

## Diary dates

### Coming up . . .

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August **Primary Production evening performance 7pm**
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August **Primary Production evening performance 7pm**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August **Primary Production evening performance 7pm**
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August **school accounts 3rd instalment due**
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August **Teacher only day – Area school closed**
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August **Working Bee**
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August **Parent Health Consultation hui 7pm @ High School**
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August – **Whānau hui**

### Primary Production – THIS WEEK

Monday & Tuesday nights performances are SOLD OUT



### Teacher only day Term 3

#### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August

This Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August – is a teacher only day for the area school. School will be CLOSED for primary & High school ākonga. A good opportunity to rest up after production performances.

Preschool classes will be open as normal.

## This week

### “Why is my child sweeping the floor at preschool?”

By Anna McLean – Preschool Deputy Principal

The Practical Life activities are a key part of a preschool classroom. Quite simply they are what they say they are. They are real life activities that children are naturally drawn to wanting to do and ones that are hands-on and need to be repeated in order to gain proficiency.

Practical Life activities are the first area that a child will be given lessons in. Right from the very first day they enter a classroom they need skills to be able to operate independently. In order to have a drink of water they need to be able to pour water from a jug. They need to know how to carry a chair, roll a mat, carry a tray to a table etc and the key thing is they want to be able to do these things!

*“It is interesting to notice that where life is simple and natural and where the children participate in the adult’s life, they are calm and happy.”*

*Maria Montessori, The 1946 London Lectures, pg 152*

The Practical Life activities in a Montessori classroom use real, child-sized tools and equipment that give children the skills that allow them to be independent. This independence from adult support allows them to gain that sense of satisfaction that they have done it themselves. Using the sweeping analogy, the broom is the right size! They can be successful in sweeping the floor because the handle is the right length and the broom head isn’t too heavy or ungainly to move. Even better, they can practice the actions of sweeping for as long as they want to. It is not about sweeping the floor. It is perfecting the movement of sweeping that they have seen others do and being able to do it without help.

*“One sees that these small children have a tendency to work in their play, imitating the actions of the adults. They don’t consider what they do to be play - it is their work.”*

*Maria Montessori, The 1946 London Lectures, pg 151*

Alongside meeting the need to imitate what adults do, the Practical Life activities also assist self development through control of movement, development of hand-eye coordination and muscle coordination which prepares the child for other activities. Practical life activities have an important place throughout the whole three year cycle of a child’s time in preschool. There is a progression in the activities from simple to complex. Some lessons such as cloth washing have many steps and need the development of concentration and perseverance in order to complete the cycle of activity. Any activity that is refining the movements and strengthening the hand is providing indirect preparation for holding a pencil and writing.

Rest assured that any time your child comes home from school and talks about all the practical life activities they have been doing at school, they are actively building their intelligence through the use of their hands!



*Anna joined Wā Ora in 2018, having spent the previous 10-years teaching in a 6-12 classroom at Tawa School. She has both AMI 3-6 and 6-12 Montessori training and a Bachelor of Education Degree (Teaching) Primary from Massey University. Anna likes sharing her passion for Montessori and never tires of talking to people about it. She lives in Tawa with her husband and two older children and in her spare time likes reading and is getting used to being a gardener.*

**Te wiki o te reo Māori**  
(Māori language week)

"Te kupu o te wiki"

**mō taku hē** - I apologize or my bad!  
(to take responsibility for something that's gone wrong)

**Health Consultation Evening**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Our Health Consultation hui on the Health Curriculum at Wā Ora is scheduled for Wednesday August 11th at 7pm. The focus for the evening will be on the curriculum itself and how it is delivered, Mental Health and Sexuality will also be areas for discussion. Hamish Buddle our high school DP and Renee White our Wellbeing Guide will also attend. If you are interested in hearing more, please come along to Tāwari class at the High School.

**Kawakawa parent/teacher/student conference meetings**

Week 4 – Tues 17<sup>th</sup> & Wed 18<sup>th</sup> August

Below is the booking website address and code for the upcoming Kawakawa parent/teacher/student conference meetings.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=at9b3n> and use the code **at9b3**.

Information regarding parent/teacher interviews for other classes will be coming later this term.

**Working bee**



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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

9am – 12noon

Quynh-Nhu Ho	Zoe Mildenhall
Nico Friere	Oliver Harrison
Zoe Johnston	Cohen Partridge
Eli Shearer	Harrison Jarvis
Evan Atkinson	Jack Carras
Nyla Daud	Aria Landall
Tilak Patel	Vanisha Tandon
Amélie De Nardi Cooke	Poppy-Jane Humhries
Tully Whittington-Werry	

**Primary Production 2021**  
**Motu Manu Tapu**

**STARTING TONIGHT**



Our long awaited primary production is finally here – the performances start tonight! Our ākonga have been working hard to make sure you have a wonderful evening.

All performances will be in T2 at the High School.

**Rescheduled dates below:**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 7pm**  
– Tāwhai, Tōtara & Kāuri **SOLD OUT**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 7pm**  
– Tāwhai, Tōtara & Kāuri **SOLD OUT**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 7pm**  
- Tāwhai, Tōtara & Kāuri

Adult - \$10  
Student - \$5  
Children – Gold Coin

**Late school arrivals Tue & Wed**

If your child needs a sleep-in on one/both of Tuesday and Wednesday, students may arrive at school up until 9.30 am, but you must let the office know in advance—via the app, by text on 029 770 4286, by calling 567 2377 or by emailing [office@waora.school.nz](mailto:office@waora.school.nz). We will be following up by text with caregivers of any late students, from whom we have not received prior advice.

Your child will also need to enter school via the office so office staff can sight them and mark them as present.

**Little Lunch –**  
**“Little Tummies, Big Smiles”**



We are a small Y11 business selling lunch packs filling little tummies creating big smiles. We make fresh filled rolls with the option of ham, chicken or our vegetarian egg salad roll. Our lunch packs come with delicious rainbow fruit kebabs and yummy homebaking. You can choose between a chocolate chip cookie or rich chocolate brownie. This lunch pack costs \$7! We also sell extras where you have the option of choosing between a \$2 jelly fruit cup or a \$1 buttery popcorn! We will be selling on Friday the 13th of August at lunchtime. We will be doing pre orders only so get your orders in soon!

Preorder online here: [Little Lunch order form](#)

**Primary school vege gardens – donations requested**

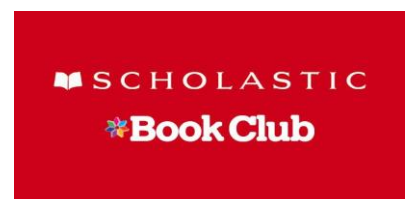
Work is underway to transform the vege gardens outside the Tōtara classroom! It's now time to get seeds and seedlings into the soil.

We would love any donations that the parent community can provide. If you have vege or herb seeds or seedlings, compost or gardening gloves, please drop these into school 😊

**Preschool lost property**

Preschool lost property has been added to the primary rack in the hallway at the Rātā class end of the deck. This will be cleared out by this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August so please make sure you check if you are missing any items

**Scholastics Books**



Brochures went home last week and orders are due online by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August.

