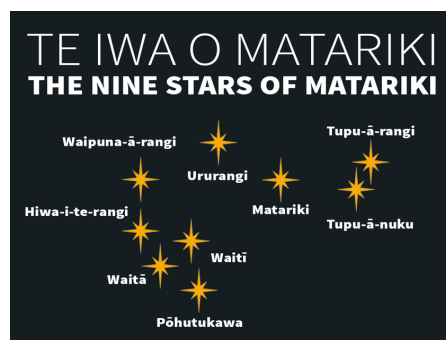


Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Tuesday 30th June **BoT/Proprietors Meeting** 7 pm staffroom
- 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 **Preschool pyjama day**
- Friday 3rd July **Last day of term 2**
- Monday 20th July **First day of Term 3**
- Tuesday 21st July **Kawakawa parent student teacher Interviews**
- Tuesday 21st–Wednesday 22nd July **Tāwari parent student teacher interviews**
- Friday 25th July **cross country Y4–13**
- Friday 25th July **Matariki hākari (feast)**

Matariki 2020



This year we will be celebrating Matariki in two parts. The hākari (feast) will be held on Friday 24th July (week 1 term 3) starting at 5 pm and the daytime concert/performance will happen a week later on Friday 31st in week 2 term 3. Further information about Matariki plans will be shared soon, so stay tuned.

This week

Introducing Hilary

By Hilary Asquith – Kawakawa Head Teacher – High School

As a teacher I often find that the end of term is a time of reflection on what has worked well and what I would choose to approach differently next time around. It is time to gather my thoughts about the term ahead and to get excited about all the new potential for the learning to come. Since arriving at Wā Ora I have been observing practice and culture and building relationships with those I work most closely with and take responsibility for. It is the beginning of an inquiry into what is working well in our space and what needs our attention next.

I have a deep appreciation for our New Zealand curriculum; I love the values it upholds. It is a document which promotes diversity, innovation, environmental sustainability, community, creativity and it is incredibly future focused. Much of my work in recent years has been to think about how subject areas can be integrated across a school's curriculum and to extract and make explicit the key skills and processes required by students for becoming agentic learners for life.

The real world rarely segments life into silos of learning. There are few adult life experiences that don't draw on prior learning from multiple areas of knowledge and competencies. There are cross-curricular connections in nearly all that we fill our lives with.

We use literacy and numeracy competencies to communicate with and interpret the world around us but from there the web of understanding is incredibly complex. A student's high school education therefore needs to reflect this through an holistic approach, interconnected and focused on authentic real world experiences in order for it to be truly engaging and to adequately prepare adolescents for independent life outside of the home and school. Maria Montessori clearly felt the same.

It is my belief that Kawakawa is a place where students should have the freedom to explore the potential of their own interests and ideas. Our roles as guides in this space are to help students identify the skills and processes they need for that exploration and to equip them with the tools to experiment with their identity and their place in society, and provide rigour to their academic ideas.

We need to establish a culture of confidence and resilience for students to safely try and fail, and try again. As staff we need to be both deliberate in our practice and explicit in our feedback so that the students can nurture their own skills of inquiry and reflection and move towards independently managing their learning progress.

There is no one right answer on how to best deliver on this ideal. Just as we ask our students, we too as adults need to have the confidence and openness to explore new approaches that reflect the values and needs of our Wā Ora community.

It is a journey worthy of our time and energy and it certainly provides plenty of food for thought as we move into the mid-year break! Kawakawa is a unique learning environment, and I look forward to continuing to grow this great programme.

Hilary was appointed as the lead teacher of Kawakawa earlier this year and has been a secondary teacher since 2005. Over that time she has developed an interest in literacy and curriculum development. Hilary has taught in a range of schools in New Zealand as well as abroad and now lives in the Hutt Valley with her husband, two boys and labrador Nellie. Areas of interest are walking in the regional park close to her home, building projects, house plants, good books, films, hanging with friends and trying her best to be a good parent.

Sport**Badminton**

Wā Ora junior girls v SHC 3, 6–0.

Wā Ora senior 1 v NVHS 6, score not known.

Wā Ora senior 1 v Silverstream 4, 4–3.

Wā Ora senior 2 v HIBS 7, 3–4.

Wā Ora senior 2 v Silverstream 3, 1–5.

Basketball

Wā Ora senior boys v Naenae College, 45–84.

Wā Ora senior boys v Newlands College, lost by default.

eSport League of Legends

Wā Ora Under13 v Marsden Green, 2–0.

Wā Ora Under13 v Kapiti B, 0–2.

Wā Ora DAN v St Bernards, 0–2.

Wā Ora DAN v Marsden Green, 2–0.

Miniball

Wā Ora Magic v Korokoro Wildcats, 6–14.

Netball

Wā Ora Tui v NIS 7, 6–5.

Wā Ora Tui v Fergy 5, 2–6.

Wā Ora Tui v HVHS H, 10–1.

School Cross Country

This is scheduled for Friday 24th July for years 4–13 students at the Waddington Drive campus. Training continues in our PE classes.

Congratulations to...

... Olivia Cheng who represented Wā Ora at the CSW Individual Swimming Champs and thank you to Connie Chin for officiating for Wā Ora.

Coaching and officials clinics – winter codes

Any year 10–13 students who would like to attend a CSW coaching clinic on 30th July (tomorrow) and/or officials clinic on Monday 27th July should contact Emma or Sarah Jane asap.

High school parent/teacher/student conference meetings

Below is the booking website address and codes for the upcoming high school parent/teacher/student conference meetings.

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

Week 1 term 3—Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July

Kawakawa – Code = **zmfxt**

Tāwari – Code = **mkkxs**

Pop up café term 2 2020

5.30PM–6.45PM & DURING INTERMISSION

KAWAKAWA PREFAB

THURSDAY 2ND JULY 2020

BRING THE FAMILY FOR DINNER BEFORE THE COFFEE HOUSE!



SOUP, LASAGNE, SLICES

GLUTEN FREE, DAIRY FREE, VEGETARIAN & VEGAN OPTIONS AVAILABLE



COFFEE MACHINE OPEN

CASH & EFTPOS ACCEPTED!

Playgroup

Our playgroup currently has spaces for younger siblings to attend next term. Sessions are on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 am–11.30 am. The cost for one child and caregiver to attend one morning a week for a term is \$100. If you are interested, please email dannielle@waora.school.nz.

Senior drama success

Our senior drama class has won selection to represent the Wellington region in the 2020 National Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival — a fantastic result and the first time Wā Ora has progressed past the regional level. This year's piece was from the first scenes of Hamlet. Due to the disruption of the lockdown, entries were film submissions this year, but there will be a single performance for a live audience this Thursday night at 8 pm at the Kawakawa Coffee house. All are welcome in the Fale at the high school.

**Happy holidays!**

Have a well-deserved break everyone and we will look forward to seeing you all back for term 3 on Monday 20th July.

Younger siblings on waiting list

A message for whānau of our current ākonga (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.

July school holiday netball sessions

July Holiday Netball Sessions

Fit in some more Netball this season and work on core Netball skills with our experienced coaches.

Most players attend all three sessions, but you can choose one or two if you prefer.

Held indoors at the Walter Nash Centre. Registration required.

New and returning players are welcome

Wed 8, Thurs 9, Fri 10 July

Year 6-8
9am to 2pm. \$150 for three days, or \$60 per day

Year 3-5
9am to noon. \$90 for three days, or \$40 per day

Year 1-2
Special one-off session on Thursday 9 July 12.30 to 2.00pm. \$10.

Netball Hutt Valley
Register online here: www.netballhuttvalley.co.nz
or ask questions: admin@netballhuttvalley.co.nz

School holiday fun for the kids**Spot the species challenge**

Come along to Queensgate from Monday 6th–Sunday 19th July to learn about some of New Zealand's native species! The 'Spot the Species Challenge' is a scavenger hunt which encourages children to roam the Centre to find 10 native species. An activity sheet with a map can be found at Customer Service on level 1 with prizes for everyone who completes it! For more info, please visit <https://www.queensgateshopping.co.nz>

**Dowse holiday workshops**

The Dowse has 4 workshops for children these holidays—plaster casting, up-cycled jewelry making, kit bashing and building your own world. For more info on dates, costs and bookings, please visit <http://dowse.org.nz/events/>.