

## Diary dates

### Coming up . . .

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August **Maria Montessori 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration**
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September **PRACTICE lockdown drill** 11.15 am
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September **Working bee** 9 am–12 noon
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September **6–9 trip** to Otari Native Botanic Garden
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September **Parent education evening**: John Parsons
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September **PTA roller disco fundraiser** 6.30 pm Upper Hutt
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September **Playgroup Open Morning** 9.30 am

### Welcome to the following student and his family

**Pōhutukawa** – Luca Freire

### PRACTICE lockdown drill: THIS Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept

This Wednesday's lockdown drill will be at 11.15 am for the whole school. Part of our procedure is to alert parents via email and the app that we are locked down; app and email notifications will say 'PRACTICE Lockdown Drill'. You will not need to do anything when you receive this notice, but please be aware that if you arrive at the school to collect your child for an appointment during the practice lockdown, neither you nor your child will be able to leave until the all clear has been given (between 20–30 minutes). To receive emergency notifications via the school app, please ensure you have downloaded the app. This can be done via this [link](#). Also please ensure your mobile data is turned on, as well as banners and badges enabled.



## This week

### The cosmic curriculum and the 6–12 child

*By Ava Szabo—Principal*

Kia ora whānau,

I hope you have all enjoyed your long weekend.

As promised in my previous newsletter, this week I would like to take a look at the cosmic curriculum and the 6–12-year-old child.

It is here that Maria Montessori lays out her vision of the 2<sup>nd</sup> plane child. This child has a reasoning mind, a thirst for knowledge and is looking for what Montessori referred to as the cosmic vision. These children need to see the interconnectedness of the world and beyond, and how things relate to each other. Montessori described this not just as a method or new way of education; she saw this as so much more. Cosmic education was the way for children to relate to the universe, the earth and humanity. In doing this, the child is able to see their place in the world, how they fit and how they orient themselves.

Now that we see the big picture, the book takes us on a journey of how this is implemented. Seeds of knowledge are sown through what Montessori refers to as the great stories. It is important to sow as many seeds as possible, there is no limit to what we can offer. There are six stories, so let me share a brief summary on each.

The first story is the 'Creation of the Universe'. It tells the formation of the universe and our earth utilising charts and demonstrations to capture the child's imagination and prior knowledge.

The second story is the 'Coming of Life'. It uses a timeline to show life and the environment, outlining the changes that occur within the environment over time and the life that evolves. This great story finishes with the advent of humans, the caretakers of it all.

The third story is the 'Coming of Humans'. It focuses on the gifts humans bring, being intelligence (the reasoning mind), the human heart (the ability to care) and the human hand (our ability to create).

The fourth story is 'Communication in Signs'. It talks of the need for humans to communicate from a distance using signs and symbols; it is an historical summary of the evolution of our alphabet.

The fifth story, 'Story of Numbers', follows humans' needs to quantify and measure; how does this work and what is its history?

The final story is given later and is called 'The Great River'. It refers to the body's circulatory system, how the brain works and then how it feeds the whole body; everything working together for the good of the whole.

All of these stories inspire gratitude in the child, a thankfulness for all that has gone before that has enabled us to be here.

In these stories the child is looking from the whole down to the parts and then back to the whole — a truly cosmic curriculum. Each great story poses the questions of how does this relate to me?

**Sport****Athletics — primary**

PE classes will shortly focus on athletics in preparation for our primary athletics day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Selected students will go on to the LHPSSA north and central zone competition on 10<sup>th</sup> November.

**Badminton**

Wā Ora junior girls v SHC 5.  
Wā Ora senior 1 v Naenae 5.  
Wā Ora senior 2 v Naenae 4.

**Basketball**

Wā Ora/HVHS junior black v Silverstream Silver, 45–47.

**Cross country — LHPSSA Regionals**

This has been cancelled due to alert level 2 restrictions. If your child borrowed a school sports T, please return it asap.

**eSports**

Wā Ora v Marsden, 2–0.

**Futsal Y9–13, term 4**

Please register your interest on the signup sheet on the hākinakina noticeboard. Note: you will need a school sports T — orders open today!

**Miniball**

Wā Ora Magic v Koraunui Dribblers, 8–20.

**Netball**

Wā Ora Tui v Chilton 1, 11–12.  
Wā Ora/HVHS 5 v Heretaunga 3, 25–25.

**School sports T's — order yours today**

We are now taking sport t-shirt orders online to make ordering quicker

and easier. If you would like to order a shirt (price \$48) please complete the order form [here](https://forms.gle/SfFjk9jyaivwccQr8) and make payment via internet banking or eftpos at the school office. All sizing info is on the form and delivery will be to families at the start of term 4. Orders close 16<sup>th</sup> September. Link: (<https://forms.gle/SfFjk9jyaivwccQr8>).

**Touch rugby**

Touch rugby is back in term 4 and we are assembling our tamariki early!! Pre-season games and kai on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1.30–3.30 pm (venue TBC). Beginners are welcome — come along and find out what it's about. Ages 5–13 years (up to year 8). Season starts 29<sup>th</sup> October at Fraser Park. Email us at [tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com](mailto:tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com) for more info, otherwise, see you there!

**Working bee**

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

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 9 am – 12noon**

Gabriel Opie	William Taylor
Quynh-Nhu Ho	Amelia Taylor
Matilda Howe	Maia Teng
Vanya McCurdy	Jania Marcelo
Scarlett Sheridan	Emily Drumm
Finlay Smith	Chyoe Thean
Rome Soutar	Hemi Thompson
Gracien Stapp	Ashton Tietjens
Jessica Stokes	Sailor Trapp
Finnigan Strickland	Joel Tregaskis
Dylann Sweeney	Samuel Trojca
Beau Sweeney	
Sebastian Toilolo- Meijn	

**Upcoming parent education evening****Internet health and wellbeing**

We are pleased to host a further parent education evening this term next 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.

**INTERNET HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRESENTATION**

Teaching children online

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

**Peace Day breakfast**

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.

**PTA Fundraiser — last day today**

Purchase any of these great products **by the end of today** 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\\_montessori\\_fundraiser/](https://fundraisingidairz.org/wa_ora_montessori_fundraiser/)

**Raising resilient children handouts**

Many of our community attended our July parent education evening and heard renowned educational psychologist Kathryn Berkett talk about how to raise resilient children. As promised, her slides and some links to material to read/watch at your leisure that support the discussion of the evening are now available and have been posted in the community facebook group. If you are not a facebook user, please email Jo in the office for the pdf.

**Scholastics**

Scholastics brochure #6 is out and orders are due by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Orders can be made online with details of how to do this on the brochure itself. Books are then delivered back to the school, and will be sent home with students.

**Kawakawa Foodbank drive**

We are the Kawakawa Foodbank group and for our humanities class this term we are trying to fill our school van with food for the Lower Hutt Foodbank and we can't do it without you. What you can do to help: If you bring food in between now and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September (week 9) you will be helping THOUSANDS of people in need. If there are any questions, please email [student.amelial@waora.school.nz](mailto:student.amelial@waora.school.nz) or [student.baileyl@waora.school.nz](mailto:student.baileyl@waora.school.nz).

**Sport (cont. from column 1)****Volleyball Y9–13, term 4**

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**Winter Tourny**

Good luck to the Wā Ora high school students playing with HVHS in football and hockey at the 2020 winter tournament this week!