

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Wednesday 26th February **2nd instalment due school accounts**
- Thursday 27th February **Year 7 Technology** 9 am Avalon Int School
- Friday 28th February **Parent morning tea** Trade Kitchen Naenae 9 am
- Friday 28th February **Twilight Picnic** 5 pm primary playground
- Monday 2nd March **9–12 camp departs**
- Friday 6th March **9–12 camp returns**
- Saturday 7th March **Working bee** 9 am–12 noon
- Monday 9th March **Year 7 Technology (make-up day)** 9 am Avalon Int School

Welcome to the following student and her family...

Rewarewa – An Nguyen

PTA Twilight Picnic



Bring your dinner along this Friday 28th February from 5–7 pm to hang out on the primary school field, with your friends at the Twilight Picnic. We'll have T2 at the high school as a backup plan if wet. There will be a waterslide as long as we have enough volunteers to supervise it, so please get in touch with the office if you can help and ask your children to pack their togs and towels. Please be mindful of waste and plan to take any rubbish home with you.

This week

Focus for 2020

By Ava Szabo – Principal

Kia ora whānau. Welcome to week 5; it is hard to believe we are already half way through term 1. This week I would like to give you an overview of the areas of focus for our school in 2020.

These areas are drawn from our Strategic Plan. Many of you will remember our last review of the plan at the end of 2017. The next review is scheduled for this year, and the Board will be communicating further about this later in the year.

The Charter and Strategic Plan are guiding documents developed by all schools to help define where we intend to put our focus each year.

The Strategic Plan can be found on our website within the Wā Ora Charter. The strategic goals span a 3-year period. Our focus areas for this year are:

- *Curriculum and Student Achievement* – The goal is that through the Montessori curriculum and philosophy, all students are able to access the NZ curriculum as evidenced by progress and achievement in relation to the National Standards, NZ Curriculum, NCEA and other measures.

Each sector of the school works to ensure student achievement is maximised through the Montessori philosophy

- *Montessori Authenticity* – The goal is to ensure we have and deliver an authentic Montessori programme throughout the school.

Our 'Essential Elements' document is the cornerstone of our Montessori philosophy in action at Wā Ora. Our focus is the prepared environment.

The Montessori 'Planes of Development' are realised by preparing special environments. These are designed to meet the developmental needs of each plane/sub-plane of development by:

- being peaceful, uncluttered, beautiful, clean and ordered,
- using the outdoors as an extension of the classroom,
- allowing for freedom of movement and choice of work wherever possible,
- creating a safe environment for exploration through promoting friendliness with error.

- *Tiriti Partnership* – The goal is to promote equitable learning outcomes as tiriti partners, and recognise the importance of whānau in education

This year we are beginning a bicultural review across the whole school with Anaru Kapa (an expert Te Ao Māori and how this fits with Montessori practice). The focus is on the following 5 principles:

- Te Reo – expressing being Māori through language
- Tikanga – Awareness and use of Māori practice
- Wairuatanga – Being connected with self and others
- Rangatiratanga – self-determination
- Manaakitanga – recognising the mana of the other

We will start by looking at how we as a community, embrace these principles at Wā Ora.

He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

Sport

Futsal



This term's senior futsal team.

Senior Mixed v Silverstream Silver, 3–5.

Touch Rugby

The Touch teams kicked off their season last Thursday afternoon.

Pūkeko (Y1/2) v Naenae Hornets, 3–7.
 Kererū (Y3/4) v vs Belmont Superheroes, 13–1.
 Kōkako (Y5/6) v Boulcott Jets, 2–6.
 Weka (Y5/6) vs Boulcott Lions, 3–13.

Working bee



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

Saturday 7th March

9am – 12noon

Max Beck	Nea Blackham
Sian Campbell	Nell Boucheny
Abby Budge	Kaitlyn Burtenshaw
Amelia Conza	Neo Carter-Knight
Jaya Cope	Benjamin Chandrahasen
Keilan Cross	Hanne Dansted
Amelia Dawson	Joshua Deacon
Sophie Denton	George Double
Xervier Doney	Lincoln Dutfield
Harry Eathorne	Charlie Eastall
Enzo Estrada	Danae Enyedi- Laing
Ella Fa'afua	Loretta Evans-Velazquez
Lucia Falconer	Aubane Farcy
Lorelei Fetting	Svetlana Fisher

School photos

Your child will soon be bringing home your unique 'shootkey' information for the secure online viewing of their school photos on the Photolife website. The school office will send an email to confirm the day these will go home.

Term dates for 2020

Term 1–Wednesday 29th January–Thursday 9th April

Term 2–Tuesday 28th April–Friday 3rd July

Term 3–Monday 23rd July–Friday 25th September

Tuesday 4th August–Teacher Only Day for primary and high school

Thursday 27th August–Teacher Only Day for whole school

Friday 28th August– Mid-term Break for whole school

Term 4–Monday 12th October–Tuesday 9th December (whole school)

Tuesday 17th November–Teacher Only Day for primary and high school

Preschool lunch assistant sought

We are looking for a lunch assistant in the preschool to work on a Wednesday from 12 noon –1 pm during term time. If you are interested please call, visit or email (anna@waora.school.nz) our preschool DP Anna.

Parents morning tea



Come along for a chat and a catch up this Friday, 28th February at 9 am after drop off at the Trade School Kitchen, 17 Everest Ave, Naenae. Our parent morning teas are very relaxed affairs–stay for as long or as short as you can manage. Younger siblings are also welcome. We'd love to see you☺.

We want your business cards



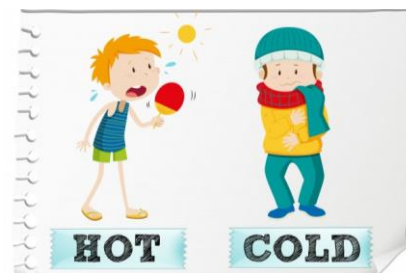
Our Kawakawa maths club students are building a Menger sponge (which actually looks like a cube, see left!) and need business

cards – LOTS of business cards. If you, or someone you know, has some old business cards that are no longer needed, please send them with your high schooler to David (math teacher) or leave at the main school office☺.

The Entertainment fundraiser is coming

An email has been sent to whānau last week with details of the early bird specials in this year's Entertainment digital membership and orders can be placed now. The main difference this year, is that THERE ARE NO BOOKS, ONLY DIGITAL MEMBERSHIPS WHICH CAN BE PURCHASED AT ANY TIME THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. Memberships remain current for 12 months from the date of activation. Please support Wā Ora with purchasing this fundraiser/sharing with family and friends if you can as this is one of our main annual fundraisers. Thank you in advance☺

Dress for the changing seasons



With the range of temperatures we are starting to experience now, please help your children to be comfortably dressed for their school day, by sending them to school dressed in layers, to ensure they are warm enough in the cooler morning temperatures, yet can still remain cool in the afternoon heat.

Kids go free at Staglands on Children's Day



Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 1st March by offering FREE ENTRY into The Reserve for ALL CHILDREN. In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy free off-road tractor-trailer rides. So if you are looking for a fun Children's Day outing for the whole family; meet at Staglands and Connect with Nature. *Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0–16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult. For more information visit www.staglands.co.nz.

