

## ***Wa Ora newsletter for week 5 term 4 2019***

### ***Recapping and looking forward:***

Kia ora whanau,

Welcome to week 5. I hope you had a fabulous weekend and found some time out of the torrential rain we have been experiencing.

There is so much going on at Wa Ora as we approach the end of our school year.

The school disco 'Boogie Wonderland' held on Friday was a great event – food, fairy lights and face painting was on offer with Kawakawa students playing DJ. It was a great opportunity for our younger children to dress up and dance and a good excuse for the adults in the room to join in and boogie with the old favourites. This would not have been possible without the hard work of some Kawakawa parents who spent several hours putting the event together. I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Thank you.

Last week was also the start of our NCEA exams for our senior students. Our students have been working very hard over the term revising for these exams and I know you will join me in wishing them all the best for the weeks ahead. Results will be out in January 2020.

We are also preparing for the Tawari camp at the end of the term, where our senior students will get the opportunity to experience Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre; a great opportunity to de-stress and unwind after NCEA exams and also an opportunity for our year 10's to join the Tawari class ready for their transition in 2020.

The end of year concert is now on our minds with our tamariki and staff rehearsing. There is so much excitement and anticipation as we get ready for our final performance at the end of the year.

These are just a few of the occasions we are preparing for as we head towards the end of 2019. A very exciting time for us all at Wa Ora. Thank you for supporting us this year.

Below is a short story by Xanthe George of Kawakawa class – a wonderful addition to this newsletter.

### **Mystery in Paradise**

*By Xanthe George, Kawakawa student*

My head was throbbing and my whole body ached. I was knocked to the ground and everything turned black.

Slowly opening my eyes, I carefully sat up and flinched as my skin was severely sunburned and a crab scuttled over me. Flicking the crab away, I was amazed by the most beautiful view I had ever seen. It was like out of a movie but better. There was golden crunchy sand with seashells dotted along the shoreline. Stunning clear turquoise water with

little waves braking softly on the sand and the tallest coconut trees I had ever seen that looked as if they touched the fluffy white clouds.

I was in paradise.

But how did I get there?

### **Dates:**

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November **Central Zone athletics**
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November **Tawari NCEA eventing** 7 p.m.
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November **PTA Car Boot Sale** primary courts 11 a.m.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November **BoT/Council Meeting** staff room 7 p.m.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November **3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of school accounts due**
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November **Open House evening** for preschool and primary 5.30 p.m.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November **transition visits** for years 7 and 4 students and also 5 year olds transitioning to primary
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November **Whanau Hui** 5 p.m.

### **Sport:**

#### **Touch:**

Pūkeko (Years 1&2) vs Dyer Street Dragons, won 7–4.

Kererū (Years 3&4) vs Naenae Chiefs, lost 4–8.

Kōkako (Years 5&6) vs Tawhai Tuis, lost 2–12.

#### **Netball:**

Pīpipi (Years 1&2) vs Hutt Central Pukeko, (scores are not recorded at this level).

#### **Xrace:**

Entries for the Xrace are now open. This is a fun family event for a child (aged 6–14) and adult to work together as a team through a number of challenges. There is a little race for younger kids as well. Entry is currently half price. For more info, go to <http://www.xrace.co.nz/huttcity#wellington-event> or e-mail Anna on [tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com](mailto:tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com).

#### **Weet-bix TRYathlon**

Weet-bix TRYathlon registrations are now open for kids aged 7–15 years. For complete details please check out <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/hutt-city/>. A school group has been created for the Hutt City event on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020. To be included in the school group make sure you select 'Yes' to *Join the School Group* or e-mail Anna for the link. We'll organise a marquee for the day so we have a place to sit together. Note, you are responsible for your child(ren), this is not a school trip. Any queries, please e-mail Anna on [tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com](mailto:tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com)

## **General:**

### **2019/2020 Dates**

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of term 4 2019 for primary and high school with school closing at 1 p.m. (after the school concert).
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December is the last day of term 4 2019 for the preschool.
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January is the first day of term 1 2020 for the high school – Kawakawa has an Odyssey gear check in the morning and Tawari has course confirmation in the afternoon.
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January is the first day of term 1 2020 for preschool and primary.

### **Save the date: Open House**

Our Open House evening is happening on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November when preschool and primary classrooms will be open between 5.30 p.m. and 7 p.m. This is when your child gets a chance to show you what they have been working on in class or to give you a lesson! So come along with your curiosity and spend some time back in school!

### **Quiz Night 2020**

Hello, everybody, we'd love to put together a great quiz night again in 2020. We are looking for a team of dedicated organizers who are keen to make this event happen. If you are keen, please get in touch with Richard at [richard@waora.school.nz](mailto:richard@waora.school.nz) with a wee run down of what you could bring to the table. Or if you just have some questions, send them through. If we get a core group of people together we'll get together before Christmas to do some planning.

### **Microscope donation**

Our high school biology teacher, Zena, has been running yoga classes for staff. With the money raised from the koha for these classes, she was able to purchase a microscope for Mahendrajyoti Secondary School in Salyan, a remote school in the Solukhumbu region near Mt Everest, which she delivered on a recent visit to Nepal to the Rural Education and Environmental Development, an NGO that works with the Himalayan Trust, that was set up by Sir Edmund Hilary.

## **From the PTA:**

### **Car Boot Sale:**

Coming up this Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. in the primary playground is the Wa Ora Car Boot Sale. There will be bargains galore, food, coffee and fun. If you are planning some decluttering, and would like a stall to sell your treasures, there are still a few spots left. Note that registrations are now open to the public. Grab that spot by booking here ASAP:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoTfnXFEn4RO1rcnFlkDF3Jn17YhHvwXGp-15hi7Qc6Tdupw/viewform>. Any unsold items that you do not want to take home again will be donated to free for

all <https://www.freeforall.co.nz/>.

**Raffle tickets now on sale:**

Get yours from the school office. \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Tickets can also be bought at the car boot sale and the raffle will be drawn on the day! Great prizes including a hot stone massage voucher, a recycled Rimu chopping board, beeswax wraps and a LED lamp. Come along and support your community and be in to win!

**Silent Auction:**

There is also a silent auction in the office now taking bids for the prize of \$638 value of private tuition (to be used in term 1 2020) from NumberWorks 'n Words. There is a \$250 reserve on this auction and bidding closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

***Community:*****After school care babysitter/nanny required – suitable for student**

We're looking for a reliable, mature and caring person to assist us with after school care for our son during the preschool term. The hours of work would normally be 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, with some flexibility to stay past 6 p.m. if required. If interested, please contact Emily on 021 0232 1383 or [emilyfeng04@hotmail.com](mailto:emilyfeng04@hotmail.com).