



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Wadestown

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I write this knowing we only have 3 weeks of the term left and I'm pleased with where we are at. Whilst acknowledging that administratively I have some catching up to do, the important factors are very much on target:

1. The learning, thanks to our very professional group of teachers, continues in all classrooms at a very high level.
2. Our Professional Development programme is really coming together well.

Worth a Watch

At a recent staff meeting our professional development facilitator showed us a video. It is about 20 minutes long. To watch it go to http://www.ted.com/index.php/talks/ken_robinson_says_schools_kill_creativity.html

Dental Service

The next round of appointments will be at the mobile clinic parked at Otari School. My understanding is that appointment times will be sent home with the children. For your reference the phone number is 027 241 8755

Wadestown Fair

Last newsletter we asked you to support Declan Gallagher, our sports captain, with his stall at the fair. Declan, Sam Dick, David Emanuel and Ryan Gall ran this stall all by themselves and raised \$300. Thanks to all those who supported this. When the boys return from camp I'll update you on how the \$300 is to be spent.

School Council

This has begun under the direction of our student leaders Nicole Rennie and Matthew Clay. The first fundraiser will be a sausage sizzle organised and run by the Student Council. Proceeds will go to playground repairs identified by the Council.

- Side School Wednesday 1 April
- Main School Thursday 2 April

Year 3 Sports Day

Parents of Year 3 students have been advised that the date for this event has changed to Tuesday 24 March. This change was made last week by the Western Zone organiser and we apologise for any confusion this has caused.

Donations

To date 75% of the donation budget has been paid – thank you. A reminder that for tax purposes Wednesday 31 March is the cut off date for donations this year.

School Photos Wednesday 8th April 2009

School photo order forms will be handed out on Monday 30 March. These are to be returned to your child's classroom teacher by Tuesday 7 April. The school does not have anything to do with the money or orders - we are merely agents for Friis School Photos. Any questions or issues should be addressed directly to them.

Household Items

Our new teacher Deborah Meadows has come to us from South Africa and moves into rental accommodation in Wadestown on Friday 27th March. Deborah and her husband Les brought only personal items with them. If you have any household items to help them establish their home that would be most appreciated. Small items can be dropped off to the school office or for larger items pick up can be arranged. Please email Deborah at Deborah@wadestown.school.nz.

SKIDS for Teachers Only Day and School Holiday Programme

SKIDS are offering a full day programme 8am-6pm on Thursday 9 April, our teacher's only day. The cost will be \$35 per child. Children will need to bring their lunch but morning and afternoon tea will be provided. Please contact Steve Kerr on 04 298 9909 or 021 669954 or email steve@skids.co.nz SKIDS are also running a holiday programme 14-24 April and the brochure for this can be downloaded from the school website.

Lost and Found

If you know the whereabouts of the following items, missing after the James Bond night, please contact the people concerned:

- Two missing black bum bags, Michelle Wickens ph 472 7009
- A pair of bright pink, embossed velvet gloves – 1950s style. They hold great sentimental value to Diane Mackle ph 473 0144

If you have lost the following items please collect them from the school office:

- A black cardigan with silver embroidered flowers left after the school picnic
- A post spade left at school after the working bee last year
- An M sized, blue/white/red striped, rugby-style sweatshirt

Dominion Post SmartSubs

With SmartSubs the school receives a \$20 donation plus a \$50 advertising credit to promote fundraising events for every new subscriber who nominates Wadestown School. The subscription is 50% off the normal retail price for 26 weeks. For further information pick up a brochure from the school office or call 0800 505090, email smartsubs@dompost.co.nz or go to www.dompost.co.nz/smartsubs

Coming Events

20 March	Junior Sports Day
Tue 24 March	Year 3 Sports Festival
Tue 7 April	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm
Wed 8 April	Final day for Term 1
Thu 9 April	Teachers Only Day
Mon 27 April	First day for Term 2

Lloyd May
Acting Principal

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Side School
Wednesday 1 April

Main School
Thursday 2 April

Sausages \$1.00
Just Juice \$1.50

Community Notices

Beautiful, young, black and white cat

Would anyone like to adopt a beautiful, young, black and white cat? She is being cared for temporarily by a staff member after being abandoned by her previous owners. She is sweet natured and friendly and would make an ideal family cat. Please call the school office for further details.

Garage

Garage in Wadestown required for storage. Please call Murray ph 499 8096.

Mobile Guitar Teacher

Please phone Geoff Day on 389 8932 or 021 565 750. Modern lessons that inspire and motivate

School Holiday Computer Courses

School holiday computer courses for ages 6-16. Create games, learn programming, web design, animations and graphics, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, filmmaking, video editing or how to build a computer. Lower Hutt and Wellington. Further information is available from Ed Brown on 499 2211 or www.grandtraining.co.nz

Children's Pottery Classes

4 mornings (10-12 pm) or afternoons (1-3 pm) from 20-24 April at Wellington Potters Rooms, Thorndon. 4 x 2 hour sessions for \$75.00, includes clay and firing. Maximum 9 students, ages 7 to 14 years. Phone 233-0003 Rosemary O'Hara, Potter and Registered Teacher.

Open Water Swim

The Worser Bay Life Saving Club is holding an Open Water Swim on Saturday March 28th. Included is a 200m along the shore swim for 9-12 year olds at 3.30pm. Cost is \$5.00 and children can pre-register or register on the day from 11.30am - 3.00pm. Entry forms are available from local pools. All participants receive a swim cap from Swim for Life.

Major Minor Childcare Centre

Newly opened Major Minor Childcare Centre in Ngaio has vacancies for babies aged 4-30 months 8.30 - 3 pm, term-time only (school holidays negotiable). Please visit www.caprice.org.nz for further information.