

Diary Dates

Coming up . . .

- Saturday 7th September **Working bee** 9 am–12 noon
- Monday 9th September **production USB order deadline**
- Monday 9th September **9–12 trip Hikoi 11 am–3 pm**
- Monday 9th September **6–9 trip to Belmont Regional Park** 9 am depart school
- Wednesday 11th September **preschool parent education evening** 7 pm Kōwhai class
- Thursday 12th September **PTA AGM** 3.45 pm Tōtara class
- Saturday 14th September **PTA Quiz Night** 7 pm T2 high school
- Friday 27th September **Last day of term whole school early close at 12 noon**

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 7th September
9am – 12noon

Aubane Farcy	Ava Hunt-Ingledew
Evelyn Randal	Adelaide Rives Jonquille
Rose Russell	William Robbers
Conor Sicat	Kate Schlup
Karun Sologar	Adam Spurgeon
Gracien Stapp	Jessica Stokes
Beau Sweeney	Finnigan Strickland
William Taylor	Luca Sutherland
Amelia Taylor	Dylann Sweeney
Maia Teng	India Thornber
Elsbeth Pottstock- Nichols	
Sailesh Prasanna Pabmanabhan	

This Week

Sowing all the seeds

By Carol Palmer–Tawhai Teacher

The Montessori curriculum is diverse and extensive: a child, or adult, who learned all the facts covered in lessons would have a fairly comprehensive understanding of the world.

But memorising the facts of this curriculum is not the point of Montessori education. We give many lessons in many areas in the hopes that they will inspire further work, deeper thinking, interesting conversations or a greater appreciation of the world around us. Sometimes the children appear not to have been affected by the lessons at all, sometimes they are driven to huge projects based on one small idea and sometimes, months after a lesson is given, a little gem appears that shows us they really were taking it all in.

Dr. Montessori said we should 'sow as many seeds as possible' and have the patience to leave them to grow of their own accord. Here are two of the seeds which germinated in Tawhai.

Wind *by Phoebe Champion and Aubane Farcy*

Wind is blowing everywhere,
 Roaring like a grizzly bear,
 Warning comes from far and wide,
 Keep your loved ones safe inside,
 The great old oak tree twists and turns,
 The fire in the hearth no longer burns,
 A baby cries throughout the night,
 The oak and the wind begin to fight,
 The air is filled with crashes and bangs,
 The wind



Humans *by Phoebe Champion*

Do you know what humans are they're funny little creatures,
 Their limbs are very long and they have odd sorts of facial features,
 They're never the same some are young some are old,
 Most have hair while others are bold,
 They wear different cloths some patched some frayed,
 But I'm sure they looked lovely when they were first made,
 Humans are different in good ways and bad,
 Most are quite friendly and some make you mad,
 Some look quite different and some look the same,
 Some are great actors and ready for fame,
 So please do believe me when you hear me say,
 Humans are different in their own sort of way.

Abacus fundraiser – order forms out THIS week



We are again offering these calendars, sketch pads, diaries, mouse mats and card packs to parents with children's artwork/photo on them. Order forms will be out this week and are due back to the office by Friday 27th September. Payment can be made at the office by cash/eftpos or online to the school account # 12-3209-0438285-00 with surname and 'ABACUS' as reference. These make a great gift for extended family and are affordably priced. Prices are as follows: Calendars \$14, cards \$16, diaries \$18, mouse mats \$16 and sketch pads \$16.

Preschool parent education evening

Please join us on Wednesday 11th September at 7pm in Kōwhai class for a 'hands-on' evening of Montessori materials. Have a chance to try the materials you have heard your child talk about and seen written about in learning stories. There will also be an opportunity to ask some questions at the end of the evening. Please RSVP to the office.

Production USB sticks for sale

USB sticks with both Wednesday and Thursday performances and various photos can be ordered from the school office for \$22 each until 3.30 pm next Monday 9th September. Payment is by cash, eftpos or internet banking to the school BoT account # 12-3209-0438306-00 with surname and 'PRODUCTION USB' as reference. USB sticks will be available to collect from the office on Monday 16th September.

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.

Lost property overflowing

Please check the rack in the hallway at the Rātā class end of the deck for your child/ren's clothes as it is overflowing. There is also an unnamed scooter there! Items will be cleared out at the end of the week if unclaimed. Thank you ☺

Scribe (writer) needed

We are looking for someone to act as a scribe/writer for a Kawakawa student from time to time. The student would dictate their work to you to write down, not type. Legible handwriting would be preferred. If you feel able to help out, please email Juliette (juliette@waora.school.nz).

High school parent/teacher/student interview links

Emails will be coming out later today for full information for both Kawakawa and Tāwari meetings which are to be held on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th September in week 9, but in the meantime, here are the booking links:

Kawakawa–

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=wpvfg>

Tāwari–

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=637u8>

Congratulations to our Mandarin students



High school Mandarin students Madeleine, Kaitlyn, Jaya, Cecily and Emily entered the 2019 New Zealand School Students Chinese Short Film Contest last term and have won three out of the five New Zealand national prizes! The girls' original short film entry won "Best Film", "Best Performance" and "Best guidance". Well done!

PTA AGM– Notice of AGM



The PTA AGM will be held next Thursday, 12th September at 3.45 pm in Tōtara classroom. As per its Constitution, the

officers of the association are elected at each AGM and 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 day. If you can't attend the meeting and are interested in a role or have questions, please email waorapta@waora.school.nz.

Quiz Night–two weeks to go!

Have you got your tickets yet? Can you help on the night? And can we borrow ...?

Tickets can still be purchased from the office but if you're keen to get involved but don't want to compete, you could join us on the Quiz Night crew! We are looking for people to help host the event and get involved in clearing tables, taking food out, doing the odd dish or two in the sink, etc. If this sound like you, email Richard at richard@waora.school.nz.

Also, do have table cloths you could lend us please? Plain or checked is great. Also sets of nice plates, small platters, etc. If you can help with supplying any of these, please email renjamsophjoel@hotmail.co.nz. Thank you to all in advance for your support ☺.

Naenae primary school pool open to public from 7th October

Naenae primary school pool will be open on weekends and in the school holidays from Monday 7th October. At this stage opening hours will be 11 am–4 pm during the term 3 school holidays and also the summer break (Saturday 21st December–Sunday 26th January 2020) and on weekends. It will be supervised by qualified council employed lifeguards. Due to the size and depth of the pool it is suitable only for children under 11-years and parents with babies, and has a limit of 34 people at any one time. Changing rooms and toilets will be available onsite.

Help save a whale



Each year hundreds of dolphins and whales strand on our shores. Project Jonah is running its Marine Mammal Medic course in Wellington on Sunday 29th September. There are still places available and more information about the course content, cost and how to enrol can be found here: <https://www.projectionah.org.nz/medic>. The more medics trained up ready to respond, the better our response will be when needed.