

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Wednesday 11th August **Parent Health Consultation hui 7pm @ High School**
- Friday 13th August – **Whānau hui**
- Monday 16th August **Board/Council Meeting 7pm** Tāwari class
- Tuesday 17th August **Te Reo Parent Education evening 7-8.30pm**
- Tuesday 17th August **Kawakawa parent/teacher/student conference**
- Wednesday 18th August **Kawakawa parent/teacher/student conference**
- Wednesday 18th August **school accounts 2nd instalment due**
- **Thursday 19th August** Whānau coffee morning
- **Thursday 19th August** Playgroup morning

Congratulations to.....

. . . our Executive Officer Hayley and her husband Nikon on the birth of their daughter Aria. Everyone is doing well.

Term 3 dates

Dates to Remember

Below are this term's holidays to note.

Thursday 26th August

Teacher only day
— WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED —

Friday 27th August

Mid-term break
— WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED —

Scholastics Books



Brochures went home last week and orders are due online by tomorrow, Tuesday 10th August.

This week

From the Board

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

When I last wrote in the newsletter in May, I noted the work that had been going on to develop a new strategy for Wa Ora, to help set the direction for the school over the next 3 years. I noted then that we had confirmed the three strategic objectives, 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

We are now finalising the detail that sits below these directions, and this will be completed shortly. I would like to again thank all those that had input into this process from our community, teachers and student body.

The additions to the strategy in the form of our 'enablers' are really important components of our school and contribute to our special character and unique environment – that's why we have decided to highlight them and make them more visible.

For me, one of the special characteristics of Wa Ora is the events where we come together as a 'sector' of the school (pre-school, or primary school or high school) or as a whole school. Some examples include the primary school production, Kawakawa's end of term coffee house, or our end of year whole school event. There are many others.

These events often highlight the connections across the school and the unique opportunity the school provides for students to progress from pre-school through to high school in a Montessori environment. In our family, a recent example was the connection between some of our high school students providing music and the primary students performing in the primary school production. All of this was supported by fantastic staff and parents creating an opportunity for all involved to contribute in different ways to make a wonderful experience for everyone. It's a great example of our people and community coming together.

We also see the contributions of our extended community across support for learning in our classrooms, our whānau hui, sport, and upkeep of our buildings and grounds – just to name a few. Thanks to all who have made contributions in so many ways.

Our second 'enabler' is about our school's environment – our building and outdoor spaces – our 'place'. As an integrated school we are responsible for providing our own buildings, and as a community we draw on the contributions of those who have gone before us. Our donations are key to ensuring we can continue to meet our needs and enhance both our indoor and outdoor spaces. As a school we are grateful for the donations made by the parent community and we have current projects under development for both our primary and preschool, and high school sites, working on both our buildings and outdoor areas.

I also take this opportunity to welcome our two new Council members recently elected at the Council AGM – Anthony Robinson and Drew Mayhem. Thanks to Anthony and Drew for stepping forward to be part of our school governance and its role in our shared objectives and focus for the school.

Again, thanks to the Wa Ora community for being part of our school and supporting the school in so many different ways.

I wish you all the best for the rest of Term 3.

Te wiki o te reo Māori (Māori language week)

"Te kupu o te wiki"

Kia tere - be quick, hurry up.

Kia tūpato - Be careful

Whakarongo mai - listen to me

Taihoa - Wait

Waiho - leave it alone (You can teach your dog this one too!)

Calling all Māori visual artists and carvers – WE NEED YOUR HELP

Wā Ora is a committed Tiriti partner, promoting equitable learning outcomes and recognising the importance of whānau in education. Just as meaningful is providing our ākonga with a beautiful environment as it's the source for creative development in Montessori.

A team of ngā Kaiako/teachers and mātua/parents are working on a project to bring both purposes together and need the help of people who have knowledge and skills in Te Ao Māori art, as well as anyone who would be able to donate their time and artistic ability, to help us create artwork to live in our school's outdoor environment.

Our goal is to develop a wider understanding of Te Ao Māori through Māori art by providing a collaborative experience where ākonga can contribute to the design and build of Māori art that will be part of their everyday environment.

So if you, your parents, siblings, grandparents, cousin, mate or neighbour can help and would like to learn more, please contact Krista@waora.school.nz. We'll keep the call out for help for the whole term and we'd love to hear from you!

Kawakawa parent/teacher/student conference meetings

Week 4 – Tues 17th & Wed 18th 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**.

Preschool lunch assistant sought

We have a vacancy for a parent to help in preschool from 12 noon to 1 pm during term weeks. This is a paid position and if you are interested please see or email DP Preschool, Anna (anna@waora.schoo.nz)

Primary Production 2021 Motu Manu Tapu

It's a wrap folks!

What an amazing 3 nights of performances from our very talented ākonga.

A very special thank you to Annette, our Drama teacher, as well as all the other staff and whānau volunteers for working so hard over the past few months to make it happen.

Also, thank you so much to our parent community for getting behind the production and making it a 'Sold Out' success.



. 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!

Pre-orders close tomorrow Tuesday 10th August. Order here: [Little Lunch order form](#)

Health Consultation Evening

Wednesday 11th August

Our Health Consultation hui on the Health Curriculum at Wā Ora is scheduled for this 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.

Playgroup open morning



We are holding an open morning on Thursday 19th August 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.

We have a number of available spaces for our Thursday mornings group.