



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Wadestown

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Wadestown

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Four learning days to go this term. So, to all the children, thank you for working so hard at your learning, for your manners and laughter. To the staff, take a bow. In changing times you have never lost focus. To parents, be proud of your children and from me thanks again for your welcome and the encouragement you've given me.

Civil Defence/Emergency

Below is a letter from the Parents Association. This concept has my 100% support and is being done in many schools in NZ. Once underway that's it, it just repeats itself. Storage is an issue but we hope to have resolved this very soon. So, could the containers be brought to school in the first week of Term 2 and they will be collected in classrooms.

Term 2 Staffing

When you read this understand that I make all my decisions based on what's best for the learning outcomes of children. This is later notice than I would have preferred but we have to get it right for the children.

Here's the situation we have. In the past we virtually guaranteed up to 18 months at the Side School. However, with present high enrolments and new junior staffing levels, that is no longer possible. Student's time at the Side School is now between 6-12 months. Consequently we need to increase/supplement our 'junior' experienced teachers in the Main School for those children that transfer across. To this end Leslie Mahoney will be moving to the Main School to begin a new class in Room 9.

For Your Information:

1. Leslie Mahoney is on leave from the end of Term 1 to visit family overseas.
2. Room 9 will start on Wednesday 20th of May.
3. Those children with birthdays between July 2008 and October 2008 will be moving to Room 9
4. Robyn Grover will be in Room 3 from the beginning of term two. Who's Robyn? Two of my fellow principals still want to know how we got her. Read between the lines guys.
5. Parents of children transferring to Room 9 will be invited to attend a meeting at the Side School, early in Term 2 where detailed information regarding this class will be shared with you.

SKIDS for Teachers Only Day, Holiday Programme and Before School Care

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. SKIDS are running a holiday programme 14-24 April and the brochure for this can be downloaded from the school website. Also SKIDS are considering offering a before school programme and invite parents to express their interest. In regard to any of these programmes please contact Steve Kerr on 04 298 9909 or 021 669954 or email steve@skids.co.nz

Donations

Reminder – donations for term 1 are due. \$72.50 per pupil and \$20 photocopy for the year. Receipts will be issued. We now have 78% of budget.

Thanks

Deborah Meadows would like to sincerely thank all those who provided furniture and household items to help set up her house in Wadestown.

School Photos

These will be held on Wednesday 8 April. Envelopes need to be returned to school by 7 April. Side School children need to be dropped off at the Main School by 8.55am.

Teacher Only Day and Finish of Term

Children finish at 3.00pm on Wednesday 8 April. **NO SCHOOL** on Thursday 9 April. Contact SKIDS (see above) if you need child care on this day.

Coming Events

Tue 7 April	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm
Wed 8 April	Photos and final day for Term 1
Thu 9 April	Teacher Only Day
Mon 27 April	First day for Term 2
Thu 30 April	Years 4-8 School Swimming Sports
Mon 4 May	Western Zone Swimming Sports
5-8 May	Year 5 & 6 Camp, Forest Lakes
Mon 18 May	Years 4-6 School Cross Country
Tue 26 May	Western Zone Cross Country

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Community Notices

French with Alliance Francaise

Teacher: Luc Arnault. Venue: School Library
10 students maximum. Fee: \$ 110 for 10 week term
Starts: Tuesday the 28th of April 3:15 - 4:15 pm
Best suited for year 5 and 6 students. Welcome
pack provided. Registration forms available from
the school office.

Chess Classes

For all levels, with lessons from a former NZ Chess
Champion. Monday 5-6pm, Wadestown Community
Centre, 46 Pitt Street. Term 2 runs from 27th April to
29th June. Cost \$70 per school term. Enrolment
forms available at the Wadestown School office.
Contact kiwichess@clear.net.nz or phone Scott
Wastney 461 7079.

Karori Junior Hockey Club

We are looking for a couple of boys between Year 5
and 8 to play hockey in an all boys team. If you are
interested or want to know more, please contact
Leigh Perry on 027 476 0040 or email
perryclan@xtra.co.nz

Wellington School of Cricket

Holiday Programmes 13-17 April and 20-24 April
Wellington School of Cricket Indoor Facilities
(Mana, Hutt Rec and Westpac Stadium)
Register online at www.cricketwellington.co.nz or
email asoka@firebirds.co.nz

Mobile Guitar Teacher

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

Capital Football Holiday Programmes

- April 14-17th 9am to 12am (drop offs from 8am)
Redwood Park, 2pm – 5pm (pick ups until 6pm)
Heretaunga College, Upper Hutt.
- April 20-23rd Wellington Girls College – Girls
only with a day for parents to come and learn.

To register see registration forms at
www.capitalfootball.org.nz. There are also holiday
clinics being run by Karori/Onslow Junior football,
email: aprilskills@wkafc.org.nz and Wellington
United email: ian.rogers@xtra.co.nz

Easyswim Swim School Khandallah

Easyswim operates out of Khandallah Primary
School's Indoor pool. We are now taking school
age and pre school enrolments our holiday week
long Tuesday April 14th – Saturday 18th and
Monday April 20th to 24th. If you are new to
Easyswim, assessments are required – please call
to arrange this. We are also looking for people who
enjoy working with children to train as swimming
instructors, for information contact 234 7946
easyswim@xtra.co.nz.

Does your child want to learn a new language?

Fun Languages offers children from 3 - 12 years old
the opportunity to learn:

*French *German *Spanish

- Experience a new language the FUN way!
- Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in
a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
- Convenient locations – Check out the timetable
on www.lcfclubs.co.nz for class times.

For more information please contact Annick
Withinshaw, ph:476 3098 or annick@lcfclubs.co.nz

Bubble Dome Holiday Programmes

Have you ever wondered how movies like Wall-E
and Shrek are made? Learn robotics, games
development and web design in an *Ultra Computer
Course* – a great way of getting inside information
in the computer and design industry. *Computer
Animation and Games Design* and *Movie Making*
courses also available. This school holidays, at
Samuel Marsden Collegiate. T: 0800 GET BUBBLE
or E: info@bubbledome.co.nz or visit
www.bubbledome.co.nz.

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

For 30 years, our acclaimed, self development
drama programme has been helping children (5-17
years) to act confidently and speak clearly.
Enthusiastic, qualified teachers and a dynamic
learning environment motivate students to
participate willingly and achieve their personal best,
at all levels of development. For more information
or to confirm a placement to start, phone 388 9710.

Do you have baby items you no longer want?

Pregnancy Assistance would love anything you are
able to donate so they can continue to provide
pregnant women and new mothers with the
clothing, bedding and cloth nappies they need for
their babies. Label 'Pregnancy Assistance' and drop
off at the St Vincent de Paul shop in Newtown or
phone 3897122 for more information.

Help our school be better prepared for a civil defence emergency

In the event of a major emergency, such as a large earthquake or other Civil Defence situation, every New Zealand family and every workplace is expected to be self sufficient for at least 3 days. Do you have everything you need to cope with such an emergency? Awareness and preparation are vital for coping with any unexpected disaster or emergency. Family survival plans and emergency survival items help make communities self-sufficient and prepared.

At the present time Wadestown School is not particularly well-prepared for a disaster. We want to be better prepared and are working towards this. **As a starting point we are asking every parent to fill a named “Tip-Top” ice cream container with non-perishable items with a use by date no earlier than December 2009 for each of their children. Please return this full and named container to your child’s classroom on the first day of school in Term 2.**

We believe if every parent/caregiver is responsible for providing for each of their children, we can achieve an available food source for all children in the school quickly without having to rely on a committee to count, check and sort a common collection of food.

Each container of food will be returned at the end of the year to do with as you wish. We will then ask again at the beginning of the following year thus putting the responsibility on each and every family rather than a small group who are constantly having to monitor use by dates etc. Another advantage is that the contents are “tailor-made” to your child remembering of course our nut-free policy.

It must be remembered that no situation can ever be completely planned for and in the case of one complete class losing their food supply, food will need to be shared from other classes. We expect many children would be retrieved in the first few hours of an emergency and if this was the case, left behind food boxes would be able to be redistributed across any people having to remain for an unforeseen longer period of time.

If you have extra “Tip-Top” ice cream containers with lids please drop them at the school office. Anyone having difficulty sourcing this particular type of container (needs to be this type for ease of stacking and storage) can collect one from the School Office.

Suggested ideas for your container

Juice boxes	Fruit Pottles	Fruit jelly	Plastic spoons
Dried fruit	Crackers/Shapes	Fruit Squirtz/Smash pouches	
“Wheelies”	Roll-ups etc	Individually wrapped cookies	
Muesli bars	“One Square Meal”	Beef jerky	Popcorn
Pringles	Potato chips etc	Rice rounds	Foil covered cereal bowls
Up and Go	Longlife milk	Cheese cracker snack packs	
Pull-back tins	baked beans, tuna,	Salmon, chicken, creamed rice etc	

We are also asking if anyone wishes to donate extra for a group collection which will cover staff or any extra visitors to the school who are caught there. This will be welcome and appreciated. At the end of the school year this food will be donated to a food bank.

Rooms 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12	-	Savoury eg. Baked beans, crackers etc
Rooms 13, 14, 7, 8	-	Sweet eg. Tinned fruit, creamed rice etc
Rooms 4, 5, 6,	-	A 2 litre container of water

We look forward to seeing all the containers by the Friday of the first week of Term 2, the class co-ordinators will check to see if all children have brought them. Thank you for your assistance on this matter and we hope that the situation never arises for the children to have to use them. If there are any specific queries regarding this please call Tracey Wilson 9731978

Wadestown School Parents' Association.

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