

## Diary dates

### Coming up . . .

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August **BoT/Council meeting** 7 pm via Zoom
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August Year 4–8 **LHPSSA interzones cross country—POSTPONED**
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August **Whānau hui** 5.30 pm
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August **PTA AGM** 5 pm Tōtara class
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August **3<sup>rd</sup> instalment school accounts due**
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August **Staff only day — WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August **Mid-term break — WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August **Maria Montessori 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration**

### Welcome to the following student and his family

**Nīkau** – Liam Matthews

### Celebrating Maria with cake

We warmly invite whānau to come and celebrate Maria Montessori's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with us at the end of this month on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 3.15 pm in the primary playground. We'll be celebrating with birthday cake for all! More details will be out soon, but in the meantime, mark your calendar! We'll look forward to seeing you there ☺.



## This week

### PTA welcoming new and interested whānau

*By Jenny Jellicoe—PTA*

The PTA will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 5 pm in the Tōtara classroom. We will be celebrating our achievements over the past year and discussing our ideas for the year ahead.

You are very welcome to come along to any PTA meeting, however the AGM is a particularly good one to attend if you've ever been curious about what the PTA does, or wondered if it might be a part of the school you would enjoy contributing to. We are a friendly group of people who have a lot of fun making things happen for the school.

At the AGM, we will get together over drinks and nibbles to welcome new members to the committee, talk about the activities of the past year and to discuss our plans and goals for the coming year. We'd love to see you there! There is no pressure to become a fully-fledged member, and there are lots of easy ways to be a part of the wider school community utilising the skills and time you may have available.

Our role as a PTA is to contribute to the Wā Ora community by creating opportunities for families to come together and have fun. We also fundraise to provide facilities and resources for the school and to help our teachers and staff which in turn adds much to your children's overall school experience.

In the last year, we have run Wheels Day, a Car Boot Sale and a Twilight Picnic. It has been so great to see lots of you at these events! Right now, we are busy getting ready for the Roller Disco planned for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We already have a few ideas up our sleeves going forward, however we are really keen to hear your ideas about the kinds of events you'd like to see in the future.

Funds raised by the PTA within our community have contributed to resources all around the school, from the playgroup and preschool through to the primary and high school. We have also been able to support the library, sports teams and specialist programmes with some of the resources they need to give our children lots of great experiences. You will see many of these items popping up around the school and we couldn't do this without all of you supporting PTA initiatives so, 'Thank You'!

We need your suggestions, your skills, your ideas and your enthusiasm! So come along and put your voice forward!!

If you're interested in finding out more about the PTA, we'd love to see you at the AGM.

If you have any questions about the PTA or the AGM, please get in touch with Jenny Jellicoe on 027 600 7043 or email [pta@waora.school.nz](mailto:pta@waora.school.nz).

### \*\* A note re school events and Covid-19\*\*

At this stage, we will not be cancelling events that are currently on the school's calendar. With the Covid situation being one that continually evolves, we will make decisions in a timely manner, but with the most up-to-date information available. If it becomes necessary to cancel a school event, we will endeavour to give adequate notice and will communicate any changes with whānau via all of our communication channels. We acknowledge these are stressful times for our community and thank you for your understanding as we strive to find ways that continue to allow our whānau to connect, yet also keep our community safe.

## Sport

### Important Sports Message

Under Level 2 there are no spectators and the restriction of a cap of 100 people gathering in one place for all codes. Please be aware and check with your child's team coach or manager.

### Badminton

Wā Ora junior girls v SHC 4, 2–4.

Wā Ora senior 1 v Wā Ora senior 2, 4–2.

### Cross country — North/Central Y4–6

Well done to our students who participated. It was a great fun event. Congratulations to Finnigan who placed 4<sup>th</sup> and Keilan and Olly who both placed 18<sup>th</sup> taking them through to the interzones. All results are available at <https://www.sporty.co.nz/lhpssa/Event-Results#>.

### Cross country — Y4–8 interzones

Regrettably *tomorrow's* event is postponed. This is super disappointing but the LHPSSA are looking into options for when we come out of Level 2.

### eSports

Wā Ora v St Bernards 2, 0–2

### Miniball

Wā Ora Magic v Tui Glen Magic,

### Netball

Wā Ora Tui v MIS Allstars, 27–10.

### School sports T's

If you have borrowed a sports tee and have not already returned it, please do so to the school office asap. Shirts not returned will be billed for.

### Swimming

At this stage, LHPSSA Years 4–8 interzone swimming will go ahead on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Without the usual run-up swim meet times to go by, we need parents to help us! Please contact Emma Brazil or Sarah Jane if your child is a strong swimmer and is interested in entering. We will forward qualifying times info to you and enter students accordingly. Entries close this Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> August.

### Did you miss ordering a school hoodie?

If you missed out on ordering, we have child's sizes 8, 10 and 12 hoodies (one of each size) available for purchase. These are new and unworn. The price is \$60. To purchase and for payment details, please email [relda@waora.school.nz](mailto:relda@waora.school.nz).

## PTA AGM



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

## PTA Fundraiser



Purchase any of these great products **before then end of the month** 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\\_monessori\\_fundraiser/](https://fundraisingidairz.org/wa_ora_monessori_fundraiser/)

## Term 3 staff only day and midterm break — NEXT WEEK

A reminder the whole school will be closed for instruction next Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August (Staff only day) and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August (Mid-term break).

## Peace Day breakfast— save the date



Whānau are welcome through the preschool gate from 8 am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September for some kai and a morning beverage from the coffee cart at our Peace Day breakfast.

## Upcoming parent education evening

### Internet health and wellbeing

We are pleased to host a further parent education evening this term on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September (week 8 of this term) at 7 pm at the high school. John Parsons is a leading authority on keeping children safe online and will cover such topics as online grooming, sexting, cyber bullying, learning to repel and report, future proofing for employment, screen time, sleep and more. This presentation will be relevant for anyone with children and an internet connection and is free for our whānau to attend.



Are you a parent/guardian concerned about how your child uses the internet or mobile phone?

Cybercrime is a very real issue facing families in NZ, but there are easy practical steps to reduce the risk. Wā Ora Montessori School invites you to a presentation on the issues associated with the inappropriate use of computers, mobile phones and the internet.

## INTERNET HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRESENTATION

WITH JOHN PARSONS [www.facebook.com/johnparsons2e](https://www.facebook.com/johnparsons2e)  
New Zealand's leading authority on Safeguarding children online.



John is a published author and signed copies of his book Keeping Your Children Safe Online will be available on the day.

Venue: Wā Ora Montessori High School, Rata Street  
Date: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
Start Time: 7.00pm

[www.citizen21.co.nz](http://www.citizen21.co.nz)  
Safeguarding children and adults online



## The doll's house exhibition @ Katherine Mansfield House



In association with the Lower Hutt Miniature Maker's Club, this exhibition at Katherine Mansfield House and Garden, 25 Tinakori Rd,

Thorndon, presents a selection of dolls' houses and miniatures that have to be seen to be believed. From the tiny to the towering, prepare to be enchanted! Admission is included in entry to the main house and garden and children under 18 years are free. Open Tuesdays–Sundays from 10 am–4 pm. For more information visit

<https://www.katherinemansfield.com/>.