



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

Parent Teacher Discussion Sessions

We have had a marvellous response to the online booking procedures for next weeks Parent Teacher Discussions. I am very interested in any feedback from parents regarding this new booking format. A reminder that bookings will close off on Friday morning. If you have not already done so, please log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz with the school code of 539RR to make your bookings. You will receive an email response to confirm you time almost immediately. Please check your email confirmed time for these sessions and endeavour to be on time and stick to the allotted ten minute timeframe. Also, a reminder that the discussion sheets that went home last week need to be back to school now. This will allow teachers time to brief themselves as to the content before the meeting.



During the sessions next week we will have displayed outside each classroom the draft of this years Children's Register. Please check this draft for accuracy of details and if there are any changes please contact the school office urgently. An initial on the sheet will indicate that the details are correct. We hope this will help with the accuracy of the information as we are aware that these details can change over time.

School Emergency Preparedness

A very big thank you to the Parents Association for their work in researching and supplying emergency water tanks around the school. There is one at the Side School and four at the Main. These are part of a much wider Emergency Safety Plan for the school that the Association has been working on for some time. We now have a very detailed Emergency Response Plan for fire, earthquake and other circumstances that will ensure the highest level of safety for your children. As part of this overall plan the Association has also asked that parents supply an ice cream container with non perishable food supplies that is named and stored in your child's classroom. These containers will shortly be stored

in large plastic bins for ease of storage and portability. I fully support these initiatives and look forward to the early delivery of these emergency food packs. Thank you to those parents who have already sent these to classrooms.

Pokémon Cards

Here at school we try to have as few imposing rules as we can but I have had some parents seeking clarification regarding children bringing the likes of Pokémon cards to school. In themselves the cards are not bad but they can interfere with the "normal" running of the school day, therefore we certainly discourage children bringing them to school and should they do so with negative outcomes, then the responsibility is theirs. Please support school in this area by discussing the appropriateness of the cards in the school environment with your children.

Artsplash 2010

Wadestown School takes great pleasure in offering our students the chance, together with other young people from the Greater Wellington area, to take part in the 2010 Artsplash Festival in August of this year. Artsplash involves thousands of primary and intermediate-age children in a wide range of activities, from large-scale choral performances to presentation of their own dance, theatre, visual arts and other works. We are pleased to announce that all students will be involved in ALL the activities in this fantastic cultural event: Music, Dance, Visual Art Exhibition, Drama, and – also the Wearable Art option (this last option for year 7 and 8 students only).

Year 8 Dinner Leftovers

After last year's Year 8 Dinner a large square Tupperware container, a small baking tray and two ladles were left behind. Please contact the school office if these are yours.

Coming Events

24 February	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm staffroom
3 March	School photos
30 March	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm staffroom
1 April	Final day for Term 1

Steve Allen
Principal

Community Notices

Alliance Francaise

'French for Kids' at Wadestown School with Marie Le Rouzic every Tuesday from 2 March, 3.05-4.05pm for Years 5 & 6. 5 week term for \$55 – includes all materials. Registration forms available from the school office. Please check our website www.french.co.nz for further details about Alliance Francaise or call us on 472 1272 or email alliance@paradise.net.nz

ASB School Banking

Each week that you make a deposit into your Headstart account during Term 1 through ASB's School Banking programme, you're automatically entered in that week's prize draw to win one of the 25 prizes of \$50 on offer. The more weeks you make a deposit the more chances you have to win.

Western Suburbs Junior Rugby Club

Come and join Wests Junior Rugby Club – the best junior club in Wellington. Registration days at our clubrooms at Ian Galloway Park are:

- Thursday 25th Feb 5pm – 7pm
- Saturday 27th Feb 1pm – 3 pm
- Monday 1st March 5 pm – 7 pm

See our website for information about teams, weights, dates, etc. www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz

Onslow Gymnastics

Onslow Gymnastics has vacancies in General Gymnastic classes for Primary, Intermediate and College aged children. For class times, venues, enrolments and enquiries, check out our website www.onslowgymclub.wellington.net.nz , email onslowgym@xtra.co.nz or phone Lihn Blumsohn 479 1776.

Karori Junior Football Club

Registration for 2010 Karori Junior Football Club is now open. Online registration at www.wkafc.org.nz by 28 February. Any queries please email registration@wkafc.org.nz Get ready for the upcoming winter season - enrol now also for the summer football programmes. Girls only programme on Fridays. See web-site for details.