

Wa Ora newsletter for week 7 term 4 2019

My final newsletter of 2019.

By Ava Szabo – Principal

Kia ora whanau.

As the school year draws to an end, I would like to express my thanks to the many people that make Wa Ora run smoothly each and every day. Without you we would not be the amazing school we are.

My first thankyou goes to our administration team. These staff welcome you with a smile each morning. They look after you, they deal with the myriad of daily enquiries, school enrolments, finance, marketing, office administration, property, employment and so much more.

To our support staff, your care for our tamariki is second to none, whether they are in the classroom, out in the playground, in the library, the kitchen or on camp. We are so fortunate to have such a professional group.

To our parent volunteers, who give up their time to help in so many ways: you are our reading mums, our sports coaches and managers, our gardeners, our guides in the kitchen, our going-out supporters, to name just a few.

To our teaching staff, you are the anchor of our school. You give endless lessons, grounded in our philosophy. You write reports, and give support and care to our tamariki and their whanau. You live and breathe the vision that is Wa Ora.

To our senior leadership team, thank you for keeping our waka moving forward, for your commitment and care of all that is Wa Ora.

To our board, thank you for giving up your time and energy to govern our school.

To our akonga, you are our beating heart and our reason to begin each day.

And last but not least to our Wa Ora community, you entrust us with the care and education of your children. Thank you.

There are also a few final events of the year that I would like to draw your attention to:

1. The Leavers Dinner on Friday, December 6th – this is where we celebrate the graduation of our senior students.
2. Tawari Camp – a time for students to unwind and relax after the stress of exams; also a time to come together as the class of 2020.
3. The end of year concert – our fabulous and final get together of 2019.

Dates:

- Wednesday 27th November **parent meeting for year 4 students transitioning to 9–12** 6 p.m.
- Friday 6th December **Graduation Dinner** 6 p.m.
- Saturday 7th December **Working bee** 9 a.m–12 noon.
- Sunday 8th December **Tawari campers** depart 12 noon.
- Tuesday 10th December **Tawari campers return** to school approx. 10 a.m.
- Tuesday 10th December **End of year concert** 11 a.m.
- Tuesday 10th December **Whole school closes at** 1 p.m.

Sport:

Futsal:

Senior mixed vs St Bernards 2, 3–13 loss.

Twilight Netball:

Wa Ora vs Firesharks, 16–19 loss.

Touch:

Pūkeko (Years 1&2) vs Kelson Pandas, 3–5 loss.

Kererū (Years 3&4) vs Rata Street 3 (girls), 3–8 loss.

Kōkako (Years 5&6) vs Boulcott Hurricanes, 3–16 loss.

Netball:

Pīpipi (Years 1&2) vs Waterloo Stars (scores are not recorded at this level).

General:

End of year concert Tuesday 10th December

We warmly welcome you to our end of year concert on Tuesday 10th December starting at 11 a.m. This year we will hold our concert on the primary field outside Tawhai classroom. If the weather does not choose to co-operate it will be held in T2 at the high school. The concert will end around 12.30 p.m. and school is then closed from 1 p.m. with no after school care. Further information will be available in next week's newsletter.

Expressions of Interest

We have three part time Teacher Aide positions available for 2020. Two of these are in the high school working with individual students – an interest in Maths and English is preferred but not essential. One position is five hours per week and the other is a minimum of ten hours per week. The third position is in the primary school and is for twenty hours per week. If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Juliette George by emailing

juliette@waora.school.nz

Next week’s newsletter is the last for this year

Our final newsletter for the year will be next Monday, 2nd December. Thank you for your patience with our ‘pared-down’ format this past term; we look forward to bringing you our regular-look newsletter again in 2020.

Working Bee list

Our next working bee is scheduled for Saturday 7th December and goes from 9 a.m. –12 noon. Please check the list below for your child’s name.

George Thorogood
Ishan Vallabh
Nico Freire
James Li
Logan Lampitt
Tilak Patel
Eulie Norton
Tully Whittington-Werry
Eli Shearer
Angus Newlands
Jude McLennan-Deans
Sophie Moore
Adeline Johnstone
Charlie Munro
Enzo Estrada
Nunu Woodson

Completed transition paperwork needed back asap

If your child is moving up to a new class next year, you will have received a transition pack by now. Please take the time to read through all the information to help with the change for both you and your child and complete and return your forms to the office **as soon as possible** to ensure a smooth transition.

Extra yearbook

Every family will receive one yearbook per family at the beginning of next year. If you would like to order extra copies this year, please email your name and the number of extra copies required to office@waora.school.nz by this Friday, 29th November. Extra copies cost \$15 each and must be paid for before pick up.

Lost property overflowing

Please check the lost property rack in the hallway, just past the main office (enter from the deck at the Rata class end) for your child/ren’s clothing and belongings, as this is now overflowing. Please ensure that all clothing and belongings coming to school with your child are named, as these can then be returned when they are lost/found.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Amelia Prebble of Kawakawa who has been awarded first place in the IWC 2019 competition. The Intermediate Writers Award competition is entered every year by thousands of intermediate aged students from all over New Zealand, so this is a huge honour for her. Amelia's entry was titled Ihumatao: A Stand for the Land.

End of 2019/Start of 2020 Dates

- Tuesday 10th 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) for everyone. There will be no after school care on this day.
- Monday 16th December is the last day of term 4 2019 for the preschool.
- Tuesday 28th 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 29th January is the first day of term 1 2020 for preschool and primary.

Vomiting and Diarrhoea 48 hour stand-down

Please remember that if your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhoea, they must stay away from school for at least 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting/diarrhoea. This is to minimise the spread of these highly contagious germs to other students.

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 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.