

## Diary dates

### Coming up . . .

- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December **Tāwari return from camp**
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December **BoT election results announced**
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December **Tōtara trip to Zealandia – CANCELLED**
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December **Pōhutukawa class morning tea 9 am**
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December **End of year concert 11 am**
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December **LAST DAY OF THE YEAR**
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December **Leavers' Dinner 6 pm**
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February **FIRST DAY OF TEM ONE 2021.**
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup>–Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February **Kawakawa class on Odyssey**
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February **Waitangi Day observed – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February **Teacher only day – SCHOOL CLOSED**

### Congratulations to ...

... Natalie, Nick, Carla and Jesse Horspool on the arrival of their new baby! Welcome to the world, Liam!

### Term dates 2021

- Term 1:** 1<sup>st</sup> February–16<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2:** 3<sup>rd</sup> May–9<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 3:** 26<sup>th</sup> July–1<sup>st</sup> October
- Term 4:** 18<sup>th</sup> October–16<sup>th</sup> December

### Wishing you happy holidays



A reminder to stay safe these holidays if you're travelling on the roads, at the beaches or pools, or just generally out and about! Have fun recharging your batteries for some great times in 2021!

## This week

### End of year wrap up

*By Ava Szabo –Principal*

“Education should no longer be mostly imparting of knowledge, but must take a new path, seeking the release of human potentialities” Montessori, M. (1946/1989), Education for a New World. Oxford: Clio Press.

Kia ora whānau.

Welcome to the final week of term. As I write this newsletter the sun is shining and it feels like summer is finally on the way. But although we are heading towards the end of the year, there is still so much happening at school – trips and festivities galore.

Class picnics and celebrations abound in the preschool. Our primary classes have been attending their end of year excursions going to Battle Hill, the Botanic Gardens, Otaki Beach as well as white water rafting and pizza outings.

Our Kawakawa adolescent programme gave their final Coffeehouse performance last week to a packed audience. What a fabulous evening we all had watching a showcase of the term's learning followed by a lovely farewell to our Year 10 ākongā. If you are interested in seeing our adolescent programme in action, I highly recommend these evenings at the end of each term as everyone is welcome.

The Kawakawa Big Day Out needed some last minute rejigging due to the weather and took place at school today. It was still a wonderful time for our adolescents and an opportunity to welcome our new students to Wā Ora and our transitioning Year 7 ākongā.

Our Tāwari ākongā left for their end of year camp yesterday to Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre for a bit of rest and relaxation after exams and a great time to catch up and welcome our Year 10's.

The end of year concert is a main event, something we all enjoy. A final chance to watch our tamariki perform, a time to acknowledge our Wā Ora staff and community and farewell our leavers. This will have even greater significance this year as Covid has curtailed our ability to gather as a community during 2020.

But we are not done yet!

Our leavers dinner farewell is always such a special event and this year we are gathering at the Lower Hutt Events Centre on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is an evening of finery and festivities, a time where we send these amazing young independent and freethinking individuals out into the world to begin the next part of their journey. What a finale to our year.

As I wrap up this final newsletter I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday and a well-deserved rest. I look forward to seeing you in 2021.

“No one can be free unless he is independent. Therefore, the first active manifestations of the child's individual liberty must be so guided that through this activity he may arrive at independence.” Montessori, M. (2004), The Montessori Method. Lanham, MD: Rowan and Littlefield p.118.

## Sport

### Futsal results

Junior Boys v HIBS, 6–5.

Our team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the term 4 CSW competition. Well done!

### Touch rugby results

Pūkeko (Y1/2) v St Michael's School Lua.

Ruru (Y1/2) v Tawhai Rockets.

Kererū (Y3/4) v Rātā Street 2.

Kōkako (Y5/6) v Boulcott Jetts.

Weka (Y5/6) v Koraunui Taiohi.

### Touch rugby in term 1 2021

For ages 5 (or nearly 5) to 13-years-old (year 8). Games are played Thursdays at Fraser Park from 18<sup>th</sup> February to 25<sup>th</sup> March (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 by 5<sup>th</sup> February here:

<https://forms.gle/pmD2VNLjpGnZxJDs7>. Skills sessions will also be running (details TBC) and are open to anyone.

Any queries or for more information, please contact Anna on [tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com](mailto:tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com).

### Volleyball results

Junior Girls v Wainui, WBD.

Junior Mixed v Upper Hutt College 3, 0–2.

Junior Boys v St Bernard's, 0–3.

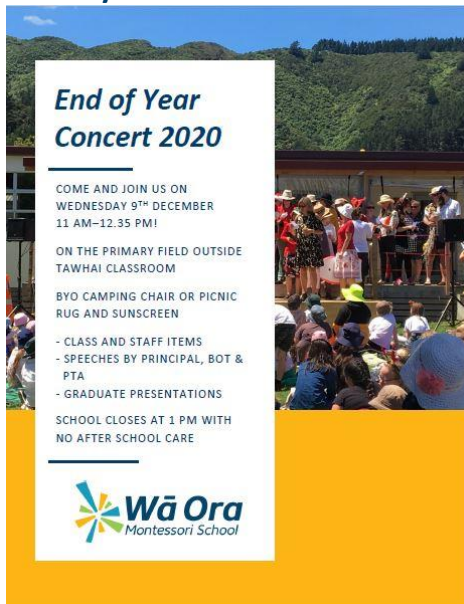
### Weet-bix TRYathlon

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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tapine.waora.sportsteams@gmail.com) with any queries.

### Transition paperwork

Last chance to return your completed transition paperwork for year 4, 7 and 11 students to Emma Schrader in the main school office this week for processing.

## End of year concert



**End of Year Concert 2020**

COME AND JOIN US ON  
WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
11 AM–12.35 PM!

ON THE PRIMARY FIELD OUTSIDE  
TAWHAI CLASSROOM

BYO CAMPING CHAIR OR PICNIC  
RUG AND SUNSCREEN

- CLASS AND STAFF ITEMS
- SPEECHES BY PRINCIPAL, BOT & PTA
- GRADUATE PRESENTATIONS

SCHOOL CLOSING AT 1 PM WITH  
NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

**Wā Ora**  
Montessori School

We warmly welcome you to our end of year concert this Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December starting at 11 am. Due to the weather not playing nice, we will now hold our concert in T2 at the high school on Rata Street. Parents may arrive from 10.40 am and the concert will end around 12.35 pm and school is then closed from 1 pm with no after school care.

### Parking

Parking is available on Rata Street or the streets adjoining the main school. At the end of the concert, you may either take your preschool child home directly, as long as you inform your child's teacher before leaving, or return to the main school to collect school bags, etc.

### Timetable

#### 11 am Opening address

11.05 am Scott Champion, BoT chair

11.10 am Jenny Jellicoe, PTA chair

11.15 am Class items (Nīkau, Rewarewa, Pōhutukawa, Kōwhai, Rātā, Pūriri, Kauri, Tōtara, Tawhai, Kawakawa, Tāwari)

12.10 pm Leavers Acknowledgement

12.20 pm Ava Szabo, Principal

12.30 pm Staff item

12.35 pm Concert finished

1 pm SCHOOL CLOSED

### Kawakawa Coffee Cart & Café

#### Christmas mince pies

Last chance to buy some of these world famous morsels is this Wednesday morning before the end of year concert from the main office. \$18 per 1 dozen minis or \$16 per 9 large.

## Christmas collection – donations gratefully received

Thank you to whānau who have already supported this year's Christmas collection for Angel Tree, an organisation helping tamariki with a parent in prison, and the Māori Women's Refuge. This is the last chance to donate. Collection boxes will be in the office until the end of term.


### Lost property

Please ensure you check our lost property rack in the hallway at the Rātā class end of the deck for any clothing belonging to your child before school finishes on Wednesday at 1 pm when the rack will be cleared.

### PTA End of year swim



The PTA has organised a casual get together at Stokes Valley Pool. No need to book in or buy tickets for this one, just turn up on the day and pay the normal entry fee directly to the pool. Stop for lunch on the way or bring something with you, no rules apply, just come along and hang out with some friends for a final end of year get together!



**Christmas in the Court**

**SPECIAL GUESTS WAYNO FT BROWN HILL**

- FREE RIDES FOR THE KIDS • FREE FACE PAINTING • SPOT PRIZES
- FOOD TRUCKS • CAROLS
- PERFORMANCES FROM LOCAL ARTISTS • GIVEAWAYS

WHERE: EVEREST AVENUE, NAENAE  
(ROAD IN FRONT OF POOLS)  
WHEN: SATURDAY 12 DEC  
5:30 - 8PM

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