



## Community Newsletter

*"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"*

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### Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

A warm welcome back for term 2. We certainly have a busy term ahead of us. I have put all school events that have confirmed dates in the Coming Events section of this newsletter. Please diary them for future reference.

Whilst there is no holiday attached to ANZAC Day this year it is still important that we all reflect on the significance of this day in the history of our nation – "Lest We Forget".



### Principal Information Evening

A reminder that next Tuesday 27 April, beginning at 7.00 pm, there is a Principal's Information Evening. The purpose of this evening is to briefly outline progress in these areas following on from my comments at the PA Open Afternoon held in October 2009.

1. February 2010 ERO Report
  2. Wadestown School Learning and Teaching Philosophy
  3. Gifted & Talented Education at Wadestown School
  4. The development of a Wadestown School Property Vision.
  5. National Standards and Wadestown School
- This session will be followed by a mix and mingle wine and cheese. I look forward to seeing you there.

### Road Safety

Again we need to reiterate the intended way that the P2 area at the top of the Main School is meant to be used. Please do not park anywhere on the yellow lines and only use the P2 area as a quick drop off and pick up zone. Using these areas for other purposes puts your children and others at risk. It is adults that make these choices and we should be setting a better example of safe road practices to children than is presently being observed. Who wants to be the first person to cause a nasty accident up there?

### WASSUP Issue 4

A copy of the school newspaper, WASSUP@Wadestown, was issued to each family this week. The newspaper was written by students

from Years 5-7 for the Wadestown School students and can also be found on the school website. Past issues are also available on the website, under 'News 2009'.

### Happy Birthday!

The solar panels on the roof above Room 11 and 12 are now one year old! Over the last 12 months, 1744 kWh of electricity has been generated and 0.298 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have been saved as we generate our own electricity. The solar panels were installed by Genesis Energy, at no cost to the school, as part of Genesis Energy's Schoolgen programme. Details of this programme can be found at [www.schoolgen.co.nz](http://www.schoolgen.co.nz). Wadestown School has a dedicated page on the Schoolgen website which provides up-to-date data recording the amount of electricity the panels are generating on a daily, weekly, monthly and yearly basis. It can be found at <http://schoolgen.co.nz/ss/schools/wadestown.aspx>

### Top School 2009

Wadestown School has been named a Top Schoolgen School for outstanding contribution and student involvement in the Schoolgen programme for 2009. The school was awarded with a "Centameter" which is an electronic device that encourages power to be saved by constantly monitoring how much is being used and how much it's costing. Thank you, Genesis Energy!

### PTA Web Site

The PTA has recently set up their own dedicated web site. Aspects are still under construction but if interested please check it out by either using the link on the school web site or directly with [www.wadestownschoolpta.co.nz](http://www.wadestownschoolpta.co.nz)

### Dates for ArtSplash 2010 Performances

- Dance (Students have option to self-nominate for participation) Monday 16 August at 8.00pm in the Michael Fowler Centre
- Mass Choir (Compulsory for all Y4 - Y8 students to participate) Tuesday 17 August at 5.30pm in the Michael Fowler Centre

Please note that all Y4 - Y8 students will be going to the Mass Choir rehearsal on Monday 16 August from 9.30-11.00am. Transport (by bus) has been arranged for all Y4 - Y8 students on this day.

## **Wellington College Information**

Wellington College has notified us of the following important dates:

- Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup> – Open Day for Year 9 2011 from 10.30am
- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Applications for Y9 out of zone must be received by 4.00pm at Wellington College School Office
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Year 9 2011 Induction Day
- Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Year 9 2011 Parents Evening

**Steve Allen**

Principal

## **Coming Events**

25 April	ANZAC Day
27 April	Year 4-6 Soccer Tournament
27 April	Principal's Parent Information Evening, 7pm
30 April	Kids Lit Quiz
4 May	Year 7-8 Soccer Tournament
4 May	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
5 May	Sausage Sizzle Main School
5 May	Yr7-8 camp Information Evening
6 May	Sausage Sizzle Side School
10-14 May	Year 7-8 Camp
19 May	PTA Meeting (AGM), 7.30pm.
25 May	Western Zone Cross Country
8 June	Western Zone Hockey
15 June	Inter-zone Cross Country
15 June	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm.
17 June	Junior & Senior Disco
29 June	Regional Cross Country
2 July	Term two finishes
19 July	Term three begins

## **Community Notices**

### **Kitchen Tours**

Onslow Kindergarten is again organising a Tour of 10 Khandallah Kitchens, after the success of their 2008 Kitchen Tour. Ten new Khandallah Kitchens (not previously seen on the 2008 Kitchen Tour) will be open to the paying public on Sunday 2 May from 11am-3pm. Tickets \$25.00 available from: Mischief Shoes, Lambton Quay; Rosa Café, Khandallah; Boxhill Fashions, Ngaio; Trends, Johnsonville Mall; Inky Pinky, Marsden Village and via the sponsor, Kitchen Elements, Porirua. More information available at [www.kitchenelements.co.nz](http://www.kitchenelements.co.nz)