

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Monday 3rd May **FIRST DAY OF TERM 2**
- Friday 7th May **Year 7's to Technology**
- Saturday 8th May **Working Bee**
- Tuesday 11th May **Teacher Only Day**
Primary & High school closed
- Wednesday 12th May **school accounts**
1st instalment due
- Thursday 13th May **Area school Cross**
country
- Friday 14th May **Year 7's to Technology**

Teacher only day next week

Tuesday 11th May

Tuesday 11th May – Week 2 Term 2 is a teacher only day for the area school. School will be CLOSED for primary & High school ākonga. Preschool classes will be open as normal.

Congratulations to...

. . . Emma and Daniel and big sister Adeline in Pōhutukawa who have recently welcomed their new baby girl, April.

Welcome to the following students and their families...

Rewarewa – Payton Liu



This week

Welcome Back

By Ava Szabo —Principal

Kia Ora Whanau

Welcome to Term Two. It was lovely to see the sun over the holiday break.

I was fortunate enough to attend one of our local Anzac Day services held at the Lower Hutt War Memorial where Sophia White and Patira Scanlon represented Wā Ora at the wreath laying ceremony. Thank you Sophia and Patira for your participation.



We ended Term 1 with a kapa haka performance in both our Primary and Preschool. It was such a lovely moment to see our tamariki standing together in front of friends and family, sharing what they had learnt with enjoyment and pride. I am looking forward to incorporating kapa haka and Māori performing arts further into the High School as our year progresses. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Donnelle Walker, our kapa haka instructor for her enthusiasm and dedication to our tamariki.



Kapa Haka is an important part of our bicultural journey at Wā Ora and how we can incorporate this as a regular event has been one of the priorities at Whānau hui. The power of kapa haka is well documented and demonstrated in many areas.

It links us to culture and Māori identity not only for our tamariki who participate, but for our entire school community. The essential element of whanaungatanga, the importance of people and connectedness is key. Our weekly Kapa haka lessons have given us all (students and staff) a platform that grows confidence in the Māori language and tikanga.

By creating the opportunity for kapa haka at Wā Ora we are building culturally connected learners, and through performance we are providing our tamariki with opportunities to step up as leaders and role models through the model of tuakana teina.

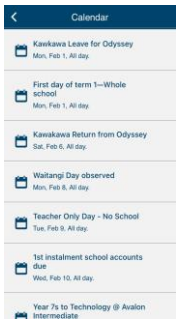
Kapa haka is more than a performance. It is a unique part of our identity as New Zealanders.

Te wiki o te reo Māori

This term, our Māori language week committee will be providing us with: **"Te kupu o te wiki"** (word of the week)

Tūwhitia te hopo – Feel the fear and do it anyway

Parent calendar on school app and website



To keep up-to-date with when things are happening for your ākonga at school, please check in regularly with the calendar on our school app. This is kept current and dates are added/changed as we are made aware.

Working Bee



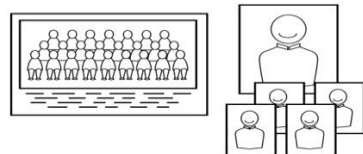
Please check below for your eldest child's name to attend this working bee. Contact the office with any queries.

Saturday 8th May

9am – 12noon

Theresa Ashley	Kaitlyn Burtenshaw
Marlow Fraser	Loise Ganachaud
Lilian Gray	Arthur Ha
Giseon Hay	Quynh-Nhu Ho
Naomi Holland	Carla Horspool
Chloe Huang	Jessie Hu
Samantha Hurdle	Zayna James
Charlie King	Ruhi Jeram
Mahi Kalidas	Willow German
Zara Harford	Caitlyn Hall
Mika Hayashi	Neriah Hopoi
Matlida Howe	Reese Huang
Harrison Jarvis	Aaron Jimenez

School Photos have Arrived!



If you placed an order for these, they will be coming home with your eldest child this week.

Term 2 dates

Term 2 is 10 weeks long and the last day is Friday 9th July. The whole school is closed on the following days this term:

Tuesday 11th May - Teacher Only Day (area school only)

Monday 7th June - Queen's Birthday

Primary Production 2021 Motu Manu Tapu



A huge thank you to Regina and all the school community who supported the holiday workshops for sets, props.

This term is counting down to Production week in week 9!!!

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
- Boots (If your child is a Hob Nob they will need a pair of boots-preferably a low heal; Opp shop)
- Old leather belts
- Top hats

Any questions, please email Annette-
annette@waora.school.nz

Volunteers needed

If you can read and write clearly and have a few hours to spare later in the year - then you're already qualified!



Some of our High School students need a few volunteers to support them with reading and/or writing in their mock and end of year exams. The externals are held at Taita College and this position is paid per exam. If you would like to know more please email Juliette@waora.school.nz and we can have a chat about what's involved. Our students, teachers and families are very appreciative of your help.

PTA movie night

Friday 14th May

Please register your interest at [Movie Night!](#) More info available on the community facebook page ☺

Brought to you by the Wā Ora PTA and sponsored by Brendon Lum Real Estate

Movie Night!

Friday 14 May, 2021

Arrive at the High School from 6pm for a 6.30pm start

Entry is free but you need to register

Bring a cushion, a blanket and a reusable cup for a warm drink

Food and drink available for purchase - cash only

RayWhite
KEMEYS BROTHERS
Brendon Lum 022 096 0529

Thank you

Tāwari Art hosted the Art Masters of March series in Term 1. We were fortunate enough to have three art experts donate their time, wisdom and invaluable expertise as guides for our art students. I want to acknowledge and send humble appreciation to these members of our greater Wellington community for all that they offer Wellington and to guiding our students; Mario Gregor of [Konstantin Studios](#), Pep Zuijdewijk of [Salted Herring](#) and Victor Huang of [VictorHuang.co](#) & [Evil Twins Coffee](#). - Amber (Art Teacher)



Term 2 parent morning tea



Our preschool and primary parent termly morning tea is happening on **Monday 24th May** at 9am,

after drop off at Trade School Kitchen, 17 Everest Avenue, Naenae. These morning teas are very relaxed affairs and offer a great chance for new preschool parents to meet up with existing families. Toddlers and babies are welcome. So join us for a relaxed chat and a cuppa and stay for as long or as short as you can manage ☺