

## Diary dates

### Coming up . . .

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November **Strategic Plan community meeting** 10 am
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November **Year 4–8 athletics day**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November **Strategic Plan community meeting** 7 pm
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November **2<sup>nd</sup> instalment due school accounts**
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November **working bee** 9 am
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November **wheels day**
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November **LHPSSA north and central zone athletics**
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November **NCEA information evening** 7 pm
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November **6–9 trip to Botanic Gardens**
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November **PTA meeting** 7 pm
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November **BoT/Council meeting** 7 pm staffroom

### Working bee

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> November 9 am–12 pm**

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	Musa Waqas
Asher Wanden	Wila Weaver
Ashlea Weaver	Ailie Weir
Eleanor Whitmore	Aaria Wright
Julian Wimbush	Ujin Wythe
Oscar Zuiderwijk	

## This week

### The right to make mistakes

By Carolyn Bohm — Rātā Teacher

We have all been scarred by childhood experiences; whether an academic subject we struggled with, constantly felt stupid for when called upon in class, and still struggle with today, or something athletic, artistic, or social that left us feeling inadequate.

Some we managed to overcome and are stronger for, but others still haunt and impact us today. Therefore, it's only natural we would want to protect those we care about, especially children, from the same experiences.

While this is a justified and healthy response, it can, if taken too far, deprive children of the valuable experience of struggling, problem solving, making mistakes and self-correcting

It is a delicate balance for us to walk, protecting them from real harm, but also letting them make mistakes in a safe setting so they can learn the evaluating skills they will need as adults when mistakes might have higher consequences.

This juggling act appears all the time in the classroom.

While watching a child do a bead frame multiplication problem I noticed him start to move on without finishing the process of exchanging and I had to bite my lip to keep from pointing out the error. I so wanted to tell him and spare him the frustration of doing the whole problem over again. However, as I waited, I saw his eyes go from the bar he was still working on, to the bar he should exchange on, and back again . . . and then he slid over the bead he almost forgot to exchange. When he did, I couldn't fight down a smile of victory — of *his* victory. For if I had taken away from him his right to make that mistake, I also would have taken away his chance for the victory to be his.

It's a constant mental weighing of "how wrong could this go?" So wrong I need to stop it (falling from a dangerous height or redoing the problem enough times to cause damaging frustration)? Or just wrong enough to be inconvenient?

I find myself flinching internally as I watch a child walk across the room with one more box than is practical, balanced in her arms and then have to watch her pick it up when it topples over and makes a mess all over the floor. But she is far more likely to re-evaluate how many she can carry next time after cleaning up this miscalculation, than if I'd intervened and stopped her.

No one wants to watch someone suffer the slings and arrows of life unnecessarily, but it is important to give our children a safe environment to make mistakes, learn from them, and experience the victory of overcoming the obstacle.

It's a constant challenge and we too will make mistakes – jumping in too early, not jumping in soon enough – but that's okay, because when we do, we model how to learn from our mistakes.



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## Sport

### Futsal

Junior boys v HVHS Lilac, 4–9.

### Netball

Pitoitoi started at futureFERNs on Saturday. A big thank you to Melissa Devine for coaching this team!

### Te Araroa Challenge

Students in Tawhai and Tōtara are participating in this fun challenge, keep up the good work!

<https://events.onetime.sport/event/763>.

### Touch rugby

Pūkeko (Y3/4) v Tawhai Rockets, 2–2.

Ruru (Y3/4) v Koraunui Pipi Poapoa, 4–3.

Kererū (Y3/4) v Rangatira, 4–10.

Kōkako (Y5/6) v St Michael's School, 10–9.

Weka (Y5/6) v Koraunui Taiohi, 5–3.

### Volleyball

Junior Girls v St Orans 4, 2–1.

Junior Boys v Upper Hutt, 0–3.

Junior Mixed v Wainuiomata, 2–1.

Senior Mixed v Heretaunga, LBD.

### Weet-bix TRYathlon

Weet-bix TRYathlon registrations are now open for kids aged 6–15 years. For complete details please check out [here](#).

A school group has been created for the Hutt City event on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021. To be included in the school group click [here](#) or search for the school when entering. We'll organise a marquee for the day so we have a place to sit together. Note that you are responsible for your child(ren), as this is not a school trip. Any queries, please e-mail Anna at [tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com](mailto:tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com).

### Y1–4 tee ball event

A great day was had by all! Huge thanks to the parent helpers and TIs who came along, making it possible for 60 ākonga to participate! See photos at

<https://www.facebook.com/LHPrimarySport/photos/>.

### Y4–8 athletics

This day will be held this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30 am–2 pm at Hutt Rec. 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.

### Y4–8 interzone athletics

This day will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November at Hutt Rec. Qualifiers will be notified this Thursday and postponement day is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## PTA meeting – all welcome

Our PTA meets next Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 7–9 pm 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! For more information, contact Stacey Newlands, PTA secretary.

## PTA wheels day

### 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!



Wheels Day happens for the preschool and primary students next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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!

## PTA Christmas fundraiser



## Kawakawa Coffee Cart is back!

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November, KCC&C will be selling our usual range of delicious hot

beverages along with ginger crunch, sausage rolls, and chocolate crackles. The market will be up at the high school in the prefab from 2.45 pm to 3.25 pm.



**KAWAKAWA**  
COFFEE CART

## Wā Ora Board of Trustees voting



Voting for our Board of Trustees candidates begins this week. Voting papers will be posted tomorrow and will be with you shortly, if you are an area school (primary and high school) parent with voting rights. Please complete your voting paper, and return it to the school office by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## Collecting for Little Sprouts

Can you help? Little Spouts 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 Friday. For more information about this charity, please visit <http://littlesproutsnz.org/>.

## Term 4 open house evening



Join your child/ren and share their learning at our open house evening for primary and preschool sectors on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November (week 7) from 5 pm–6.30 pm. Your child may show you a project they've been working on, demonstrate a lesson or give you a tour of the classroom. Teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have. All whānau welcome.

## Scholastics book orders



Online orders for this issue are due by next Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November.