

Diary Dates

Coming Up . . .

- Wednesday 12th February **school accounts 1st instalment due**
- Thursday 13th February **Scholastics book orders close** online
- Friday 14th February **School photos**
- Saturday 15th February **Working bee** 9 am–12 noon
- Monday 17th February **BoT/Council meeting** 7 pm staff room
- Friday 21st February **Whānau Hui** 5.30 pm

Welcome to the following students and their families...

Nīkau – Addyson Lynds.

Working bee



Please check below for your eldest child’s name to attend this working bee. Contact the office with any queries.

Saturday 15th February 9 am – 12 noon

Molly Allan-Heath	Esra Alsadah
Jay-Ming Angus-Wen	Finn Anquetil
Oliver Aukett-Ascoli	Theresa Ashley
Aotea Bramley-Owens	Tyrei Berney
Graydon Barstow	Mischa Blake
Nitya Amaravathi	Ben Brough
Madeleine Bailey	Rosa Buescher
Ethan Anderton-Gough	James Anderson
Isabelle Bradshaw-Ross	

This Week

Tomorrow’s schools review update

Kia ora whānau

Today I am sharing information about the Tomorrow’s Schools Review that has been produced for parents and whānau by the Ministry of Education.

This reset is significant. Changes will require ongoing investment of both time and resource, and will need to be managed in a coherent and connected way over the next ten years.

Key changes of interest to parents and whānau

Meeting the needs of Māori – The reforms emphasise the power of collaboration and partnership; and the value of working closely with iwi and Māori to lift the performance of the education system, so ākonga Māori enjoy and achieve education success as Māori. The development of a Māori Medium Network Plan for the next decade has been commissioned as well as an education workforce strategy to ensure teacher supply for the Māori medium pathway. Māori and iwi engagement in school governance is to be strengthened. By June 2020, the Ministry of Education will develop advice about how this can be achieved.

Complaints and disputes resolution – Over the next 2–4 years, the Government will enable the establishment of panels to resolve disputes, where they cannot be resolved at the school level. The panel’s focus will be to resolve serious disputes in an inclusive, culturally appropriate and timely manner. Complaints about teachers will continue to be within the jurisdiction of the Teaching Council. This will not be changed by the new disputes panels.

Refocusing the role of Boards – The Government will remove the distinction between the existing primary and secondary objectives for Boards in governing schools. Legislation will provide for four objectives that give as much weight to obligations, in relation to pastoral care and giving effect to Te Tiriti, as to academic achievement.

A more visible support system for school leadership – To better support our education leaders, the Government invites the Teaching Council to establish a Leadership Centre to enhance the considerable work they have already undertaken on their Leadership Strategy and Educational Leadership Capability Framework. The new Education Service Agency (ESA), as part of a redesigned Education Ministry, will also be given additional functions to build support for, and service to, leaders and principals.

What’s next?

The Government acknowledges the reset to further strengthen the education system will be significant. Changes related to governance and management of schools need to work in a complex system that also includes early learning and tertiary education. They will require ongoing investment of both time and resource, and will need to be managed in a coherent and connected way over the next ten years.

A detailed timeline can be found in Appendix 1 of the Government’s position document, ‘Supporting all schools to succeed: Reform of the Tomorrow’s Schools system’.

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/TSR/November-2019/TSR-Government-Response-WEB.pdf>.

Sport

Touch rugby



If you are interested in your child (aged 5–12 years old) playing touch rugby this term, please complete the registration form [here](#) or copy and paste this link (<https://drive.google.com/open?id=10TelmXw64KIVz8CkAssXE8XET9f0ot5Qg5EzUj3SjiA>) by Monday 10th February, or e-mail tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com. Games start Thursday 20th February and run for six weeks, played at Fraser Park. Further information is in the registration form and on classroom doors.

School photos

SAY CHEESE!



School photos will be happening this Friday 14th February. An email was sent to caregivers last week explaining the new online process for

ordering class and individual photos. If you wish to order a sibling photo, you will still need to pick up an order form from the school office and complete and return it by this Thursday 13th February.

PTA Twilight Picnic



This year we'll meet up on Friday 28th February for the annual PTA Twilight Picnic from 5 pm–7 pm in the primary playground. More info to come soon, but meanwhile, mark your diary and we'll hope to see you there 😊.

Parking safely at drop off/pick up

Please ensure you drive slowly near the school and park safely, considerately and legally when dropping off and collecting your children, avoiding driveways and yellow lines. This will assist in keeping our community safe. A reminder also that the car park behind preschool is for staff only.

School accounts payments

Wā Ora accounts have moved to email and were emailed last week.

If you have children in the area school, you will have received two invoices, one for each school bank account into which fees and donations are to be paid. Please refer to the bank account at the bottom of each invoice/statement for where to pay.

Please note the following:

account 12-3209-0438285-00 (council)

- Preschool tuition fees
- Primary and high school term donations
- All annual fees (including MANZ, civil defence and yearbook)
- After and before school fees

account 12-3209-0438306-00 (BoT)

- Activities fees (primary and high school)
- Camps payments
- Odyssey payments
- Sports subs

Payments can still be made by internet banking (please put your child/rens' first and last name/s as the reference), or cash, cheque or eftpos (savings/cheque) at the office. In the future, area school accounts may be paid by credit card via Paystation (incurring a surcharge).

Instalment dates are as follows:

- 1st Instalment –Wednesday 12th February
- 2nd Instalment – Wednesday 26th February
- 3rd Instalment – Wednesday 11th March

If you pay by instalment, please just check in with Donna before you pay the first account.

Scholastics book orders



Scholastics brochures have been given out/ are in preschool pockets. Orders are due online by next Thursday 13th February. Scholastics have a great selection of reading ideas for your child and when you purchase, you are helping the school to increase its library with free books.

Dry Cleaning

Dry cleaning can be dropped off at the school office and it will be cleaned and delivered back to school for you to collect? It's convenient and affordable and also helps Wā Ora, who receives a percentage from the sales. Please ask the office staff for further information.

Part-time Receptionist/Administrator required in Waiwhetu

We are looking for a receptionist/administrator role to work in a busy and high-performing team. Based inASUREQuality's Laboratory in Waiwhetu only 10 minutes from Wā Ora Montessori School, this role provides receptionist duties and administrative support to the business. You will be performing a variety of tasks including invoicing, purchasing and travel and more! This is a part-time role working 25 hours a week, with flexibility to work between 9 am and 3.30 pm. If you have similar prior experience and are interested in the role, please contact Scott Wythe on 021 572 239 or email scott.wythe@asurequality.com.

Kids yoga

Kids Yoga

Teaching children the value of yoga, meditation, breathing, self awareness, and empowerment using music, games, stories, dance and lots of fun.

5-7y/o Tuesday 3:30-4:15
7-10y/o Thursday 3:30-4:15
10+y/o Thursday 4:15-5:15
Eastbourne Library, First Floor
\$120 for 8 week term

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Hutt Gravel Grab

Feeling inspired to do some landscaping or to give your garden a make-over? Then come along to our Gravel Grab at Moonshine Park, Moonshine Road, Trentham this Sunday 15th February between 10 am–2 pm to get stones from our very own Hutt River Trail. Bring along a trailer and some buckets and we will help you to get the rocks directly in your trailer for no cost. There will also be an area where you can pick your own rocks to put straight into your boot. These rocks are available for you to take to help manage the flood risk of the river so it's a win-win for everyone!

