

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Wednesday 2nd June **PRACTICE lockdown drill**
- Thursday 3rd June **Central Zone Cross Country**
- Friday 4th June **Year 7's to Technology**
- Monday 7th June **Queens Birthday – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Wednesday 9th June **school accounts 3rd instalment due**
- Thursday 10th June **Playgroup open morning**
- Thursday 10th June **Primary Parent Education Evening 7-8.30pm**
- Friday 11th June **Year 7's to Technology**
- Saturday 12th June **Working bee**

Welcome to the following students and their families...

Pōhutukawa – Damian Chipeniuk

Kōwhai – Shiv Jeram

Parent information evenings



PARENT EDUCATION EVENING

Primary:

The primary school will hold its parent education evening next Thursday 10th June in Tōtara class from 7pm-8.30pm. The focus of the evening will be Grammar & Language. Please rsvp to the office by Wednesday 9th June.

Preschool:

Our preschool education evening will be held on Monday 21st June at 7pm. Our topic will be Literacy. Please save the date and more information will follow soon 😊

This week

The Quiet Places We Need

By Ava Szabo – Principal

As you know at the end of last year, we moved our Primary library which was previously located offsite, adjacent to the staff car park, into the Primary School area. This was to give our children easier access to this space; a place they have the freedom to enter each day, either with a classroom assistant or by themselves. Children can get the books they need to inform the latest research project, perhaps the next novel in a favourite series or find a good new read. Libraries open up a whole new world to our tamariki. A quiet space.

The library is also open at playtime almost every day which is popular with many and a favourite part of my day as I am lucky enough to spend this time with them. We all love the library as it provides us with an additional oasis of calm. It is a place to go to have a quiet chat with a friend, play a game of chess, read a favourite book to a small group, practice knitting or just relax in a beanbag and read.

Our world is such a busy and noisy place; it can be hard to find the right space to just be - a space that allows us to retreat from the hustle and bustle for just a little while.

The need for calm spaces in our daily lives, at home, work and school benefits us all so it is important that we provide this for our children. We often fill our child's world (and our own!) with a multitude of afterschool and weekend activities, where there is little time for the precious activity of doing nothing. In fact, 'doing nothing' is often misinterpreted as being lazy or unfulfilled, but in reality it is the complete opposite.

Doing nothing in a relaxing space allows our tamariki to sit with their own thoughts and feelings. This helps them develop important skills, the ability to normalise and quiet their mind, to help regulate emotions and develop self-control by themselves. Finding quiet places gives our tamariki the time to turn down the inner noise and relax in the moment. Allowing them this time can help calm the body, ease the stress in the mind and before you know it, bring peace.

For us at Wā Ora our library is one of our most precious and welcoming quiet spaces at school. Come in and sit a while, you will feel the difference it makes.

PRACTICE lockdown drill - This Wednesday 2nd June:



We are holding a lockdown drill this Wednesday 2nd June at 2pm for the whole school. Part of our procedure is to alert parents via email and the school communications app that we are in lockdown. Next Wednesday's notifications will say 'PRACTICE Lockdown Drill'. You will not need to do anything when you receive this notice, but please be aware that if you arrive at the school to collect your child for an appointment during the practice lockdown, neither you nor your child will be able to leave until the all clear has been given (between 20–30 minutes). To receive emergency notifications via the school app, please ensure you have downloaded the app. This can be done via this [link](#). Also please ensure your mobile data is turned on, as well as banners and badges enabled.

Te wiki o te reo Māori

(Māori language week)

"Te kupu o te wiki" (word of the week)

Let's go - Reheko

Working Bee



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

Saturday 12th June

9am – 12noon

Niamh Byrne	Logan Lampitt
Adelaide Rives-Jonquille	Molly Allen-Heath
Korey Langridge	Luna Latour
James Li	Payton Liu
Theo Liu	Jocelyn Liang
Vera Liddington	Nathaniel Logan
Olive Lourie	Theo Malcom
Demetri Mackey-Hawkins	Jude McLennan-Deans
Jania Marcelo	Thea Martin
Sophia Mathieson	Blake Mayhem
Mali Macaulay	Cameron
Farren McClelland	Vanya McCurdy
Fletcher McGraath	Mia McNamara
Sophie McPherson	Anita Mead

Matariki celebrations – Save the dates



Our 2021 Matariki celebration plans are underway and we have finalised the dates:

- Our evening feast is scheduled for Friday 2nd July from 5.30pm
- Our annual concert is scheduled for Thursday 8th July, 10 – 11.30am.

Both events will be held in T2 at the High School and more information will be available shortly.

Primary Production 2021

Motu Manu Tapu



This Saturday I would like to run a final costume working bee. If anyone can come in to help or take some sewing away that would be greatly appreciated. 10:30-2pm at the High School. Please email me if you think you could help:

annette@waora.school.nz

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

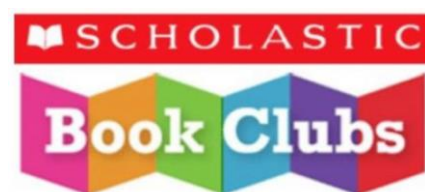
- Boots (If your child is a Hob Nob they will need a pair of boots- preferably a low heal)
- Old leather belts
- **Old cell phones (or parts of!)** Any age or condition.

Playgroup open morning



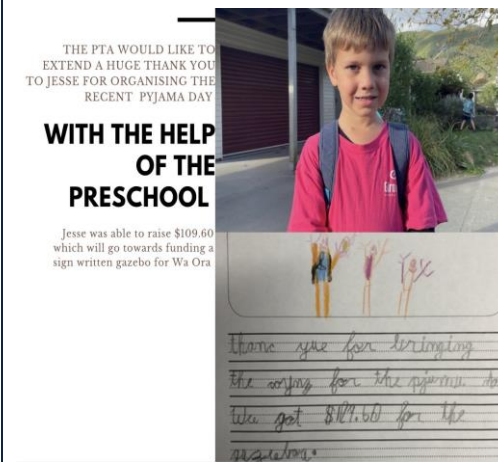
We are holding an open morning on Thursday 10th June for new people to try out our playgroup. If you know of anyone with a toddler aged 18 months to 3 years, please share this information with them ☺. There's no need to register and we'd love to see them along at 9.30 am.

Scholastics Books



Brochures have gone home and orders are due online by Friday 11th June.

Thank you from Jesse and the PTA



Home Grown Pies



Hello, families of Wā Ora. We are a Y11 enterprise group and we are thinking of selling fruit pies as our enterprise project. If you would like to help us or you find our project interesting, please fill in our survey at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/Kd6D9tN9oPNYCXpr8>.

This survey is completely anonymous and will just record your answers. Thank you for your time and consideration

Council AGM this week



All school community whanau (both preschool and area school) are warmly invited to our 2021 Wā Ora Montessori AGM meeting scheduled for Wednesday 16th June at 7pm at the High School, 175 Rata St, upstairs in our Tāwari class. Refreshments will be supplied.

We are seeking nominations for two vacancies on our council at this meeting. These positions can be held by preschool or area school parents. If you are interested in nominating yourself or another parent, nominations are due by Wednesday 9th June. Please contact hayley@waora.school.nz for more information.

