

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Tuesday 10th November **NCEA information evening** 7 pm
- Wednesday 11th November **Rātā & Kauri trip to Botanic Gardens**
- Thursday 12th November **LHPSSA north and central zone athletics**
- Thursday 12th November **PTA meeting** 7 pm
- Friday 13th November **Rātā & Kauri trip to Botanic Gardens**
- Monday 16th November **BoT/Council meeting** 7 pm staffroom
- Tuesday 17th November **TEACHER ONLY DAY FOR AREA SCHOOL**
- Wednesday 18th November **School accounts 3rd instalment due**

Welcome to the following student and his family...

Kōwhai – Gareth Atkinson

Wā Ora Board of Trustees

– Remember to vote –



Voting for our Board of Trustees candidates has begun and you should have received your voting papers in the post by now, if you are an area school (primary and high school) parent with voting rights. Please review the enclosed candidate statements and complete your voting paper, and return it inside the enclosed envelope to the school office by Tuesday 1st December. Results will be announced on Tuesday 8th December.

This week

World unity through the child

By Ava Szabo —Principal

Kia ora whānau,

As I have been thinking back over our year with the changes across the globe that have altered and influenced us, I have been drawn back to the writings of Maria Montessori and her belief in the child.

I would like to share some of her writings with you.

This extract is from the 8th International Montessori Congress that took place in San Remo from 22nd–29th August 1949 from Lecture 4 – World Unity Through the Child:

Instead, we must begin with the new affirmation, in which the consensus and the hopes of all peoples may converge. That is, the intent to attain world unity through the child.

The child who owns nothing and promises all, who is to be found everywhere – in the homes of the rich and the poor, in all races and all nationalities; the child who knows nothing of political parties or any other social distinctions and discrepancies, appears with the same characteristics; who comes from we know not where, and is always a miracle, so complex in its promise of the future.

There is little hope that the unity of man will be inspired by their reason; only their hearts can realise this unity. The child evokes the same, equally intense, sentiments in all men, and these emotions have the power to radically transform their character, their perception of things all around them. We see examples of this every day; harsh men, tenaciously attached to their work, aspiring to become rich and powerful, are transformed when a child is born to them. Once they become fathers they will work even harder; they will however no longer be driven by the selfish aspiration of accumulating riches, but by the desire of being able to leave a large fortune to their children, making them rich through their efforts.

And whenever a child comes into the family, the same thing happens. When a child is born, egoism is replaced by generosity and arid hearts are filled with tenderness. He arouses deep emotion and inspires the noblest attitudes.

The child is, therefore, a universal spiritual force and a source of love and lofty sentiments; he is the true means to attain unity among the human beings of the world.

...This poor little new-born, this being devoid of beauty, strength and intelligence, wrought a miracle that united all with its essential presence. It is because of this that I affirm that the child is the most indestructible universal bond in existence; it is because of this that I shall never tire of repeating that the only hope to attain perfect and harmonious understanding among men is the child.

Sport

Congratulations to ...

...Xervier Doney who competed in his first Special Olympics equestrian event at the weekend in Whanganui in Dressage, Equitation and Trail. Xervier gained a first and 2 second places and is planning to compete in the Special Olympics National Summer Games in Hamilton in December 2021.

... Well done also to Fletcher McGrath who won the New Zealand Indoor Climbing U12 boys championship last weekend in Lower Hutt.

Futsal

Junior mixed v HIBS, 6–10.

Touch rugby

Pūkeko (Y3/4) v Naenae Chiefs.

Ruru (Y3/4) v St Michael's School.

Kererū (Y3/4) v Rata Street 2, 8–3.

Kōkako (Y5/6) v Boulcott Jetts, 9–11.

Weka (Y5/6) v Tawhai Dodgers.

Volleyball

Junior Girls v Upper Hutt, Lost by default.

Junior Boys v St Bernards, 0–2.

Junior Mixed v Wainuiomata, 3–2.

Senior Mixed v St Pats, 3–3.



Weet-bix TRYathlon

Weet-bix TRYathlon registrations are now open for kids aged 6–15 years. For complete details please paste this address (<https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/hutt-city/>) into your browser. A school group has been created for the Hutt City event on Wednesday, 17th March 2021. To be included in the school group paste the below address into your browser (<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40600&G=118734>) 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. Please e-mail Anna at tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com with any queries.

Y4–8 interzone athletics

This event has been postponed to this Thursday 12th November at Hutt Rec.

PTA meeting – all welcome

Our PTA meets this Thursday 12th 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 Te Whiti Riser walk



Join us for a family friendly walk on Saturday 28th November from 4 pm. Te Whiti Riser is low gradient, making it fun and achievable for most. There will be a sausage sizzle, face painting, hot chocolate and ice creams. Please click the link <https://tinyurl.com/twightriser> to register your interest and email ptawaora@gmail.com.

PTA Christmas fundraiser



Year 4 transition evening

The transition evening this year for those parents whose children are moving up to 9–12 next year is scheduled for Wednesday 25th November at 6.30 pm in your child's new class. Packs will be coming home shortly containing the new class information.

Term 4 open house evening



Join your child/ren and share in their learning at our open house evening for primary and preschool sectors on Wednesday 25th 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.

Preschool Disco



Preschool class parents are organising a Twilight Disco for the preschool classes and their families on Friday 20th November from 5–6 pm at the Mabey Road Hall in Avalon. Entry is by gold coin or \$5 for a family to cover the hire costs. There will be snack food items available to purchase for 50 cents each and glow sticks for \$1 each. Cash only please and BYO water bottles. Any profit will be donated to Wellington Shoe Box Christmas. We look forward to seeing you there.

Teacher only day next week (area school only)



There is no school for primary and high school students next Tuesday 17th November due to an MOE teacher only day. Preschool will run as per normal and before and after school care will still operate for preschoolers in the usual manner.