us aren't Māori ☺). Teachers are also welcome; our hui have been stronger when teachers have attended.

The hui are shared kai, tamariki-friendly events. We communicate these dates through the newsletter, the Māori whānau email list and just by talking, so find your way to one of us listed below and we will look after you.

Marina, Anahera and Doug, Ike and Anna, Tara, Krista, Dannielle, Rod and Connie, Kelly, Renee and Eugene and Miri and Alphonso.

## Sport

### Basketball

Seniors (Year 11–13) vs St Pats Wellington, 62–33.

Juniors (Year 8–10) vs Kapiti Coll, a win

### Netball

Wā Ora/Raphael House combined (Year 9–10) vs HVHS 19, 33–5.

Miromiro (Year 7-8) vs Muritai 2, 2–19.

Toutouwai (Year 5-6) vs Wilford 3 Green Ferns.

### Year 1–8 girls' basketball competition

Capital Basketball is running a team-based competition called 'Game Time' for year 1–8 girls to be held at Chilton St James from August 20<sup>th</sup>–September 24<sup>th</sup>. Students will be placed into teams and will play mini-competitive games run by Capital Basketball. Provisional times will be: Year 1–2 3.30 pm–4 pm, year 3–4 4 pm–4.30 pm; and year 5–8 4.30 pm–5.30 pm. The cost is \$25. To register your daughter for 'Game Time' please email [adennehy@chilton.school.nz](mailto:adennehy@chilton.school.nz).

### Debating results

Our year 7 and 8 debating team competed against Hutt Intermediate last Tuesday. The motion was "Life is better now, than it was 50 years ago" and our team (Charlotte, Catherine and Yahvi) did a great job. While Hutt Intermediate took the overall win, Charlotte won one of the top speaker awards.

### Parents dropping off in staff carpark

The Wā Ora staff car park is a busy place from 8.15 am–9 am with many staff cars arriving. It is not safe for parents to pull in to drop their children off to school. All parents should refrain from dropping off, picking up and parking in the staff car park. Our staff need to get into classes on time and this car park is for their cars only. Thank you for keeping our tamariki safe☺.

### Preschool pre-enrolments

A reminder for any parents of children already attending Wā Ora with young ones under 3-years who are not yet pre-enrolled for our preschool: If you would like your baby/toddler to start in our preschool when they turn 3-years-old, you need to complete an application form. Our waiting list for the next two years is already filling up, so please contact Emma asap.

## Ticket and venue info



Our long awaited primary production, 'Panto Pandemonium' is just about here. Tickets are on sale now at the school office between 8.30 am and 4 pm daily.

Next week's **performance dates** are: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August 7 pm start; and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 6 pm start.

**Venue** is Expressions Theatre, 836 Fergusson Drive, Upper Hutt.

**Ticket prices** are: \$15 Adult, \$10 Student, \$5 preschooler, gold coin donation for under 3's (when sitting on a caregiver's knee).

### Rehearsals next week

Next Monday and Tuesday's rehearsals are at the theatre. Buses will take **9–12's only (6–9's will stay at school) on Monday** leaving school at 8.45 am and returning at 3.15 pm. Buses will take **all primary students on Tuesday** leaving school at 8.45 am / returning at 3.15 pm.

*If you would like to drop off/pick up your child direct to/from Expressions Theatre on Monday and/or Tuesday, you must advise the office beforehand.*

Your child should be at the theatre at 9.10 am and you should arrive to pick them up at 2.30 pm.

### Late school arrivals Weds/Thurs/Fri

If your child needs a sleep-in on one/all of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week, students may arrive at school up until 9.30 am, but you must let the office know in advance—via the app, by text on 029 770 4286, by calling 567 2377 or by emailing [office@waora.school.nz](mailto:office@waora.school.nz). We will be following up by text with caregivers of any late students, from whom we have not received prior advice.

Your child will also need to enter school via the office so office staff can sight them and mark them as present.

## Quiz Night—can you donate?

Our quiz night is happening later this term and we are calling for donations of prizes for the auction and sponsors on the night.



### CAN YOU DONATE A PRIZE OR OFFER SPONSORSHIP?

If your business, or a business you know of, can help with either of these, please email [Bridget](mailto:Bridget) (sponsorship) or [Tania](mailto:Tania) (prizes).

Sponsors' company details will be on an A4 sponsor brochure given to everyone who attends; you also have the option to provide a voucher for your businesses services. Facebook posts and school newsletter coverage are also included. Those businesses donating a prize will also be mentioned during the evening. Thank you to all in advance for your support☺.

### Coffee morning this Friday

Come along for a relaxed chat and a catch up this Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August at 9 am after drop-off at Trade School Kitchen, 17 Everest Avenue, Naenae. This is a morning tea for all parents and will be a very relaxed affair! Stay for as long or as short as your schedule allows. Younger siblings are welcome☺.



### REMINDER: Please return your Civil Defence paperwork ASAP.

Many of these forms are still outstanding and need to be returned to the office as soon as possible. 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.