

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Monday 22nd June **Council AGM**
7.30 pm via Zoom
- Tuesday 23rd June **year 7 technology**
- Tuesday 23rd –Thursday 25th June
Tōtara 1 combined conference and report meetings
- Thursday 25th June **year 7 technology**
- Friday 26th June **year 8 Gardasil immunisations**
- Friday 26th June **Whānau hui** 5.30 pm
- Monday 29th June **BoT/Proprietors Meeting** 7 pm via Zoom
- Tuesday 30th June **year 7 technology**
- Tuesday 30th June–Thursday 2nd July
Tōtara 2 and Tawhai combined conference and report meetings
- Wednesday 1st July **3rd instalment due school accounts**
- Thursday 2nd July **year 7 technology**
- Thursday 2nd July **Kawakawa Coffeehouse**
- Friday 3rd July **Last day of term 2**

Welcome to the following student and family...

Nīkau – Nathaniel Logan

Wā Ora Council AGM tonight



If you have already rsvp'd to attend this AGM tonight, you should have received the link for tonight's meeting from Hayley and we will look forward to having your virtual attendance at 7.30 pm tonight via Zoom.

This week

What belongs in polite conversations?

By Rose Langridge – Humanities subjects teacher; Careers Advisor–High School

In 1936 Maria Montessori asked “what is the task confronting education? Its primary goals must be the realisation of the values of the human personality and the development of mankind” (Education and Peace, p. 54).

I think this is still the primary role of the course that we call humanities.

The Tāwari class members make the choice often about the content that they cover in history and social studies. They often choose topics that can be uncomfortable. We acknowledge this and there are set rules for how to discuss things. We need to actively listen to one person at a time and we need to think about our responses. If they are not kind, necessary or helpful then we need to think about whether we need to say what we are about to, and come up with a way to frame things so that we are respectful. If we can do this in a noncontroversial way, then we can move forward and be peaceful in many aspects of our daily lives.

A very common phrase is that in polite conversation one should avoid discussing religion and politics. The reason for this is so that awkward situations do not arise. However, it cannot be denied that religion and politics are two highly influential factors that shape any human society. Humans are the change agents of the world and our cultural markers generate the social world in which we live. I do not think the issue is the content but rather not knowing how to have these courageous discussions in a polite and non-confrontational way.

This is what we should be focusing on.

It is clear that developing the skills to analyse and discuss our world needs to be central to the humanities programme. Being able to equip students with the skills to unpack our world in a meaningful way is imperative given the floods of data that we all encounter on a daily basis.

Both Kawakawa and Tāwari also have a weekly wānanga (seminar). This is a key component of the high school model and relates directly to the principles of education and peace. The purpose of wānanga is to meet, discuss, deliberate and consider things. By learning how to interact with difficult material in this way class members are able to begin to develop their own beliefs about the world and the change that they want to see.

We as adults are far more likely to be rigid. It is children who by their nature are all motion. Giving them the skills to make sense of the world, question where they stand and discuss sensitive topics in a respectful way, may indeed change the world.

They could move us towards peace which would indeed be a great gift not only for them but for us as well.



Rose has taught at Wā Ora since 2012 and has a Bachelor of Arts in sociology and a graduate Diploma of Teaching. In 2014 she had the great privilege of attending the Montessori adolescent training in Ohio, USA. Rose enjoys the community feel throughout Wā Ora and believes that studying the history of humanity helps to develop strong citizenship – she enjoys traveling through time with the high school students! Outside of school you will find her dabbling in cooking various cuisines or at a gig most likely of the indie rock persuasion.

Matariki 2020



We have now confirmed our dates for Matariki this year and will be celebrating the two components (the hakari and daytime concert) a week apart. This will take the pressure off our ākongā in preparing for their performances and also our families, who usually have to manage a full daytime and evening timetable of Matariki events all in one day. The hakari will start at 5 pm on Friday 24th July (week 1 term 3) and the daytime performance will happen a week later on Friday 31st in week 2 term 3.

Supplies for Art wanted

If you have any unwanted hula hoops, wool, colourful t-shirts or fabric, these would be gratefully received by art teacher Amber for her term 3 endeavours with primary. Please email amber@waora.school.nz.

Before and after school care bookings

If you use our before and after school care service, please contact Sharon in the office to reconfirm your bookings now that we are at Level 1.

Primary parent/teacher/student conference meetings

Here is the booking website address and the codes for the upcoming primary parent/teacher/student combined conference and report meetings.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?z=zieUL3>

Week 11—Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June

Tōtara 1 – Code = k2b8h

Week 12—Tuesday 30th June, Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd July

Tōtara 2 – Code = cnzx7

Tawhai – Code = rz3kr

6–9's – Code = ubckf

Donations tax Letters

We still have donations letters to be collected from the office.

Younger siblings on waiting list

A message for whānau of our current ākongā (students): If you have a child under three years old, who you would like to attend Wā Ora when they turn three years old, have you pre-enrolled them with us? If you have not completed a pre-enrolment form for them yet, please contact Emma (Enrolments Administrator) for a form.

Safe parking at drop off/pick up

We have recently noticed (and also have been notified of, by community members) that a number of whānau are parking unsafely and illegally when dropping off and picking up. This has included parking on yellow lines outside preschool and primary, blocking the crossing and parking in our shuttle bay. This is not OK. Stopping illegally endangers the lives of our children and other pedestrians and you risk receiving a fine. Please ensure you park in an appropriate space and take care not to block our neighbours' driveways.

Notifying the office of student absences, late arrivals/early departures and appointments

If your child is away from school, you must notify the office (in addition to the teacher) before 8.30 am. You can: message via the app, text 029 770 4286, email office@waora.school.nz or leave a message on the absences answer phone 567 2377. If you do not advise the school, you will receive an automated text asking for your child's whereabouts. If your child/ren is/are away sick for more than one day, you must advise the office by any of the above options on EACH day that they are away. Similarly, if you are picking up early/dropping off late/both, you must call into the office to say you are taking your child/your child is here now. If your child is in primary or high school, they can come into the office instead of you. Your cooperation is appreciated with this and helps us to account for all students ensuring their safety.

July preschool holiday programme

Our July holiday programme will be operating from 9–3 pm week days at a cost of \$175 pw with after school care between 3–5 pm (at usual term charges) if needed. There are no casual bookings. Morning tea is included but you will need to provide lunch as per our food procedure. Please email anna@waora.school.nz to book.

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The Cheesecake Factory

Selling cheesecake and ramen Monday 29th June 12:15 pm at T2, high school campus. Pre-order cheesecakes cost \$30 with 15% of profits going to school sports equipment for high school. Email student.bweaver@waora.school.nz with name and phone number for pre order details.

Kawakawa Market selling

Hola. We are a small business called Las Chicas Churros and our churros are coming to the Kawakawa Market this Thursday 25th June! Be the first to order from our pre-sale and save 50 cents. 2 for \$4 or one for \$2.50. Email student.kburtenshaw@waora.school.nz before Wednesday to preorder now! We will also be selling on Monday 29th June from 11.30 am in T2.

Baby equipment hire for holiday



An option for parents travelling to Queenstown with little ones to make the trip a little easier. Hire your equipment (buggy/carseat/portacot/etc. or a baby sitter. Go to www.totsontour.co.nz for more info or to book.

NZ Garden Bird Survey 2020



Get the family involved in this year's NZ Garden Bird Survey. Just select a survey location, and on one day between 27th June and 5th July find a comfortable spot and look and listen for birds for one hour. Record the highest number of each species observed and submit your results. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/NZGardenBirds/?eid=ARAZq5RVe4Y7e76mELKZ2qz5e4pYal67I65vVN5awrHzyaFNQYQrg5FvzYLMZ01ofr0fS8oStjcTG-G> for more info on how to participate.