

## Diary dates

### Coming up . . .

– Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March **Year 7's to Technology**

– Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March **Kawakawa Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews**

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

– Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March **No Technology this week**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> **Whānau hui 5.30 pm**

– Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March **Year 7's to Technology**

– Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March **Sport T-shirt orders close**

– Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April **Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED**

### Welcome to the following student and family...

**Kōwhai** – Marcel Riordan

### 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](https://forms.gle/ZyqtekFAJSmwuU3h9) 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/ZyqtekFAJSmwuU3h9>

### Scholastics orders

Scholastics brochures have been given out, and orders are due by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

## This week

### It takes a village – Moral development in adolescence

By Hilary Asquith – *Kawakawa head teacher*

Recently I listened to a lecture by Laurie Ewert-Krocker, Director of the International Montessori Training Institute, in which she explained the many characteristics of adolescent development and the needs of the adolescent to reach maturity with confidence and become fully functional within the world. The lecture outlined how difficult a time of transition adolescence really is. Montessori acknowledged this turbulence through her writings about the third plane of development. There is a commonality of the adolescent experience of feeling both vulnerable and hesitant and a tendency to focus on the self and the role of themselves within the group. Ewert-Krocker says *“it is easy to forget that we are dealing with an organism moving towards maturity...to get caught up in the focus of academic performance and success rather than our roles in supporting them to maturity and the social experience.”* Adolescents need opportunities to grow and develop their personal perspectives, empathy and interconnectedness within the social framework of society.

Moral development is fundamental in Montessori pedagogy. Montessori's belief was that humans have a capacity that is wondrous. Much of Montessori education is about making sure that moral character develops alongside the academic work.

*“For success in life depends in every case on self-confidence and the knowledge of one's own capacity and many-sided powers of adaptation. The consciousness of knowing how to make oneself useful, how to help mankind in many ways, fills the soul with noble confidence.”* (From *Childhood to Adolescence* Montessori-Pierson p. 60)

Adolescents need multiple adults to study, build relationships with and have opportunities to hear different perspectives from. There is a gradual move away from their parents and a desire to connect with the worldview of others. Through the sharing of stories and growing their understanding of others, we grow their awareness of themselves and help them discover their place in the world. The need for positive role models and mentors is therefore paramount in this stage of development -

*“because adolescence is the age when the child becomes man, which is to say a member of society.”* (Montessori *From Childhood to Adolescence*, Schocken p. 96)

The work of the community is to ensure that our young people are surrounded by plentiful opportunities to engage with the world around them and provide mentors that will positively impact these developing minds. To not collectively work together to support this moral growth during this period of development would be a great loss to the future of humanity. It plays into the old adage that it takes the villages to raise the child. As Montessori said, adolescents are:

*“the human energy on which the future depends” and we “must have the greatest respect for the young personality, realising that in the soul of the adolescent- great values are hidden... there lies all our hope of future progress and the judgment of ourselves and our time.”* (Montessori *From Childhood to Adolescence* Schocken p. 112)



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## Sport

Please see our new separate sports newsletter.

## School photos order instructions

Information flyers for ordering this year's school photos, went home with students on Friday. All the instructions for ordering photos are on the flyer, including the website address

([www.photolife.co.nz](http://www.photolife.co.nz)) and your personalized photo keycodes. You are welcome to share these keycodes with other family members so they may also place an order. Sunday 11th April is the "free delivery" deadline. Orders placed before this date will be delivered directly to the school for free. Any orders after that will be mailed directly to you and incur a delivery charge.

## Kawakawa Fundraiser

The Kawakawa 'New Zealand Conservation' Humanities class are running a fundraiser to support the Kea Conservation Trust and sponsor a green male kea in the Murchison Mountains, they hope to raise \$300.

**On Monday the 29th this group will be offering a \$5 lunch for all students.** The lunch will include a BBQ sausage and bread, a whole piece of fruit and some homemade baking. Orders will need to be in by Friday this week. Orders can be placed at the office, or Kawakawa students will also visit primary classrooms this Friday between 1-2pm to take orders and collect payments. A big thank you to Pak'nSave Lower Hutt for supporting our fundraising efforts.

## 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.

## Did you know Wā Ora is on fb?



Go to [www.facebook.com/waora](http://www.facebook.com/waora) or enter via the fb feed on our home page of our school website site.

## 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 alteration and designing.

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

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

## Easter closing dates



Good Friday (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) – whole school closed  
Easter Monday (April 5<sup>th</sup>) – whole school closed  
Tuesday (April 6<sup>th</sup>) – whole school closed

## Playgroup open morning



We are holding an open morning this 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.

## 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



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## 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

## PTA

### Fundraiser closing on Friday

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