

Diary dates

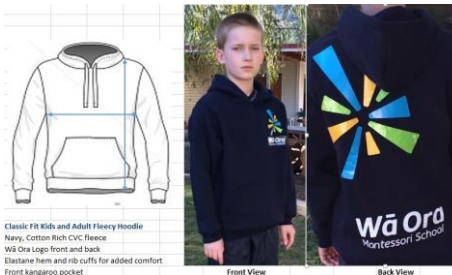
Coming up . . .

- 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**
- Monday 24th May **parent morning tea 9am Trade Kitchen**
- Wednesday 26th May **school accounts 2nd instalment due**
- Friday 28th May **Year 7's to Technology**

Welcome to the following students and their families...

Rewarewa – Luka Mildenhall
Kōwhai – Beau Anquetil

Wā Ora hoodies – order now



Orders are now being taken for our Wā Ora hooded sweatshirts. This year orders can be completed and submitted via an online google order form. The deadline for orders is Sunday 30th May and delivery is before the end of term two. Full details are on the order forms.

Hoodie order via google form link (payment must be made separately):

<https://forms.gle/ACiNsTZazEj1DjSH7>

This week

From the Board

By Scott Champion—Chair — Wā Ora Board of Trustees/Council

When I wrote my last piece for the newsletter in Term 3 2020, I noted that in Term 4 we would be undertaking a process to help set the direction for Wā Ora over the next 3-year cycle.

Through Term 4, we were able to complete a number of workshops with our parents and caregivers, staff, Board/Council and, with support from our high school staff, a student group from our Kawakawa adolescent programme. In these discussions we explored a number of questions:

- What's on your mind as you think about setting a direction for Wā Ora over the next 3 years?
- Thinking forward to the end of 2023, what future do you want Wā Ora to have and what would success for Wā Ora look like?
- Looking at Wā Ora's current strategy (this was provided), what do you agree with, disagree with, and have questions and comments about?

A big thanks to all those who participated. They were incredibly encouraging discussions and highlighted the strong relationships between our community and school. The overall direction outlined in the previous strategy was generally supported, but the clear role of people and community in support of Wā Ora and our students was highlighted, along with the physical environment and 'place' of our school.

As a result, we have confirmed three strategic objectives for the next 3-year cycle, along with two enablers or areas of focus that underpin or enable the outcomes we seek through our strategic objectives. These are:

- Strategic objective 1: Student achievement
- Strategic objective 2: Te Tiriti partnership
- Strategic objective 3: Montessori authenticity
- Enabler 1: Our people and community
- Enabler 2: Our place

In our previous strategy we had 5 strategic objectives and included 'student wellbeing' and 'effective parent engagement'. In our discussions, it became clear that ensuring student wellbeing was critical to ensuring student achievement and so this has been incorporated in this strategic objective. Equally, 'effective parent engagement' is an enabler for all the outcomes we seek, including student achievement', and sits at the core of 'Our people and community'. A focus on these areas will not be lost, and through the new structure and approach for our strategy, we have made 'why' we focus in these areas clearer.

Ensuring clear communication with our parents, caregivers and broader community was a key message through the discussions, including the need to ensure students, parents and others understand what Montessori authenticity 'looks like' at each stage of a child's development, and how this contributes to educational achievement and effective transition beyond school life.

We still have some work to complete on the detail of the strategy and we will update you as this occurs. Thanks again to everyone who participated in the process.

Scott Champion
Chair, Board of Trustees

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)

Tēnā koe - greeting to one person

Tēnā kōrua - Greeting 2 people

Tēnā koutou - Greeting 3 or more people

Mōrena - Good morning

Ata Mārie - Good morning

Pink Shirt Day

This Friday 21st May



We are supporting this year's Pink Shirt Day, this Friday 21st May. Wear pink in support and if you would like to provide a koha any money raised will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation.

Lost property overflowing

Please check the rack in the hallway at the Rātā class end of the deck for your child/ren's clothes. Due to the volume of lost property, IT WILL BE CLEARED ON FRIDAY.

Now is a good time to name your children's items and to remind them to take care of their belongings. This really assists us in returning named items to you/your child.

Term 2 parent morning tea

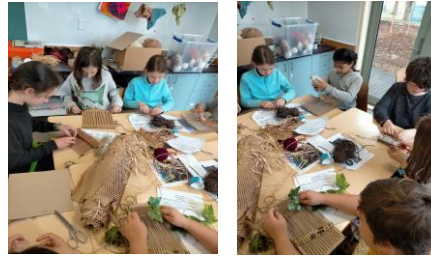
Our preschool and primary parent termly morning tea is happening next Wednesday 26th May at 9am



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.

Primary Production 2021

Motu Manu Tapu



Ākonga from Tōtara weaving and making adornments for their, 'Islander' role for the Production.

Six weeks and counting to Production week!!

Coming up this 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 Tuesday afternoon, you can email Annette.

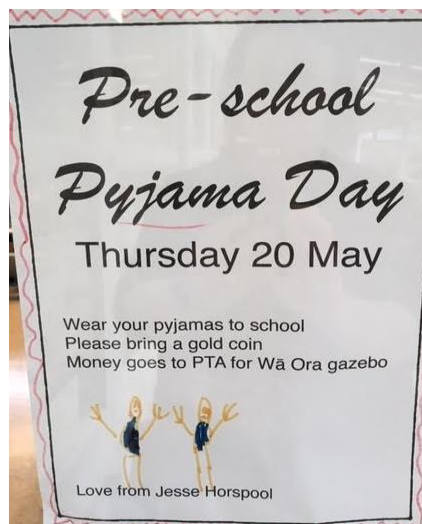
We are still requiring the following materials which can be dropped off at the school office:

- **Carpet underlay** to sound proof stage
- 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
- **Old cell phones or parts of!** Any age or condition.

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

Pre-school Pyjama Day

This Thursday 20th May



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