

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Wednesday 28th October **Year 7 transition evening** for parents 7 pm
- Thursday 29th October 12 noon **nominations close for BoT trustees**
- Thursday 29th October Year 1–4 **tee ball event**
- Friday 30th October **Year 4–8 primary athletics** 9.15 am
- Friday 30th October **whānau hui** 5.30 pm
- Tuesday 3rd November **Strategic Plan community meeting** 10 am
- Wednesday 4th November **Strategic Plan community meeting** 7 pm
- Wednesday 4th November **2nd instalment due school accounts**
- Saturday 7th November **Working Bee** 9 am
- Monday 9th November **Wheels Day**

Welcome to the following student and his family...

Rewarewa – Carter Johnstone

PTA wheels day

Wheels Day happens for the preschool and primary students on Monday 9th November (week 5), rain or shine so bring your bike, scooter or other wheels and your helmet to this much anticipated event and get ready to have some fun!

Wheels Day

Monday 9 November

Bring your bike, scooter or other wheels plus your helmet
Look for your class parking area in the primary school playground

Going ahead rain or shine
Ride safely and have fun!



This week

Strategic Plan upcoming review

By Ava Szabo —Principal

This week I would like to bring Wā Ora's Strategic Plan review to your attention. Our Board of Trustees is currently reviewing our Strategic Plan, a process undertaken by all New Zealand schools every three years. The purpose of the review is to examine the current strategy and decide what changes, if any, should be put in place for the following three years to ensure the school heads in a purposeful direction, follows our Special Character and provide the best outcomes for ākongā. This is an important document for all schools and provides the foundation for the year ahead.

Our current strategic plan consists of five major foci. These are

1. Curriculum and student achievement

Strategic goal: Through the Montessori curriculum and philosophy, all students are able to access the NZ curriculum as evidenced by progress and achievement in relation to the National Standards, NZ Curriculum, NCEA and other measures.

Purpose: We are legally obliged to deliver the NZ curriculum via a Montessori curriculum (our integration agreement) and set objectives around National Standards.

2. Effective parent engagement

Strategic goal: To have actively and effectively engaged parents.

Purpose: The school believes, backed by research, that outcomes for children are improved if parents are fully involved in the child's education.

3. Montessori authenticity

Strategic goal: Ensuring we have and deliver an authentic Montessori programme throughout the school.

Purpose: Our belief is that the Montessori pedagogy is the best pedagogy to deliver the child outcomes defined in our mission. "As a prepared environment is a core part of the Montessori philosophy, we must provide adequate facilities to achieve the vision."

4. Well-being

Strategic goal: To develop and implement a well-being programme within Wā Ora.

Purpose: Well-being and academic outcomes ultimately complement and support each other, giving students the skills and processes to make good choices, cope with adversity, lead to fully engaged lives and contribute positively to society.

5. Tiriti partnership

Strategic goal: To promote equitable learning outcomes as Tiriti partners, and recognise the importance of whānau in education.

Purpose: Te Tiriti o Waitangi extends equal status and rights to Māori and Pākehā. This places a particular responsibility on all teachers in New Zealand to promote equitable learning outcomes as Tiriti partners. Wā Ora recognizes the responsibility of its teachers, staff and Board of Trustees to promote equitable learning outcomes for all ākongā under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the importance of whānau in education.

Community input is a very important part of the consultation. The Board has already arranged a number of meetings involving whānau, staff and students. Please come along to one of our meetings (details for RSVPing on page 2) and share your thoughts on this Strategic Plan moving forward.

Sport**Y4–8 Athletics**

This day will be held this Friday 30th October from 9.15 am–2 pm.

Postponement day is 6th November and spectators are welcome. Ākonga need to wear clothing and footwear suitable for participating in track and field events and must have a hat. Please come to school with sunscreen applied and bring lunch, snacks and a water bottle.

Cricket

If you're interested in playing girls' cricket, the Naenae Hub days plays on Fridays, 5 pm–6 pm from 30th October to 4th December at Naenae Park. Visit www.yeahgirls.nz for more info.

Futsal

Junior Mixed v HVHS Neon, 7–6.

Volleyball

Junior Girls v St Orans 5, 2–0.

Junior Boys v Wainui, WBD.

Junior Mixed v St Orans 4, 1–2.

Senior Mixed v HIBS, 0–2.

Strategic Plan community meetings

We are seeking community input as we develop our 2021–2023 Wā Ora Strategic Plan and are inviting whānau to attend one of two 90-minute workshops to review our current strategy and consider where we would like to be as a school and community by 2023. These sessions will be interactive and facilitated by Wā Ora's Board Chair, Scott Champion. Sessions will run next Tuesday 3rd November, 10 am–11.30 am (Staff Room, 278 Waddington Drive) and Wednesday 4th November, 7 pm–8.30 pm (Tāwari, 175 Rata Street). To attend, please RSVP to Hayley by this Friday 30th October (hayley@waora.school.nz) with which session you'd like to attend.

Preschool parent teacher interviews

Parent teacher interviews for our preschool classes are scheduled for next Monday 2nd–Wednesday 4th November. Please book at <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/book/step1?z=TtRxUC> using the code **en36n**. If you will be requiring after school care during your appointment, please remember to book this well in advance, as it does fill up at these times.

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 7th November 9 am – 12 noon

Stella Meadows-Miller	Chyoe Thean
Hemi Thompson	Callum Smyth
Jonathan Spurgeon	Lilian Gray
Samantha Hurdle	Mika Hayashi
Charlie Goldberg	Eva Lamb
Cameron MacAulay	Spencer Tysoe
Anusha Kamanahalli	Ishan Vallabh
Valentino Trujillo	Rachel Visser
Ashton Tietjens	Roisin Wall
Asher Wanden	Musa Waqas
Ashlea Weaver	Wila Weaver
Eleanor Whitmore	Ailie Weir
Julian Wimbush	Aaria Wright
Oscar Zuiderwijk	Ujin Wythe

Wā Ora Board of Trustees nominations — last call

Nominations close this Thursday for Board of Trustees candidates. We are seeking to appoint two new trustees to our Board. If you are an area school (primary and high school) parent with voting rights and would like to put yourself forward as a candidate, please complete the nomination form you have already received by post (or email hayley@waora.school.nz to be sent another one) and return to Wā Ora by 12 noon this Thursday 29th October.

Parking Considerately

Please ensure you park considerately and legally when dropping off and collecting your children, avoiding driveways and yellow lines. It is important that we show respect for our neighbours' access.

**Rental wanted**

Hello! Our son starts at Wā Ora in February and we are looking for a pet-friendly rental in Lower Hutt (we are currently in Carterton.). Please email me if you can help at bella.pamela@gmail.com. We would like to be in Lower Hutt as soon as possible.

Collecting for Little Sprouts

Can you help? Little Sprouts is an entirely-volunteer-run charity which gives away FREE life-changing baby boxes to vulnerable families, containing everything a baby needs at birth. We are receiving donations of used (good-to-excellent condition) baby clothes, sized from birth to 18 months, which will then be given to Little Sprouts. The collection box will be on the preschool deck in between Rewarewa and Pōhutukawa classes until next Tuesday. For more information about this charity, please visit <http://littlesproutsnz.org/>.

Scholastics book orders

Scholastics brochures have been given out and online orders are due by Monday 9th November.

Cops with Cakes road safety expo

Cops with Cakes is a unique and local road safety expo and community event, combining road and community safety information with family friendly activities and lots of fun for kids to be held at Avalon Park on Saturday 14th November from 10 am–2 pm (with Sunday 15th as a rain day). All our local emergency services will be on site and many of Lower Hutt's community organisations and businesses too, giving demonstrations, driver training and community advice and support. <https://www.facebook.com/copswithcakes/>