

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Tuesday 2nd June **preschool parent teacher interviews** 3.10 pm–7.10 pm
- Wednesday 3rd June **1st instalment of term 2 accounts due**
- Wednesday 3rd June **preschool parent teacher interviews** 3.10 pm–5.30 pm
- Thursday 4th June **year 7 technology**
- Saturday 6th June **working Bee** 9 am–12 noon
- Tuesday 9th June **year 7 technology** (catch up session)
- Thursday 11th June **year 7 technology**

Welcome to the following students and families...

- Rewarewa** – Maeve Weir
- Nīkau** – Faith Perera-Helms
- Pōhutukawa** – Matilda Tysoe

Wā Ora Council AGM



You are warmly invited to this year's Council AGM which is scheduled for 22nd June at 7.30 pm as a Zoom meeting. The AGM is a great opportunity to learn more about the school's initiatives, achievements and the current financial situation. Please email hayley@waora.school.nz by Thursday 18th June if you would like to join the meeting. The meeting agenda and invite will be sent out before the AGM.

This week

Understanding the 6–12 year old

By Ava Szabo – Principal

Kia ora whānau

Welcome back after our Queen's Birthday weekend. I hope you had a lovely time and managed to catch some sunshine before the rain descended on Sunday. I was very fortunate and spent a couple of lovely days in Greytown.

Having completed orientations on the 0–3 and 3–6 ages, I am now spending time preparing for the for the 6–12 orientation course. This is an essential first step in understanding the 6–12 child in the second plane of development. I feel very excited to be a part of this journey that begins in the July school holidays.

This course presents an examination of the development of the child in accordance with Dr. Montessori's principles and philosophy. Particular emphasis is given to children aged six to twelve years.

The course supports the following objectives:

- To learn the Montessori philosophy with regard to child development,
- To observe the primary child (during the second plane of development),
- To learn how to interact with the Montessori trained teacher,
- To learn how to interact with the primary child.

As you can imagine there are many books to read and notes to take before the course begins. I am currently reading 'The Formation of Man' by Maria Montessori.

The book begins by unpacking the meaning of the Montessori method. Dr. Montessori suggests that we should be considering not the method of education but rather the importance of the 'human personality' in supporting each child to gain independence.

The 'human personality' belongs to all people at all stages of their development, and so education of the child must recognise each of these stages if it is to be successful. Dr. Montessori observed this through studying the psychology of the child. She also saw that education cannot be a uniform, one-size-fits-all model.

It is so important that our society sees that education needs to be based upon psychology which is derived from science and based upon the individuality of each child. Dr. Montessori states that we need to understand the man (child) before we can educate him. This is why we look at the science of the human spirit, which is the route towards the freedom and 'valorisation' of mankind.

"In the child is much knowledge, much wisdom. If we do not profit from it, it is only because of neglect on our part to become humble and to see the wonder of this soul and learn what the child can teach. (Montessori, 1989)

Sport

eSport: League of Legends

Wā Ora underlv130 v Silverstream, 2 – 0.

Wā Ora DAN v Aotea, 2 – 0.

Wā Ora hoodies – order now



You can still order our Wā Ora hooded sweatshirts. This year orders can be completed and submitted either via an online google order form OR on our supplier’s website. The deadline for orders is Wednesday 14th June and delivery is expected the first week of term three. Full details are on the order forms.

Hoodie order via google form link (payment must be made separately): <https://forms.gle/xDCCUdQBTvknVPvSA>

Hoodie order via supplier online order form with online payment facility: <https://fundraisingidairz.org/wa-ora-montessori-school/>.

Term 2 school accounts



Accounts were emailed to families last week. The Board of Trustees has made the decision to pro rata the accounts for term 2 based on the number of weeks at school. This means that accounts will be for 7 weeks of this 12-week term.

Instalment dates are as follows:

Instalment 1: due this Wednesday 3rd June.

Instalment 2: due Wednesday 17th June.

Instalment 3: due Wednesday 1st July.

Year 7 and 8 immunisations



The year 8 Gardasil immunisations will now be happening on Friday 26th June (week 11). The year 7 Boostrix will now be in term 3, date yet to be confirmed.

Working bee



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

**Saturday 6th June
9am – 12noon**

Zara Harford	Aarav Patel
Nico Freire	Praneel Patel
Zayna James	Adeline Johnstone
Logan Lampitt	Hannah Pinfold
An Nguyen	Arjun Podder
Summer Nguyen	Evelyn Randal
Sonny Nguyen	Adzelaide Rives
Chris Nickel	William Robbers
Jarvi Nodder	Rose Russell
Gabriel Opie	Cody Rumball
Karan Patel	Kate Schlup
Tilak Patel	Grayson Sellers
Elspeth Pottstock- Nichols	
Sailesh Prasanna Pabmanabhan	

Scholastics books

Scholastics brochures have been given out last week and orders are due by Friday 12th June. Orders can be made online with details on the brochure itself. Books are then delivered back to the school, from where parents can collect.

Notifying the office of absences

Reporting
Absences



A reminder to let the school office know if your child will be absent or late via the school app, email, text or phone. **This is AS important as notifying your child’s teacher** since the office has to follow up with the parents of every absent child that has not been notified to them. Thank you for your help with this.

Donations Tax Letters

There are still a lot of donations letters to either be collected from the office (whilst adhering to our safety procedures for onsite visitors) or you can request a scan to be emailed to you by Donna (donna@waora.school.nz).

School run/shuttle service work wanted

Available for work, with over 25 years’ experience in the shuttle industry; first aid certified and friendly reliable service given, with competitive rates. Contact Kevin Durney on 027 245 1874 or email kdurney21@gmail.com if interested.

Explore Zealandia for free



Zealandia is free to explore until June 30th. There are tracks for all ages and abilities and plenty of parking, electric car chargers, free shuttles from the top of the Cable Car and Wakefield Street, plus a cafe for delicious food and drinks where you can gaze out at the birds flying across the lake.

Level 2 ways of operating at Wā Ora

Wā Ora will continue to operate in the same manner as we have been doing, until we are advised otherwise. Any modifications to our operations will be communicated to our community as soon as possible. To re-familiarise yourself with our plans, please visit our website (waora.school.nz), which now has a link on our home page to our Level 2 – COVID-19 Health and Safety Plan and Area School Protocol. Our Covid-19 Pandemic Procedure for Area and Preschool is also available in the procedures tab of the login part of the website.



Washing and drying your hands kills the virus

Wash often. Use soap. 20 seconds. Then dry. This kills the virus by bursting its protective bubble.

Find out more at [Covid19.govt.nz](https://www.covid19.govt.nz)
New Zealand Government

