



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Wadestown

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Thanks for the welcome. I am delighted to be part of Wadestown School for the first part of this year. My passion and motivation is children and their learning and that's where my focus will be.

Welcome to two new teachers:

- Caroline Jones in Room 13. Caroline also attended Wadestown School.
- Deborah Meadows in Room 4 who comes to us from South Africa.

Wadestown School Picnic

Thursday 12th February from 5.30 – 7.30pm

Hopefully the weather will be fine for this annual event. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents, children and staff to mix informally for a couple of hours before bed time. There is no particular organisation to the night other than for you to bring along a picnic, wine, sausages (BBQ provided), fish 'n chips, etc. to the lower courts and to enjoy the convivial atmosphere of our school community. Come along and meet your children's classmates and new teachers. See you there!!

International Student Home-stay

We are looking for a home-stay for an 11 year old Korean student, Sunday night to Friday morning, school term only. It would be a huge advantage if this boy could be placed with a school family.

Parents Association

The first meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 18 February, at 2pm in the school hall. Any questions please contact Carolyn Coldstream on 472 1359 or Jackie Gallagher on 479 6978.

Hats

We are working towards all children wearing wide brimmed hats. This has been agreed by the Board of Trustees and the Parents Association. The Parents Association may be buying in bulk to on-sell. A deadline for implementation has not been decided. This notice is simply a 'heads up'. In the meantime children are expected to have sunhats at school each day as has always been the policy.

After School Care

Safe Kids in Daily Supervision (SKIDS) is now operating the after school care programme at Wadestown School. The SKIDS programme offers afternoon tea, homework session, supervised free play and activities after school every day until 6pm. Call Steve Kerr on 04 298 9909 or 021 669954 or email Wadestown@skids.co.nz for further information. Also contact Steve if anyone is interested in working with SKIDS as a Programme Manager or Programme Assistant.

School Hours

A reminder that children should not be arriving at school until 8.30am and should have left by 3.30pm. Staff cannot be responsible for the safety of children outside of these times.

Licence to Party

This James Bond themed major fundraising event for Wadestown School is on Friday 27 February at The Woolstore – please see the attached flyer. Tickets will also be available at the school picnic so bring cash or your chequebook with you.

School Lunches

A school lunch menu from Lunches Unlimited is being distributed with this newsletter. Items from this menu are available on **Thursdays only**.

Year 7 Vision Screening

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme at your child's school during Year 7.

- Vision – Pupils will be advised of results at the time of testing. If further assessment is recommended you will be notified by mail.
- Colour – Vision – This is to identify boys with an inherited colour defect. If there is any difficulty with the colour-vision test you will be notified by mail.
- Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care and have regular checks, will not require a vision check by our service.

NON CONSENT

Please notify your school if you DO NOT agree to your child being screened.

This screening test is NOT a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please consult an optometrist.

School Newsletter Distribution

Last year we changed to having our school newsletter sent by email but with a hard copy distributed to those who wanted to receive it in this form. This will continue but at the bottom of this newsletter (on the reverse side) is a form for anyone who is new to the school or wants to change how they receive it in the future. The newsletter is distributed fortnightly on Thursdays. Current and old newsletters are also available on the school website www.wadestown.school.nz

School Term Dates for 2009

Term 1 Wednesday 4 February – Wednesday 8 April
Term 2 Monday 2 April – Friday 3 July
Term 3 Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September
Term 4 Monday 12 October – Friday 18 December

Coming Events – Term 1

Fri 6 Feb	Waitangi Day
Thu 12 Feb	School Picnic, 5.30-7.30pm
Tue 17 Feb	Parent – Teacher Interviews (Main)
Wed 18 Feb	Parents Association meeting, 2pm
Wed 18 Feb	Parent – Teacher Interviews (Side)
Thu 19 Feb	Parent – Teacher Interviews (Main)
Tue 24 Feb	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm
Fri 27 Feb	Licence to Party, 8pm
10-13 March	Life Education Trust week
16-20 March	Year 7 & 8 Camp
19 March	Junior Sports Day (date to be confirmed)
Tue 31 March	Year 3 & 4 Sports Festival
Tue 7 April	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm
Thu 9 April	Teachers Only Day

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Acting Principal

Onslow Junior Football Club Enrolments for 2009

Online enrolment is open from 1 – 22 February 2009. To enrol visit www.onslow.org.nz For more information email registration@onslow.org.nz or phone the Registration Secretary on 479 4094.

Wellington Music Centre

The 2009 enrolment day for Saturday morning music classes is Saturday 7 February 9.30-11.30am at Evans Bay Intermediate School Hall. Any queries phone 083242400 (answer phone) or 027 287979.

Mogmusic

Private tuition available for this term:

- Piano beginners ages 5 – 8 years
- Recorder beginners ages 7 – 12 years
- Guitar beginners ages 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.

Artsight Art Classes

This term Artsight is running inspiring, educational after school and weekend art classes for kids and teens. All classes are taught by a registered, specialist Visual Arts teacher. Materials and afternoon tea are provided. For every tenth student booked from your school we will give your school a FREE course! Classes are held at Toi Poneke, Level 2, 65 Abel Smith St, Wellington. To download a PDF about these and our adult courses go to: www.artsight.co.nz or contact Fiona fiona@artsight.co.nz or phone 386 2908 or 021 786629.

Alliance Francaise

French language classes (1 hour):

- 5 – 7 years Thurs 4pm
- 8 – 9 years Tues & Wed 4pm
- 10-11 years Wed & Thur 4pm

\$110 per term. Level 3, 78 Victoria Street, Wellington
alliance@paradise.net.nz 472 1272 www.french.co.nz

Community Notices

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Parent Name: _____

Eldest child attending Wadestown School: _____ Room: _____

Other children attending the school: _____ Room: _____

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_____ Room: _____

I wish to continue having a hard-copy of the newsletter to be sent home: YES NO

Alternatively -

E-mail address I would like the newsletter to be sent to: _____

Additional e-mail addresses for newsletters to be sent to: _____

Signed