

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

– Monday–Sunday 14th–20th September
Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week)

– Tuesday 15th September **Playgroup Open Morning** 9.30 am

– Wednesday 16th September **orders close for Wā Ora sports T's.**

– **Friday 18th September Peace Day breakfast 8 am CANCELLED**

– Monday 21st September **BoT/Council meeting** 7 pm staffroom

– Thursday 24th September **Kawakawa Coffeehouse** 7 pm

– Friday 25th September **LAST DAY OF TERM**

– Monday 12th October **FIRST DAY OF TERM 4**

Welcome to the following student and his family . . .

Pōhutukawa – Kuentin Chin

Peace Day celebrations— PLEASE READ FOR CHANGES



With the announcement today that we will remain at level 2 for the rest of this week, we unfortunately must cancel our Peace Day breakfast this Friday, 18th September. The celebration will now be for ākongā and staff only and will happen during the morning school session. We are sad to miss this chance for our community to connect and hope that very soon, we can all come together again☺.

This week

From the Board

By Scot Champion—Chair — Wā Ora Board of Trustees/Council

Term 3, the winter term, often feels as though it stretches on for ever, but here we are with only two weeks to go. Given the strange year we have had, I sometimes feel as though time has passed quickly in 2020, and sometimes it feels as though the whole year has stretched out.

I'd like to acknowledge the whole Wā Ora community for your efforts during the year. We have seen multiple disruptions and stresses across all areas of life, and some of the events and occasions that would normally bring us together as a community have not been possible. Thanks to all our parents and caregivers, our teaching and support staff, to the school's senior leadership team, and Ava our principal, for guiding us through this year and maintaining the focus on education for our children.

As we think towards term 4 and then on to the 2021 school year, we will be reaching an important point in our school's operating cycle. Every 3 years we revise and develop a new strategy for our school. Early 2021 sees the beginning of this next cycle, and through term 4 we will be working across the community to get your ideas and understand where you'd like to see the school go over the next three-year cycle.

As background, our current strategy that has operated over the past three years has had a focus in the following areas:

- Curriculum and student achievement
- Montessori authenticity
- Tiriti partnership
- Effective parent engagement
- Wellbeing

The next iteration of the school's strategy may maintain some or all of these areas and there may be new areas to which we want to turn our attention. Equally, the high-level direction could be similar, but the detail may evolve and develop.

Over the past three years we have seen further physical growth of our school with new building developments in both the primary school and the high school and this will continue over the next three-year cycle as well. However, the school is now close to its intended size and this provides a chance for us to look at other opportunities to enhance the school, its environment, the development of our children in all age groups, and our educational outcomes.

Early in term 4 we will be providing further details about how you can have input into the process of developing the strategy for the next three years. We anticipate there will be a number of ways to participate and contribute to the process.

Thanks again for your support of Wā Ora. I look forward to making contact in term 4 and engaging you in the process.

Scott Champion
Chair, Board of Trustees

Sport

Badminton

There were no games last week.

eSports

Wā Ora v QMC, 2–0.

Futsal and Volleyball Y8–13, term 4

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

Miniball

Wā Ora Magic v Sts Peter and Paul, 0–36.

Netball

Wā Ora Tui v TAWKKM 1, 19–14.

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for HV Netball rep teams:

Roisin Wall in the U18 team.

Madeleine Bailey in the U16 team.

Dilynn Atkins and Beatrix Harrison in the Year 8 Player Development Programme.

School sports T's – orders close THIS Wednesday



Online sports t-shirt orders are open until end of Wednesday and make ordering

quicker and easier this year. If you would like to order a shirt (price \$48), please complete the order form [here](https://forms.gle/SfFjk9jyaivwCCQr8) (Link: <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.

Touch rugby in term 4

For ages 5 (or nearly 5) to 13 years old (year 8). Games are played Thursdays at Fraser Park from 29th October to 3rd December (6 weeks). Game times will be between 4 pm and 6 pm, but depend on the grade (we will get the draw for the season before the first game). Register here <https://forms.gle/S6rKvUQqSgyZavZz6> by 16th October. Skills sessions are on Saturdays from 10 am–11 am at Naenae Park from 10th October to 28th November (8 weeks) and are open to anyone.

There is a fun carnival tournament on 21st–22nd November, which is optional, but we would LOVE to have at least one team there. Any queries or for more information, please contact Anna on tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com.

PTA update

Following our AGM on Tuesday 25th August, we have a new committee, with Jenny Jellicoe as chair, Stacey Newlands as secretary and Vanessa Harris continuing as treasurer. Dannielle King is our staff rep, and Colette Sweeney, Ashwini Purohit, Cherie Trujillo, Lillian Pak and Sarah Joseph are members. Our next meeting will be 7–9 pm, Thursday 24th September at Brew'd Boulcott. Please come along if you'd like to get involved or learn more about upcoming events. We'd love to see you there!

Abacus fundraiser

Turning your Child's Picture into unique products!

Calendars: High quality calendar as part of your child's artwork or photo. Available for 12 months or 6 months. Includes public holiday & school terms.

Cards: Display your child's artwork or photo on a pack of 8 cards. Adult's name and age can be printed on the reverse of all products. Includes envelopes.

Diaries: High quality diaries as part of your child's artwork or photo. All size (12 & 16 pages). Includes name and year placement.

Mouse Mats: Your child's artwork or photo printed on a high quality mouse mat.

Sketch Pads: Your child's artwork or photo printed on a high quality sketch pad.

Orders to be returned by: FRIDAY 25 SEPT (end of term)

Student's Name: _____ Room: _____
 Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

	Calendars	Cards	Diaries	Mouse Mats	Sketch Pads	Total of each item
\$	14-00	16-00	18-00	16-00	16-00	
How many items are to be made from this Student's ART?						
How many items are to be made from Unlabelled Photos? (download below)						
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

Payment instructions: Payment can be made at the office by cash/efpos or online to the school account # 12-3209-0438285-00 with surname and 'ABACUS' as reference.

If you want to Upload Photos for your purchase
 You can upload photos to create photo products by visiting www.kidstartworks.com and using your School Entrance Code: **K2752**
 Once you have successfully uploaded your photos, you will be emailed & provided a Reference number. Please write that here.

School Entrance Code: **K2752**
 The Reference Number kidstartworks.com gave me is: _____

Calendars, sketch pads, diaries, mouse mats and card packs with children's artwork/photo are again available for purchase. Orders are due back next Friday 25th September (the last day of this term). As parents can't come into classes this week to view their child's art, if you would like to view this before ordering, please email Donna and she will send to you.

The order form is attached to this week's newsletter email and app alert and can be printed out, filled in and photographed/scanned and emailed to donna@waora.school.nz. **PLEASE NOTE: a separate order form is needed for each child.** All payment details, prices and info needed to order your child's artwork or a photo are also on the order form. Payment can be made either at the office by cash/efpos or online to the school bank account no. 12-3209-0438285-00 with surname and 'ABACUS' as reference. Prices are as last year: cards \$16, calendars \$14, diaries \$18, mouse mats \$16 and sketch pads \$16.

Shakeout



Wā Ora will once again be participating in New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi, taking place next term in week 1 on Thursday 15th October at 9.30 am.

Staff car park is for staff only

A reminder to our parents not to use the staff car park in the mornings to drop of tamariki to before school care. This area needs to be available for staff to park in and is not a safe place for parents and tamariki to be exiting cars and walking through. Please park on the street and use the stone pathway up the side of the fence line when entering before school care.

Do you have?????



The Art room is seeking donations of old chisels, rasps (all sizes), hammers and saws for sculpture work (your grandpa's rusty tools are our goldmine!). Donated Oamaru stone would be an added bonus. Thank you, Amber (Art teacher).

Playgroup open morning



We are holding an open morning tomorrow for new people to try out our playgroup. If you know of anyone with a toddler aged 18 months to 3 years, please share this information with them. There's no need to register and we'd love to see them along at 9.30 am.

Cottage for rent

Small 56 m² cottage for rent in Naenae, 5 minutes to school by bike, right next to a beautiful nature reserve and a small stream. Fully fenced. 1–2 bedrooms or one bedroom and small study. Suitable for a single person, a couple or a single parent with a small child. Call or text in afternoons please to Chris on 021 2578 666.