

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Tuesday 4th August **Scholastics book orders close off**
- Wednesday 5th August **parent morning tea** 9 am Trade Kitchen
- Wednesday 5th Year 9–10 **CSW cross country**
- Thursday 6th August **Kawakawa Coffee Cart & Café and Kawakawa Market** 2.45 pm at the high school
- Thursday 6th–Friday 7th August **Bee Healthy dental van on site**
- Monday 10th–Friday 14th August **Bee Healthy dental van** on site
- Tuesday 11th Year 4–8 **LHPSSA cross country**
- Wednesday 12th August **school accounts 2nd instalment due**

Welcome to the following students and their families

Pōhutukawa – Logan Dyer and Charlotte Jellicoe

Term 3 dates



A reminder that there is NO teacher only day tomorrow. This is a normal school day for ALL preschool, primary and high school students.

Below are this term's holidays to note.

Thursday 27th August

Teacher only day
— WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED —

Friday 28th August

Mid-term break
— WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED —

This week

Teamwork and sport

By Sarah Jane Lambie and Emma Brazil – Co-Sports Coordinators

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together. – African Proverb

Teamwork, collaboration and the importance of helping each other succeed is a feature of Montessori education — in all aspects of our daily school life. Our classrooms are multi-age, providing the setting for older students to learn how to be role models and to help the younger ones. As older students model kindness and leadership, teach skills and inspire younger students, so the sense of community deepens as students work together to all be the best they can be.

Accordingly, our school spaces could be described as

...incubators for teamwork, filled with students working together to support, encourage and question each other, learning much more than just the academics they are working on. They learn to have ideas accepted, improved upon and maybe even rejected. Each time they work together, they are learning the soft skills needed to succeed in school and in life (<https://montessorimessage.net/2018/10/04/teamwork/>).

In the school environment at Wā Ora, we work to the notion it is teamwork, not competition, which is what it takes to succeed in life, including on the sports field.

However, when it comes to sport, competition is an inevitable component. Our teachers and coaches support students to keep this in perspective by showing them ways to use the competitive aspect of sports to manage the paradox of wanting to distinguish themselves as individuals while at the same time wanting to be a valued, contributing and liked part of the whole... a good team player.

From this, students learn that participating in team sport binds and connects people — in friendship, skill, enjoyment and the thrill of a united struggle that is (hopefully!) not life threatening.

Dr. Montessori (1949) wrote that sports "...challenge us to acquire a new skill ... and this feeling of enhancing our abilities is the real core of our delight in the game." (p. 180).

Playing in a team also requires the virtues of courage, persistence, perseverance and patience. Being part of a sports team brings frustrations and challenges with all of these. But, by sticking with the team, students have opportunities to develop and practice the valuable life skills associated with these virtues along with the value of applying them to other aspects of their lives... always remembering to be gracious in victory and in defeat.

People do not stand alone; our species is just not made that way. We are all part of teams, small and large. Throughout level 4 lockdown, we worked together as a 'team of 5 million' to rid our country of the Covid-19 virus. During this time, we were separated from all but immediate whānau having time to reflect on the things we took for granted before coronavirus. We learned that humans need to be together. This was particularly evident in the cancellation of sport and sporting events, one of the main spheres where kiwis come together to participate in person, in the same event, at the same time.

Thanks to our efforts, we are one of the few countries able to participate safely in sport and mass gatherings again. Let's support each other to get involved as players, coaches, managers or spectators, and revel in the joy of coming together in sport.

Sport**Badminton**

Wā Ora junior girls v SHC 3, 6–0.

Wā Ora senior 2 v HIBS 7, 3–4.

Wā Ora senior 1 v HVHS 6, 4–3.

Congratulations to Olivia Cheng who competed in the CSW junior badminton champs last week and came away with 2 wins and a loss.

CSW cross country competition

We have 10 students from Kawakawa competing in this event on Wednesday at Harcourt Park. Good luck and go Wā Ora! School sports singlets can be borrowed from Sarah Jane.

LHPSSA interschool cross country

This is happening next Tuesday 11th August and runners will need a school sports T and dark shorts. If you do not have your own T, please borrow one from a friend or from the school office. School shirts must be washed and returned to the office afterwards. Unreturned shirts will be invoiced for.

eSports

League of Legends is back for Y9–13 students! See hākinakina noticeboard for details and register with SJ by 4th August.

2021 start dates

A change to our 2021 start dates has been necessitated by our Kawakawa Odyssey not going ahead next year (our regular provider is taking a break). Please revise your dates as per below:

Monday 1st February:

Whole school returns at 8.30 am/ 9 am/8.45 am (Kawakawa leaves for camp at lunchtime).

Saturday 6th February:

Kawakawa class returns from camp.

Monday 8th February:

Waitangi Day public holiday observed.

Tuesday 9th February:

Staff only day — no School for students.

Matariki acknowledgements

We're so glad our community could join us recently for our Matariki celebrations. We enjoyed performing for and sharing kai with our whānau.

Thank you all for giving your time to come along and for the wonderful dishes you prepared and shared at the hākari.

Parent reader volunteers sought

If you are able to provide reading support **on Friday mornings** or are interested in being an NCEA reader/writer, please contact Juliette George for more details (juliette@waora.school.nz).

Parent morning tea—THIS WEDNESDAY

All whānau are warmly invited to come and join us for a coffee catch up at the Trade Kitchen, Naenae this Wednesday 5th August straight after school drop off. We are looking forward to seeing you there 😊.

PTA Fundraiser

Purchase any of these great products before then end of August and when you choose Wā Ora as your organisation to support, the PTA will receive a donation towards the class wish lists. Please share with friends and family: https://fundraisingidairz.org/wa_ora_mon_essori_fundraiser/

**PTA AGM**

Parents/ caregivers/ school staff are invited to join us for a complimentary drink and nibbles at our PTA Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25th August at 5pm in Tōtara class.

PTA roller disco — for all ages!

Saturday 12th September at the Upper Hutt skating rink from 6.30–8.30 pm. \$15 entry covers skate hire, a slice of pizza and an ice cream. Spectators are free; tickets can be bought from the school office.

Piano Lessons**Piano Lessons**

Ingrid Palmer

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- Supportive learning environment
- Students gain strong musical and technical skills
- Opportunities to perform
- Beginner to advanced students welcome

All enquiries welcome. Contact Ingrid: Ph 577 0885
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Rail safety week 10th–16th August**Cross with Care | Kia tūpato te whakawhiti**

Rail Safety Week aims to reduce near miss collisions on level crossings. Every near miss is a traumatic event and has a very real impact on the locomotive engineers, the witnesses involved and on those who nearly lose their lives. Never cross when bells or lights are activated and always look carefully in both directions before crossing. Be especially careful to look for a second train. If one train has stopped at a station another one could be coming. For more information visit <https://www.tracksafe.co.nz/>.

Naenae Village Market

Providing fresh fruit and vegetables, soap, plants, candles, art and craft, hangis, fried bread and jams, you will find local buskers singing along the brick paths, Zumba in full swing just under the clock tower and tamariki activities under the oak tree. Join us every Saturday in Hillary Court, Naenae from 11 am–2 pm.

Upper Hutt August Repair Café

Do you have household items in need of repair? Rather than throwing them out, take them along to the Repair Café on Saturday 15th August at the Wesley Centre, Benzie Ave, Upper Hutt when talented volunteers will be able to assist you to repair your items. Tools and expertise provided. Koha appreciated. Learn more about this venture at <https://www.facebook.com/uhrepaircafe>.