

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Tuesday 11th May **Teacher Only Day**
Primary & High school closed
- Wednesday 12th May **school accounts**
1st instalment due
- Friday 14th May **Year 7's to**
Technology
- Friday 14th May **Whanau Hui 5.30pm**
- Friday 14th May **PTA movie night**
- Monday 17th **Board Meeting 7pm**
- Tuesday 18th **Tāwari NCEA**
information evening 6.30pm-8pm
- Thursday 20th **Area school Cross**
country
- Friday 21st May **Year 7's to**
Technology
- Friday 21st May **Pink shirt day**

Welcome to the following students and their families...

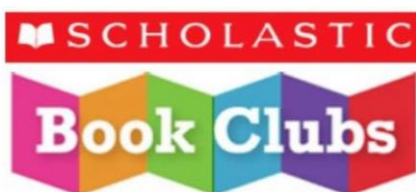
Pōhutukawa – Tia McLennan-Deans
Nīkau - Quynh-Vy Ho

Teacher only day TOMORROW

Tuesday 11th May

Tomorrow, Tuesday 11th May 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.

Scholastics Books



Brochures have gone home and orders are due online by Sunday 16th May.

This week

Te wiki o te reo Māori & New Zealand Sign Language week

By Tara Israelson - Nīkau Head Teacher – Preschool

Ngā mihi nui, you may have seen a video appear on the Community Facebook page with a “kupu o te wiki” - a word for the week. This is an initiative to bring Te Reo Māori into focus for us as a community, and to help prepare for Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, held in September every year. Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori began as a Māori Language Day on September 14, 1972 when the Māori Language Petition was presented at Parliament. Three years later this celebration of te reo Māori was extended to a week. The petition, with 30,000 signatures, was supported by Ngā Tamatoa, The Māori Language Society of VUW, and Te Huinga Rangatahi and urged the government to allow teaching of Te Reo Māori in schools. By the early 1980s there were more initiatives dedicated to the revitalization of Te Reo Māori, with the first Kōhanga Reo opening in Wainuiomata in 1982. By 1985 revitalization efforts were increasing in such a way that the Te Reo Māori Claim, stating that the language was a taonga needing protection under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, was taken to the Waitangi Tribunal. The claim was successful and Te Reo Māori was made an official language of Aotearoa New Zealand in 1987. There are now many Kōhanga Reo, Kura Kaupapa Māori, and Whare Wānanga where children, older students and adults can learn not only Te Reo Māori but Kaupapa Māori and Mātauranga Māori. There are Māori radio stations, television channels, and many online resources that support learners and speakers at all stages of their journey. While the complete history of Te Reo Māori is too long to study here, there are many online resources available. Information shared here has come from: <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/culture/maori-language-week/history-of-the-maori-language>. Reading the comments following the articles is highly recommended as they share personal accounts of members of The Māori Language Society and Ngā Tamatoa.

This week the kupu o te wiki will be joined with NZSL - New Zealand Sign Language as this week celebrates NZSL. NZSL has been formally used in Aotearoa New Zealand since 1995, although it had been developing since the late 1880s. Signing in schools was actually prohibited until the 1970s, however, the natural will to communicate meant that signing was being used covertly by Deaf students in their schools. By the 1970s dissatisfaction with the education system for Deaf students drove authorities to introduce sign language into classrooms for Deaf children. NZSL continued to grow naturally through use and by the mid 1980s the term NZSL was introduced and a dictionary for NZSL developed. Awareness of NZSL grew and so did support for the language. By 2006, after decades of advocacy by the Deaf community, NZSL was formally recognised as an official language here. Interest and support for NZSL continues to grow and many resources have been developed. Again, the history of NZSL is far too long to study here but check out these resources: <https://teara.govt.nz/en/new-zealand-sign-language> and <https://nzslweek.org.nz/>. The taster classes are fun and when done in a group you have opportunities to practice with friends and colleagues. For each of us it may feel small, the one word or phrase that we memorize, the greeting that we use every day, but it's not small. Poipoia te kākano kia puāwai - nurture the seed and it will grow.



Tara started her Montessori career in America as an assistant in a classroom in Boston and went on to gain her AMI diploma in Portland, Oregon. The opportunity to live and work in a new country and learn about a new culture inspired her to join the Wā Ora community in 2008 as the Head Teacher in Nīkau. Outside of the classroom she enjoys cooking, fishing, and exploring the New Zealand bush with her son.

Te wiki o te reo Māori

(Māori language week)

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

Kei te pēhea koe? (How are you?)

Kei te ... ahau. (I am ...)

Pai - good

Hari - happy

Pōuri - sad

NCEA information evening

Tuesday 18th May

We will be holding an NCEA information evening on Tuesday 18th May from 6:30-8:00pm in the High School. We will go through an overview of how NCEA works, key policies and processes, changes to NCEA for this year and answer questions that you may have. This event is open to all Tāwari whānau and is particularly relevant for those of you who have students in Yr11 or experiencing NCEA for the first time.

ASC

From today we will be trialling using a tablet to electronically sign out when you are picking your tamaiti up from After School Care. Further information has been sent from the office. Please also remember to update the office with any changes to your permanent bookings.

Pink Shirt Day

Friday 21st May



We are supporting this year's Pink Shirt Day. If you would like to provide a koha on the day any money raised will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation.

Primary Production 2021

Motu Manu Tapu



Seven weeks and counting to Production week!!

A HUGE thank you to Regina and her family, Shane and Michael who finished our extensions to our amazing new stage in T2!! Also a huge thank you to Kelly, Nicky and Connie who came in to help with costumes on Saturday.

Coming up in week 3, is the first of our Bird mask making workshops with 6-9's in the primary school. We will require parental support for these. If you can help for a few hours on a Tuesday afternoon, please email Annette.

We are still requiring the following materials which can be dropped off at the school office:

- Feathers!! Required for years 6-9 Bird Masks. (Chicken, Seagull, Swan, Goose...)
- Chicken wire for set construction
- Boots (If your child is a Hob Nob they will need a pair of boots- preferably a low heal)
- Old leather belts
- Top hats
- Old cell phones (or parts of!) Any age or condition.

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

PRACTICE lockdown drill:

Wednesday 2nd June



We will be holding a PRACTICE lockdown drill on Wednesday 2nd June. Further information will be sent in the coming weeks. Notifications on the day will be sent via email and app notifications so please make sure we have your up-to-date information and you have downloaded the school app.

PTA movie night

This Friday 14th May

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

Hutt Valley Gymnastics

Preschool classes

Contact office to book / register
Email us on admin@huttvalleygymnsports.co.nz or Ring 04-566-3244

Wellington Hockey Fun Sticks Program

We have 5 free spots available in Wellington Hockey's Fun Sticks Hockey Program for Y1/Y2 students. (Normally costs \$60 per child) The program runs every Sat 8-9am at Fraser Park until the end of Term 2 and aims to introduce kids to hockey while having fun. Sticks will be available to borrow at the sessions. Shin pads and mouthguards are advisable but not essential. First 6 people to email falconer.dani@gmail.com will get the free spots..

