

Diary dates

Coming up . . .

- Wednesday 19th October **Y4-8 Athletics**
- **CANCELLED**
- Wednesday 20th October **Kawakawa parent teacher interviews**
- Thursday 21st October **Y8 Gardasil**
- Friday 22nd October **Sports & Y13 leavers photos**
- Monday 25th October **Labour Day**
SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tuesday 26th October **Board/Council Meeting 7pm** Tāwari class
- Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th October **Kawakawa Service Camp**
- Wednesday 27th October **1st instalment school accounts due**
- Friday 29th October **Whānau Hui**

Welcome to the following students and their families...

Pōhutukawa – Saahil Kalidas

Remember sunhats for term four



Remember to pack your child's sunhat for school this term. During the summer terms 1 and 4 all students must wear a sunhat with an appropriate sized brim if outside. Also please remember to apply sunscreen to your preschooler before school.



Welcome back
for Term 4.

This week

Welcome back

By Ava Szabo — Principal

Kia Ora Whānau,

Nau mai, hoki mai, Welcome back to our final term of the year.

As I am sure you have heard, on Monday 11th October 2021 the Government advised us that all staff and workers who may have contact with children and students in schools and kura throughout the country (regardless of COVID-19 Alert Level) will be required to have a **first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 15th November** and **be fully vaccinated by 1st January 2022**.

From 1st January 2022, education services must only allow those that are fully vaccinated to provide onsite services during opening hours.

This means vaccinations are mandatory for **all those working onsite**. This **includes** teachers, relief teachers, casual staff, administration staff, caretakers, cleaners, after school care staff. This mandate also applies to unpaid workers, such as volunteers (including parent volunteers) and any members of the community who are on site at the school kura, as they are likely to come into contact with students.

The vaccination requirement does not apply to parents or whānau undertaking student pick-ups and drop-offs, but these do need to happen in an outdoor environment where face coverings must be worn and physical distancing measures retained.

If we were to have a case of COVID-19 in our school, public health authorities will want to know if we are a school with a high vaccination rate. This information will then be used as part of the local health authority's risk assessment. The more highly vaccinated we are (staff and eligible students), the less likely it will be that we will have to close down for a long period of time, or we might not need to close at all. We are doing our part by working toward all our staff being vaccinated.

We will therefore also need to know if you have a child who is currently eligible to be vaccinated (12yrs and over), whether they have had their first dose, are fully vaccinated or they are exempted from being vaccinated. This information will be held by us in accordance with the Privacy Act and will only be shared with public health authorities if necessary.

We are currently getting our data collection system in place and will get in touch with you again very soon for the above information.

The two best things we can do keep our community as safe as possible is to get tested if we are feeling unwell and get everyone who is eligible vaccinated.

Nāku te rourou nāu te rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your basket and my basket, the people will live

See you all very soon!

Changes to 2021 yearbook orders

Another reminder that this year and moving forward we will be taking orders for the yearbooks online through a google form, and payment will need to be made before the closing date (yet to be confirmed).

The order form and payment information will be sent out soon. The estimated cost per copy is \$20.

IMPORTANT: if you do not place an order and make the payment by the closing date you will not receive a yearbook. We will not have any spare copies.

2021/2022 dates

Please make sure these upcoming dates are in your diary.

Monday 25th October (week 2) — Labour Day – WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 15th December – MOE Teacher only day – HIGH SCHOOL ONLY CLOSED

Wednesday 15th December (week 9) last day of school (for all sectors)

Tuesday 1st February 2022 — whole school starts

Monday 8th February — Waitangi Day observance — WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 15th February – Teacher only day – WHOLE SCHOOL CLOSED

Term 4 school accounts

Preschool invoices, area school donation requests and activities contributions were emailed to families last week. You can pay by internet, cash, cheque or eftpos (savings/cheque) at the office.

Instalment dates are as follows:

Instal 1: due Wednesday 27th October.

Instal 2: due Wednesday 10th November.

Instal 3: due Wednesday 24th November.

Further information containing account numbers and payment options, is included in the attached 'Accounts Information Letter'.

Reminder – Sports/leavers photos

A reminder that sports & Y13 leavers group photos are scheduled for this coming Friday 22nd October. Please keep an eye out for the schedule that has been sent from the office.



PTA

PIES FOR SALE!

Our pie sale is BACK ON!! The PTA is selling delicious pies, large enough for family dinner, with savory and sweet options available - \$11 per pie.

Please place your order via this form and make your payment by online banking:

[order here](#)

Orders and payments are now due by **Thursday 28 October**. Pies must be collected from school on Thursday 11 November. We will assess the likely alert level as we approach collection day, and will let you know if there is a change to this plan.

Thank you for your support, and thanks so much to those of you who have already ordered and paid!



TeWhiti Riser Twilight Walk

Come along to the PTA Te Whiti Riser Twilight Walk!

It is a great chance to get out into nature on this low gradient pram accessible walk with friends and family.

This year there will be baking available for purchase -all funds raised going towards a sign written gazebo for Wa Ora to utilise at future events, as well as a complementary hot chocolate for walkers upon their return.

Please follow the link below to register:

[Register here](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!!



These fundraising efforts is to help us buy a gazebo emblazoned with our school logo to provide weather protection and foster school pride for our children when they are attending events.

Shave for a Cure



One of our Tōtara students, Moyana is doing "Shave for a Cure" to raise funds for Blood Cancer NZ, and support his Nanna who has Multiple Myeloma (an incurable blood cancer).

Moyana will be doing the shave at school around the time of the camp.

If anyone else would like to join him in the shave or make a donation, you can do so online at:

<https://shaveforacure.co.nz/moyana-nordstrand>

Thanks for your support!

Opportunity to try Scouting

A number of Scout Groups across Lower Hutt have room for more.

If your child or children are looking for an after-school activity that provides hands on experiences, lots of opportunities to get messy, get out and about in nature, contribute positively to the community and learn leadership skills, then Scouts may be for them.

We offer Kea Scouts for 5 to 8* year olds, Cub Scouts for 8 to 11* year olds, and Scouts from 10.5 to 11 years upwards. (*Approximate upper age of the section.)

Our 10 Scout Groups across Lower Hutt encourage and inspire youth through adventurous experiences to make a positive difference in our local, national and global community.

We welcome any child 5 years and older, and you can find a list of groups at: <https://scouts.nz/join/>

The first four weeks are free.

Wā Ora app



Just a reminder to make sure you change the preferences for notifications in the school App. For instance, if your child has changed classes or joined a sports group, please change your subscriptions in the alert group settings.