

## Diary dates

### Coming up . . .

–Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March **Y5-8 swimming sports, Stokes Valley**

–Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March **Weetbix Tryathlon**

–Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March **Year 7's to Technology**

–Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March **Playgroup open morning 9.30am**

–Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March **Year 7's to Technology**

### Playgroup open morning



We are holding an open morning next Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March for new people to try out our playgroup. If you know of anyone with a toddler aged 18 months to 3 years, please share this information with them 😊. There's no need to register and we'd love to see them along at 9.30 am.

### School sports T's – order yours today



We are now taking sport t-shirt orders online to

make ordering quicker and easier. If you would like to order a shirt (price \$48) please complete the order form [here](#) and make a payment via internet banking or eftpos at the school office. All sizing info is on the form and delivery will be to families at the start of Term 2. Orders close 31<sup>st</sup> March. Link:

<https://forms.gle/SfFjk9jyaiwvcCQr8>

## This week

### The joys of the school library

By Ava Szabo

Kia Ora Whanau,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our relocated library. Over the Christmas holidays our library was moved from the house situated off our school site to what was our staffroom. The school library is now situated on our primary site next to the basketball courts. One of the major reasons for this move was to ensure all our tamariki are able to access books throughout the day, every day.

Our library offers endless opportunities for our tamariki to engage with the written word. It allows not just for the development of literacy skills and a love of books, but also for the development of the imagination.

In a recent publication ERO states that: *'Reading is a critical skill that enables children to engage with all aspects of The New Zealand Curriculum. Reading proficiency provides a doorway into the world. Children's success in all learning is largely the consequence of effective literacy teaching. Literacy learning builds cumulatively on each learner's existing proficiency. Becoming literate is arguably the most important goal of schooling. The ability to read is basic to success in almost every aspect of the school curriculum, it is a prerequisite skill for nearly all jobs, and is the primary key to lifelong learning. Literacy determines, to a large extent, young children's educational and life chances and is fundamental in achieving social justice.'*

Libraries are thought of as a quiet place, a safe haven away from the busy-ness of the day. They are a time for children to relax for a short time and lose themselves in literature: The adventures of space, the latest inventions, histories of the world or just a good story to get immersed in. Libraries are also a place to catch up with friends and have a quiet chat, share confidences and just be.

Last week I was able to open the library at lunchtime, I consider this a highlight of my week, it is a joy to see so many of our tamariki making use of this beautiful space created by our librarian Kelly. Here children have time to catch up with friends, search for the next exciting book to read and just spend a few moments relaxing in this calm and quiet space. We are lucky to have such an important resource that so many are able to enjoy.



## Sport

Please see our new separate sports newsletter.

### Swimming sports

Swimming sports for Y5-8 will be held tomorrow – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at Stokes Valley pool.

### Younger siblings on waiting list

A message for whānau of our current ākonga (students): If you have a child under three years old, who you would like to attend Wā Ora when they turn three years old, have you pre-enrolled them with us? If you have not completed a pre-enrolment form for them yet, please contact Emma (Enrolments Administrator) for a form.

### Entertainment Fundraiser



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Remember this is now a 12 month product so you don't need to wait, you can buy a single or a multi city membership today and get a full years worth of savings.

### Kawakawa parent/teacher/student conference meetings

Week 8 – Wednesday 24th March

Below is the booking website address and code for the upcoming Kawakawa parent/teacher/student conference meetings.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=xy8mf> and use the code **xy8mf**.

Information regarding parent/teacher interviews for other classes will be coming later this term.

### Scholastics book orders



Scholastics brochures have been given out. Orders are due online by this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Scholastics have a great selection of reading ideas for your child and when you purchase, you are helping the school to increase its library with free books.

Please note orders must be made online, we cannot accept cash in the office.

## Primary Production 2021

### Motu Manu Tapu



Any offers of the following materials can be dropped off at the school office:

- Feathers!! Required for years 6-9 Bird Masks.
- Chicken wire for set construction
- Newspapers
- Boots (If your child is a Hob Nob they will need a pair of boots-preferably a low heel; Op shop)

I will be running sewing workshops(TBD) for costumes and in need of the following skills-

- Sewers (fairly basic)
- Cutting out
- Making alterations
- Designing

Regina is also requiring support for set construction on Friday afternoons at the high school with a small group of ākonga.

If you can help with the set or costumes could you, please email Annette-[annette@waora.school.nz](mailto:annette@waora.school.nz)

### Lost property



The rack in the corridor near the sick bay is very full so please check and collect any of your child/ren's items this week as it will be cleared out this Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

## Nathan Wallis

Nathan Wallis, New Zealand's favourite Neuroscience Educator (and host of the documentary "All in the Mind", and co-host of the TV Series "The Secret life of Girls") is coming to Lower Hutt for two of his popular talks about brain development from childhood to adulthood. Further information on our community Facebook page.



**First 1000 Days** - Tues 23 March  
**The Teen Brain** - Wed 24 March

Eastern Hutt School - Wellington  
Tues 23/Wed 24 March 2021 - 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Tickets at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz)  
Search 'Nathan Wallis Eastern Hutt'

Early bird ticket prices available



## PTA



**FRIDAY ICE BLOCKS**

The PTA will be selling ice blocks just inside the Primary School gate, afterschool on Fridays in March!

**FRIDAYS IN MARCH 2021 •**  
**3:00 PM - 3:30PM**

Only \$1 each

## Upper Hutt shuttle

WA ORA UPPER  
HUTT SHUTTLE  
NOW  
OPERATING!!!

Van runs  
WEDNESDAY-  
FRIDAY!! We still  
have spaces available so if you are interested please contact  
Kate: [angelnursekate@gmail.com](mailto:angelnursekate@gmail.com). One  
Way trip costs between \$15-\$17 and  
can reduce down to \$7 if we have a  
full van each day!

