

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

–Monday 1st –Friday 5th March (not Wednesday) **Primary school swimming, Stokes Valley**

–Wednesday 3rd March **school photos**

–Thursday 4th March **3rd Y8 Reading information evening**

–Friday 5th March **Year 7's to Technology**

–Wednesday 10th March **3rd school accounts 3rd instalment due**

–Thursday 11th **Parent education evening**

–Friday 12th March **Year 7's to Technology**

School photos

SAY CHEESE!



School photos are scheduled for Wednesday 3rd March. The online process will be the same as last year for ordering class and individual photos. If

you wish to order a sibling photo, you will still need to pick up an order form from the school office and complete and return it by Tuesday 2nd March. Oder information went home last week. The schedule is as follows:

8.00am	Staff
8.30am	Tāwari
9.00am	Kawakawa
9.30am	Rewarewa
9.45am	Nikau
10.00am	Pōhutukawa
10.15am	Kōwhai
10.30am	Pūriri
10.45am	Rātā
11.00am	Kauri
11.15am	Tawhai
11.30am	Tōtara
Throughout the morning	Sibling photos

This week

Peace Education

By Ava Szabo – principal

Kia Ora Whānau.

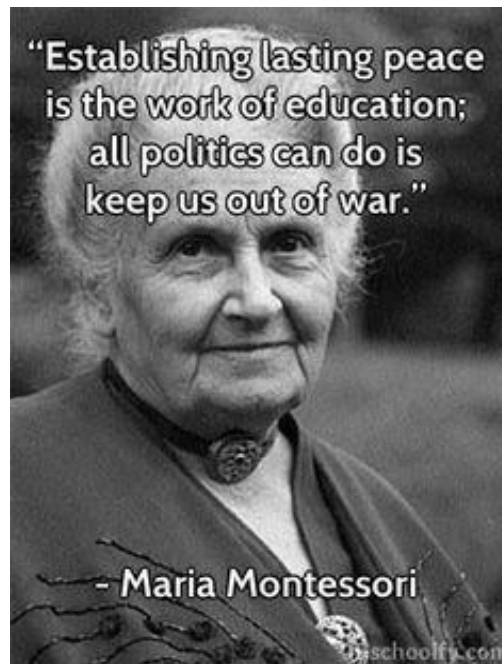
As our Professional Learning Groups have started up again this year I thought I would share with you one of the subjects discussed last week.

Peace Education

Maria Montessori's thoughts on Education and Peace was discussed with reference to the article: "A SCIENCE OF PEACE" by Dr Annette Haines.

Maria Montessori is considered by many to be the founder of peace education. She believed that 'the child is both a hope and a promise for mankind'.

She saw that peace is not only about cessation of conflict, but rather the intentionally teaching and nurturing of values such as global citizenship, personal responsibility and respect for diversity. Montessori argued that these values must be part of each child's education.



As I read the Dr Haines article, I wanted to share the final paragraphs as they are as pertinent today as they were in Montessori's time; a powerful message to us all.

'Maria Montessori saw the possibility of a new kind of education: an education which would begin at birth: an education rather than merely helping children adapt to what presently exists.

She understood that peace could not be brought about by marches or taught through today's curriculum. She understood that a 'New Age' would not emerge from meditation. A peaceful society cannot be built on a foundation that does not seek to integrate body, mind and spirit.

Today's children can show us the way, just as they did for Maria Montessori 100 years ago. Politics and peace talks may provide a cessation of war, but they cannot create peace. Over and over we realise that we cannot change the adult. Peace will emerge only when there is preparation. This must be the work of education. Education cannot simply give facts and pass on formal knowledge. This is the study, the science of peace Montessori asks us to create. For the children of today are still the bright new hope for mankind.

Ka manu ka kai i te miro, nōnā te ngahere. Ka manu kai kai i mātauranga, nōnā te aō.

The bird that consumes the berry, theirs is the forest. The bird that consumes knowledge, theirs is the world.

Sport

Please see our new separate sports newsletter.

Swimming

Swimming for the primary classes will be held this week and next at Stokes valley pool. Tania has emailed more detailed information. Please remember to name all togs, towels and goggles. Dates: Week 5 - Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th March (not Wednesday) Week 6 – Monday 8th – Thursday 11th March

Parent Education Evening

Thursday 11th March



Come along to the first of this year’s series of Parent Education evenings to be held on this **Thursday 11th March at 7pm** in Tōtara class and learn how we incorporate **‘Maths’** into our Montessori curriculum at all levels of our school.

Please RSVP to the office by Monday 8th March. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. ☺

Wellkiwis Household Influenza study

To enrol directly in the study, please contact Wellkiwis at 0800 493555 (08004WELLKIWI). Or email the Wellkiwis study team at Wellkiwis@esr.cri.nz

HOUSEHOLD STUDY

Join our **Wellkiwis** study and help fight the flu

Are you living in the Wellington region with at least one child aged 19 or younger living in your household?

We are calling for volunteers to take part in ground-breaking research into how people develop immunity to the influenza that spread in a household. This will help scientists develop a universal flu vaccine that could put an end to flu pandemics and save millions of lives around the world.

Wellkiwis influenza study

Working bee



Please check below for your eldest child’s name to attend the first working bee of the year. Contact the office with any queries.

Saturday 6th March

9am – 12noon

Esra Alsadah	Max Beck
James Anderson	Lauren Bennett
Kaitlyn Burtenshaw	Oliver Aukett-Ascoli
Loki Anderson	Zoe Calton
Neharikh Arunkumar	Aotea Bramley-Owens
Niamh Byrne	Nell Boucheny
Tyre Berney	Miguel Barretto
Madeleine Bailey	Rosa Buescher
Graydon Barstow	

Primary Production 2021



This year’s Primary Production – **Motu Manu Tapu** is scheduled for week 9 of term 2. The production will be in T2 at the High

School and involve all 6-8 and 9-12 students as well as year 8’s in Kawakawa. Students should have their scripts and be learning their lines. Rehearsals begin this week in Tawai on Thursday afternoons from 1pm – 2:45.

Rehearsal schedules will be posted in classrooms once confirmed. We have begun the planning for the production and requiring any offers of the following materials which can be dropped off at the school office: Feathers, onion sacks, white business shirts, glam glitter throw-outs!

Parking Considerately

Please ensure you park considerately and legally when dropping off and collecting your children, avoiding driveways and yellow lines. Recently we’ve had people stopping on the yellow lines close to the crosswalk, this blocks the view for anyone crossing at the crosswalk.



Wellington brick show

Naenae soccer club

PTA

Fundraiser

Buy some bulbs, plant now and have beautiful flowers come Spring. Help the PTA raise funds for a sign written gazebo. Order (at office or during Alert Level 2 email: falconer.dani@gmail.com) and pay (bank account details on form) before Friday 26 March. Forms are attached to this email.

Lost property overflowing

Please check the rack in the hallway at the Rātā class end of the deck for your child/ren’s clothes. There is a few jackets to be claimed. Now is a good time to name all items of your child/ren’s clothing and to remind them to take care of their belongings. This really assists us in returning named items to you/your child

