



## Community Newsletter

*"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"*

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### Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

#### New Librarian Appointment

I am pleased to be able to announce that the board has completed the recruitment process with regard to the appointment of a school librarian. Our librarian, who will work 25 hours per week, is Derek Piper. Derek may be known to some of you through other roles that he has taken within our school organisation. Derek is a trained teacher and is currently studying for a Diploma in Library and Information Studies. He brings a passion and zest for ensuring that the library will be the central hub for teaching and learning in our school. He has a very positive empathy in working with children and a huge interest in literature generally. The appointments committee is very confident that Derek will return our library to the important position it deserves within our school. I look forward to working with Derek in the future and have every confidence that he will successfully achieve the school's and community's goals regarding the operation of our library/resource centre.

#### Education Review Office Report

Just a wee reminder that our latest ERO report is now published on their web site [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz) Search for Wadestown School and look for the 2010 version. The report celebrates the systems and practices that operate at Wadestown School and how they support your child's learning and academic growth.

#### Team Names

Children have now chosen the names for their teams.

For 2010 the teams will be referred to as:

Rooms 1, 2 & 3 (NE)	Pohutakawa
Rooms 7, 9, 10, 11 & 12 (Year 1-3)	Rata
Rooms 8, 13 & 14 (Year 4-5)	Kahikatea
Rooms 4, 5 & 6 (Year 6-8)	Kowhai

#### Road Safety

The Road Safety Committee has finally been able to achieve one of their longstanding goals with the City Council. We now have School Zone flashing lights installed on Wilton Road that operate 8.30-9.00 and 3.00-3.30 each school day. There are a number of other initiatives that are being considered by Council right now that we hope will help improve the general traffic safety around both the Side School and Main School. Particular thanks to Phillipa Paviour-Smith for her ongoing efforts in this area.

#### Year 5 & 6 Camp

Yesterday I visited the year 5 & 6 camp at El Rancho, Waikanae. The weather was certainly better than it was here in town. I can report that the children are having a great time involving themselves in a wide range of outdoor activities including kayaking, archery, go-karting, rock wall climbing as well as a number of confidence building challenges. The camp food has certainly been a hit with the children, some even choosing to include salad with their meals! The buses return to school on Friday at approximately 2.30 pm arriving at the Purakau Ave entrance to the school.

#### End of Term

A reminder that this term is much shorter than normal and finishes for the two week holiday break on Thursday 1 April at 3.00 pm. (Friday is Easter Friday) We resume for term two on Monday 19 April at 9.00 am.

#### Entertainment Book

A flyer has been sent home offering the opportunity to buy the Entertainment Book. Earlybird purchasers get bonus vouchers and the use of the Entertainment Book from the end of March. For those who would rather review the book before purchasing, we will have a sample book at school at the beginning of Term 2, but we will not be sending sample books home this year. The books cost \$60, with \$12 from each book purchased going to the school. Families are reminded to return their Entertainment Book orders by **24 March**.

*With thanks from the Wadestown School Parent Teacher Association.*

#### Set of Keys Found

A set of keys were found at the Main School bottom courts about two weeks ago. Please contact the school office if you think they may be yours.

#### Coming Events

30 March	Board of trustees meeting, 7pm in the staffroom
1 April	Final day for term 1
19 April	First day for term 2

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**Principal**

## **Community Notices**

### **GirlGuiding**

Places available now for GirlGuides: 5&6 year old girls (Pippins), 7-9 year old girls (Brownies) and 10-12 year old girls (Guides) meet in Wadestown on Wednesdays. Join us for fun, friendship and adventure. Contact Inge for details: phone 499-0489 or email [tinakori@guides.wellington.net.nz](mailto:tinakori@guides.wellington.net.nz).

### **Guide Biscuits**

On sale now through your local GirlGuides and at Davids in Wadestown. Traditional plain (\$3 each), chocolate or choc minis (\$3.50 each). Phone Inge on 499-0489 to place an order.

### **Nursery Grade Football**

Calling all BOYS – are you turning five or six in 2010? Or GIRLS turning five, six or SEVEN??? Come and play NURSERY GRADE football this winter. Play with your friends in a relaxed and supportive environment. Learn some balls skills, have fun and keep fit. Play for Onslow Junior Football Club Sunday mornings 9.30-10.30am at Raroa Normal Intermediate School. \$55/season. Enrolments are only open until Monday 29th March 2010 so get your boots on and enrol now. To enrol visit [www.onslow.org.nz](http://www.onslow.org.nz) or email [zoe@onslow.org.nz](mailto:zoe@onslow.org.nz)

### **Capital GymSports**

Want your kid to be active, confident and have fun? View our gym class programme on [www.capitalgymsports.co.nz](http://www.capitalgymsports.co.nz)

We offer over 70 classes for:

- pre-school, recreation, incentive and competitive gymnastics
- all age groups (pre-school, school-age, teens, adults)
- all gymnastic disciplines – artistic, rhythmic, display and trampoline.

We keep our class sizes small to ensure individual attention. Our newly refurbished gymnasium is centrally located with ample parking. The movement skills learnt in gymnastics benefit all other sports. We are located at 11 Hutchison Road, Newtown, behind the National School of Dance and Drama. For more information, call 389 6200 or email [capitalgymnastics@xtra.co.nz](mailto:capitalgymnastics@xtra.co.nz)