

## Diary dates

### Coming up . . .

- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March **BoT/Council meeting** 7 pm Tāwari
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March **Year 7's to Technology**
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March **Sport T-shirt orders close**
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April **Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April **Good Friday - SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April - **SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April **Year 7 Boostrix & Year 8 Gardasil immunisations**
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April **Year 7's to Technology**
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April **Working Bee**

### Congratulations to...

. . . Clemence and Thomas and big sister Luna in Rewarewa who have welcomed their new baby boy recently.

### 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

### School sports T's – orders close this Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>



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/ZyqtekFAJSmwuU3h9>

## This week

### Education evenings and more...

By Ava Szabo - principal

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome. Nau mai, haere mai

The decision of education for our tamariki is a big one. It can be a stressful time as we decide what school our child should attend and what school will nurture and support our child. These are just some of the questions to grapple with. When you decided that a Montessori education was the right journey for you and your tamariki, there can be a sense of excitement, relief and perhaps some apprehension as your child embarks on an education that for most of us, is very different from our own experience. The Montessori classrooms our tamariki attend each day look and feel different from the classrooms you are familiar with.

So how can you find out more? How do you support your child at Wa Ora? There are many ways to get involved at school. Become part of the 'Going Out' programme with a small group of children. This might include, trips to the local supermarket or a journey further afield e.g. to Te Papa to get more information on a current project.

You might want to attend a whole class trip or get involved in one of our community events including Montessori education evenings. These evenings take place each term and cover a variety of subjects. They are an opportunity for you to interact with our Montessori curriculum and use materials to take part in 'lessons' that are offered within each area of the school. These evenings are a great way to develop a deeper and more practical understanding of how a Montessori classroom works.

Our recent education evening focused on Mathematics across the school. Montessori says:

*'Mathematics are necessary because intelligence today is no longer natural but mathematical, and without development and education in mathematics it is impossible to understand or take any part in the special forms of progress characteristic of our times. A person without mathematical training today is like an illiterate in the times when everything depended on literary culture..... Because of this vital importance of mathematics, the school must use special methods for teaching it and make clear and comprehensible its elements with the help of plenty of apparatus that demonstrates the "materialized abstractions" of mathematics.'* (From Childhood to Adolescence)

Our kaiarahi (teachers) presented lessons using Montessori materials to small groups. This 'hands on' experience is the best way of demonstrating how the classroom materials allow for investigations and exploration in an independent way within the classroom environment. Maria Montessori in her book from Childhood to Adolescence, believed that *'The environment must make the free choice of occupation easy. And therefore eliminate the waste of time and energy in following vague and uncertain practices'*. Our education evenings are a way of explaining and showcasing our environment, demonstrating our practices across the school.

We look forward to welcoming you to our next information evening in Term 2.

*Tiro atu ki te pae, mauri atu tō korowai, Look forward into the horizon and prepare*

**Sport**

Please see our new separate sports newsletter.

**Working bee**

Please check below for your eldest child's name to attend this working bee. Contact the office with any queries.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

9am – 12noon

Eva Lamb	Kuentin Chin
Vaidehi Choubey	Amelia Conza
Phoenix Cope	William Cronin
Keilan Cross	Hanne Danstead
Amelia Dawson	Joshua Deacon
Goerge Double	Xervier Doney
Emily Drumm	Lincoln Dutfield
Harry Eathorne	Charlie Eastall
Dayna Fa'afua	Calum Faulkner
Lucia Falconer	Aubane Farcy
Ethan Andterton-Gough	Zeta Ford-Robinson
Marlow Fraser	Theresa Ashley
Benjamin Chandrahasen	Loretta Evans-Velazquez
Svetlana Fisher	

**Preschool Holiday Programme**

Bookings are now open for the next school holiday programme, operating from 9am-3pm. After school care is available from 3pm-5pm at the normal term charges and there will be no before school care. The programme costs \$175 for the first week and \$140 for the second week (due to being closed for Anzac Day). Morning tea is included but you will need to provide lunch as per our food procedure. Please contact [anna@waora.school.nz](mailto:anna@waora.school.nz) if you have any questions or would like to book.

**Drop off for Primary ākongā**

For those families dropping off primary ākongā, please remember that the gate opens at 8.30am and supervision is available from then. Ākongā can be dropped anytime after 8.15am but if you need to drop before that time then they must go to Before School Care.

**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; Opp shop)
- Old leather belts
- Top hats

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

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

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

**Parent/Teacher/Student Interview bookings**

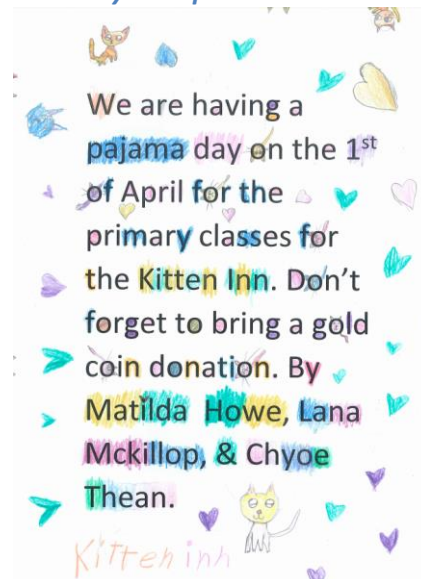
[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Parent teacher interviews for preschool, primary and Tāwari will be held in week 11. Emails from the office with full information, including the booking codes, will be sent when bookings are open. Dates are included below for your information:

Preschool	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Rātā	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> – Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Kāuri Pūriri Tāwhai Tōtara 1 Tōtara 2	Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> April
Tāwari	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> - Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> April

**Kauri Class fundraiser for Primary**

Thursday 1st April

**Playgroup open morning**

Now Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April



Our open morning has been postponed and will now be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 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 photos order instructions**

Information flyers for ordering this year's school photos have been sent home. 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Donations Tax Letters**

All families with primary and high school students are able to claim back a portion of their 2020/21 school donations through the tax return process. All school camp/odyssey receipts and donation letters will be emailed to you from next week. Any enquiries, please email [donna@waora.school.nz](mailto:donna@waora.school.nz)