



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,

What a great start to the term we have had. Refreshed teachers and pupils ready to go. We welcome Robyn Grover who joins our teaching staff at the Side School. We also welcome the following pupils:

Jordyn Chin Rm 8
Arielle Filippi Rm 14
Adelie Filippi Rm 4
Lydia Maclean Rm 13
Isabel Possenniskie Rm 1
Thomas Read Rm 6
Madeline Sims Rm 2

The Good News

After a really tough first 9 weeks of Term One the last week turned to gold for us:

1. Our solar panels are up and running. They were launched with a wonderful assembly and you can check in and see how much power we are generating at www.schoolgen.co.nz/ss/schools/wadestown.aspx
 2. At the BOT meeting on the Tuesday a whole heap of work was approved:
 - P.E shed (already underway)
 - Signs on Mairangi Road.
 - Renewed playground markings and extra seating for students.
 - Storage space for emergency supplies and resources.Thanks to the Parents Association who have worked with the Board to make this happen.
 3. On the Thursday teachers had an excellent day looking at assessment school-wide.
- And the good news continues as I sense a strong interest in the principal's position.

Email and Internet Down

My apologies that we were not able to respond to emails and did not inform parents we were off line for Monday and Tuesday this week.

- a. It was a Telecom issue not a school network issue.
- b. In hindsight we should have sent a note home but throughout we thought we were close to being reconnected.

Civil Emergency Food Packs

Thanks to those who have already sent these. Keep them coming.

Fees and Payments

First let me acknowledge that I am fully aware that we have annoyed a lot of parents with change in policy in this area. Here's the deal:

- The past system was unsustainable. Whilst great for parents it was costing us a fortune in office time to administer.
- Term 1 was awful. Lots of little money requests. That worked for no one.
- Term 2. We are going to request one payment in about week three for all expenses for the term. This will also happen in Term 3 and 4.
- Unresolved: I'm still working through how to deal with the one off's where, for example, your child is selected to represent our school or is on a special learning project. My present thinking is that reality says there will always be one off requests.

I'd love your feedback on the above to

John@wadestown.school.nz

Toy Sale

The Sports Council are holding a toy sale at school on Friday 15 May at lunchtime in the school hall. We would like people to donate toys, jigsaws, puzzles etc, which are in good condition and still need to be loved. We intend to sell these items for no more than \$2. Any unsold items will be donated to the Salvation Army. Please support us as the money is going towards our table tennis table fund. Please put all donated toys in the boxes provided in Mr May's office.

Donations

Donations for Term 2 are now due. You can either send payment to the school office or use internet banking:

ASB Wadestown School Board of Trustees
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Please enter your name for a receipt in the reference box.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books will be distributed this week to all families who did not purchase under the early bird offer last term. Please place orders and make payment or return unwanted books promptly to the school office.

Lost Property

Sara Parker has collected the lost property from Term 1. She will be washing the clothes to give to a charity. If your child is missing any clothing please call Sara on 499 7995. Thank you Sara for helping in this way.

Precautions Against Influenza

The best thing you can do to stop the spread of any type of influenza virus is to:

- Stay at home and away from others if you are sick
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- Put used tissues in a rubbish bin
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth – germs spread that way
- Be careful to wash hands often with soap and dry them thoroughly – hand hygiene is critical even when you start to feel better there is still a risk of infecting others, so keep to the 20/20 rule – 20 seconds washing and 20 seconds drying
- Keep surfaces clean at home, school and work

Coming Events

Mon 4 May	Western Zone Swimming Sports
5-8 May	Year 5 & 6 Camp, Forest Lakes
Mon 11 May	Strings Attached Puppet Theatre
Tue 12 May	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm
Mon 18 May	Years 4-6 School Cross Country
Mon 25 May	Whole Wide World of Music
Tue 26 May	Western Zone Cross Country
Mon 1 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Wed 10 June	Storylines Festival performance
Wed 17 June	Jane Lloyd Art Workshops
23-25 June	Year 5-6 Production performances
Thu 25 June	Year 7-8 sports fixture at St Marks

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Community Notices

Wellington City Library Astronomy Cosmodome

We are proud to be hosting the Night Visionz Cosmodome for the International Year of Astronomy and upcoming Matariki festival at Wellington City Libraries from 9-13 June. This portable planetarium is a unique experience, with a digital audio visual show simulating the stars as we see them in the real night sky and allowing students to learn firsthand about astronomy. The dome will be available to the public in the evenings and on the Saturday for a gold coin entry. Further information about this event will be appearing on our astronomy blog www.wcl.govt.nz/astronomy

MogMusic

Private tuition available for this term:

- Piano beginners age 5-8 years
- Recorder beginners age 7-12 years
- Guitar beginners age 8-12 years

Also, tuition in guitar and piano for adult beginners. All lessons held at MogMusic studio in Brooklyn.

Please phone Moggie Grayson 384 8213 to book in

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.

Samuel Marsden Scholarships

We offer scholarships for entry to Marsden at Year 7 and Year 9. Further information and applications can be accessed on our website

www.marsden.school.nz

Administrator - St Luke's Parish Office

We are looking for someone who has an eye for detail and is energised by interacting with a wide variety of people. If you are looking for part time work, 10 hours/week spread over 2-3 days please contact check the St Luke's Website www.slw.org.nz.

Central Pulse Netball

Bring the Noise and save 20% on tickets. Join Pulse at www.pulse.org.nz and get 20% off tickets for Pulse home games.

Yoga for Kids in Wadestown

Where Fun and Fitness come together. Learn from a highly trained Indian Yogi with deep knowledge of yoga meditation and naturopathy. Contact Aparna at 9381890 (Home) or 021 2564530 (Mobile)