

Diary Dates

Coming up . . .

- Monday 19th August **BoT/Council meeting** 7 pm staffroom
- Tuesday 20th August **Wā Ora active community group meeting** 3.30 pm
- Wednesday 21st August **Wā Ora active community group meeting** 8.45 am
- Thursday 22nd August **Wā Ora active community group meeting** 3.30 pm
- Friday 23rd August **Mid-term Break**
WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 27th August **Practice Lockdown** 1.30 pm
- Wednesday 28th August **3rd instalment of school accounts due**
- Wednesday 28th August **Parent information evening: Behind the screens** 7.30 pm T2
- Friday 30th August **Wā Ora Celebration of Culture event** 5.30 pm in T2

Wā Ora Celebration of Culture

Friday 30th August 5.30 pm–7.30 pm



A community evening to connect and reconnect with new friends and old in T2 at the high school site. There will be fun and games for the kids–disco, fireside sing-along, art and craft and ball games on the court–with senior students.

–Feel free to dress in the national costume of a culture you identify with

–bring your favourite ethnic dish to share.

–BYO plates/cutlery etc.

–Water and cups will be provided.

–There will be a sausage sizzle (\$2 each) in the fale (out the back).

–Kawakawa Coffee Cart will be selling coffees and hot chocolates.



This Week

A busy term!

By Ava Szabo–Principal

Kia ora whānau

What a busy term so far! First up, congratulations to everyone involved in the ‘Panto Pandemonium’ school production. It was a sell out and for those of you who were lucky enough to get tickets before the ‘SOLD OUT’ signs went up. I’m sure you will agree they were performances to remember–from the opening night to the grand finale. I would like to take this opportunity to thank not only the performers (you were outstanding), but also the myriad of helpers back stage. Performing as ‘Moo’ on opening night, I was well placed to see things in action. The makeup artists, the costume makers, the people back stage ensuring we all got on stage on time and in order and the parents and teachers who supported our tamariki. Managing and directing over 100 children on and off stage is not an easy task, but it was made to look effortless. I know we will be talking about the fun we had for many months to come.



Looking forward to the rest of term three: on Wednesday 28th August the high school will host a parent education evening ‘Behind the Screens’ with ‘Attitude’. Attitude, the youth education division of Parenting Place, are dedicated to equipping teenagers with the information and skills they need to negotiate the adolescent years and build meaningful lives. Their materials give young people strategies for solving problems, handling stress, building resilience and negotiating relationships. For more information on ‘Attitude’ please see the link <https://www.attitude.org.nz/>. The following day will include presentations to ākonga from year 7-13.

Friday 30th August is our multi-cultural event for the whole whānau. This is an opportunity to celebrate the many cultures that make up our Wā Ora community, a time to learn a little more about each other’s heritage and celebrate our diversity.

The 9th–15th September is Māori Language Week. The theme for this year is ‘Kia Kaha te Reo Māori’ following on from the success of last year. ‘Kia Kaha’ is well known in New Zealand with its correct Māori meaning of ‘be strong’. We often talk about languages as if they are people–talking about language health, strength and revitalisation, so when we say ‘Kia Kaha te Reo Māori’ we’re saying, ‘Let’s make the Māori language strong’. More details will follow as each class prepares for the week.

Finally save Saturday 14th September for the PTA Quiz Night, book a table and bring some friends; it’s sure to be a great evening out!

Have a great week!

Sport

Badminton

Senior Mixed (Year 11–13) vs Upper Hutt, a fun and final game for the season, followed by team dinner to celebrate.

Basketball

Seniors (Year 11–13) vs HIBS, 47–36. Final game of the season placing 5th in their grade. Last game for Samuel and Hamish who leave Wā Ora this year. Thanks for your commitment to basketball. Go well!

Juniors (Year 8–10) vs Tawa College, 72–44.

Final game of the season, placing the team 5th in their grade. See you next season, lads!

Netball

Wā Ora/Raphael House combined (Year 9–10) vs Sacred Heart College 17, 26–12 to win the grade. A great season of fun and progress. Congratulations to Sophie on MVP 2019. congratulations to Alexander on Most Promising Student Umpire award.

Mid-term break THIS FRIDAY

Mid-Term Break
School Closed
Friday 23rd August

The preschool, primary and high school will be closed for mid-term break THIS FRIDAY.

Wā Ora active community group

We are a group of enthusiastic and welcoming parents and staff who are looking to connect parents to other parents/whānau in our school and create opportunities to be involved with the school through many different avenues, e.g. community events, using your skills to benefit students' learning, outings, offering your time in small or large capacities, one-off or ongoing projects, fundraising, camp, ...). We are meeting tomorrow 20th and Thursday 22nd August at 3.30 pm in the staffroom, and on Wednesday 21st August in the playgroup/ASC room at 8.45am. See you there! For more information, please contact Kelly 027 361 1751, Jenny 027 600 7043 or Vanessa 021 052 7377.

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. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

PTA AGM– Notice of AGM



Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Wā Ora Montessori

PTA will be held on Thursday, 12th September at 3.45 pm in Tōtara classroom.

As per our Constitution, the officers of the association are elected at each AGM. The positions of Chairperson (currently held by Andrea Thompson) and Treasurer (currently held by Jen Humphries) are available for election.

If you are interested in either position, please attend the meeting as elections will occur on the night. If you can't attend the meeting and are interested in a role, please email waorapta@waora.school.nz.

If you have not been on a PTA and want to know more, here are a couple of good links for further information: What can a PTA do for your school or <https://www.nzpta.org.nz/>

PTA AGM Agenda

1. Opening Welcome
2. Minutes of previous AGM
3. Annual Report from Chairperson
4. Annual Financial Statements of the Year
5. Officers resignations
6. Election of Officers and executive committee
7. General Business.

If you have any questions, please email waorapta@waora.school.nz.

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 (sponsorship) or 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☺.

Parent information evening



Bookmark **NEXT Wednesday 28th August** for our upcoming high school parent education evening. We are proud to host the team from Attitude, who will give parents insights into the changing world of teens, particularly when it comes to the online world—a powerful evening aimed at all parents of adolescents or soon-to-be adolescents. Entry is \$5 to help meet the cost of bringing the Attitude team to our community. For more info about Attitude click [here](#).

Remember to notify the office if your child will be absent

If your child will be away or late, you must notify the office before 8.30 am. 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.
- If you do not do this, we will send a text/call asking where your child is. Thank you for your cooperation; this helps us to account for all students and ensure their safety.

PRACTICE Lockdown:

Next Tuesday 27th August

We are holding another lockdown drill next Tuesday 27th August at 1.30 pm for the whole school. Part of our procedure is to alert parents via email and the school communications app that we are in lockdown. Tuesday's notifications will say 'PRACTICE Lockdown Drill'. You will not need to do anything when you receive this notice, but please be aware that if you arrive at the school to collect your child for an appointment during the practice lockdown, neither you nor your child will be able to leave until the all clear has been given (between 20–30 minutes). To receive emergency notifications via the school app, please ensure you have the downloaded the app. This can be done via this [link](#).

Year 13 Tāwari student request

I'm in need of 12 olive tree branches (preferably without olives attached to them) for my English assignment. If you can help, please leave them at the school office. Thanks from Dani Deacon.