



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

A very warm welcome back for the 2010 school year. All of us here at school hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break and caught up with lots of friends and family. We start the year with 302 children on the roll. This is significantly higher than in previous years and has required us to begin the year with all 14 classrooms operating. The organisation for this year is as follows:

<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Year Level</u>	
1	Emma Chapman	NE	
2	Robyn Grover*	NE	Team 1
3	Caroline Jones	NE	
12	Michelle Davies (T1 only)*	Year 1	
7	Leslie Mahoney	Year 3	
10	Jacqui Croft	Year 1/2	Team 2
11	Anthea Read	Year 2/3	
9	Kim Meredith	Year 2	
8	Danielle Yager*	Year 4/5	
13	Logan Mead	Year 5	Team 3
14	Deborah Meadows	Year 4	
4	Martin Venter	Year 6	
5	Nick Julian - AP	Year 7/8	Team 4
6	Eseta Fuli*	Year 7/8	

The asterisks indicate the team leader for each team. During the first week these teams will be renamed using Māori tree names that the children will pick.

Pastoral Care

During 2010 the Deputy and Assistant Principals will be picking up a new role (as well as those they already hold) - that of pastoral care. Sally will be responsible for this role for Teams 1 and 2 and Nick for Teams 3 and 4. This initiative is intended to be available to support those children who may be having difficulties or problems relating to school life that are not necessarily directly related to academic progress. Both Sally and Nick are available for parents to contact if you would like to discuss any matters relating to this pastoral care role. Of course, as always, I am available to discuss any needs or concerns you may have as well.

School Librarian

In yesterday's Dominion Post and again on Saturday the following advertisement has been published. This is to address the need we have to re-establish the library as the learning centre of the school. If you know of anybody that would be interested and fits the position please pass on the information. We hope to have the successful person in place as soon as possible.

Trained Librarian

We seek applications from people who hold formal qualifications and work experience in all aspects of running a school library. This position will require the successful applicant to support teaching and learning by using the library and its resources as an integral part of the daily programme. The position is for 25 hours per week school term time from 9.30 to 2.30. Key responsibilities and personal specifications are available by contacting the Principal at steve@wadestown.school.nz or phoning the office on 04 472 4779. Application closes on Friday 19 February and should include an application form available from our website, a CV and a letter of application outlining your skills and experience. Applications need to be emailed to the above address or posted to: Principal, Wadestown School, Rose St, Wadestown by Monday 15 February.

National Standards and Reporting to Parents

There has obviously been a lot of discussion in the media regarding the newly introduced policy on national standards in schools. If you would like to get more detailed information regarding this initiative please go to the Ministry of Education website www.minedu.govt.nz, hit the national standards icon and read away. Here at Wadestown School we had, earlier in 2009, developed a set of learning expectations or benchmarks in literacy and mathematics. These levels align themselves very closely with the published national standards, so for the teachers here it is business as usual in their assessment practices. Teachers at Wadestown School are used to making these judgements using a wide range of assessment tools. What we do now need to do is revise and develop a new reporting to parents template that more closely reflects the requirements of this new initiative. The present format does not do this. We will be working

on this during this term and will be sharing our ideas with parents and seeking feedback early in term 2. To sharpen the focus on National Standards, late in term 4 2009 all teaching staff attending 2 training sessions in this area, and earlier this week also attended another Ministry of Education briefing. I have also attended a number of professional discussion sessions and believe that for our school we were already using these good practices and that there is no hidden or untoward agenda in the policy. It is simply making sure that the focus in teaching and learning is on students and their achievement, particularly in literacy and mathematics, but not exclusively.

New Furniture

Before the end of this week we hope to have 5 new classroom sets of furniture delivered. This will mean that there will be a range of different desks and chairs that will be surplus to requirements. The individual pieces do vary in quality but we would like to offer them to anyone in the community who might have a use for either one set or any number of sets. This furniture is not for sale but the school would certainly appreciate a donation of some kind to help fund their replacements. Please contact the office for more information.

Parent Request

We are looking for someone who lives in the Crofton Downs / Ngaio area to give our son Andrew a ride home after school (Monday-Thursday). If you are able to help please give George or Veronica a call on 479 6088 or 027 441 55 88.

Health Reminder

Just a reminder that Wadestown is a nut free school. This is for the safety of children who have severe allergies to nuts. Therefore please remember not to send your child to school with nuts, nut spreads or products containing nuts. This does not include products with the labels 'May contain traces of nuts' or 'Manufactured in a factory that handles nuts'.

Coming Events

16 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

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Principal

Community Notices

Chess for Children

At the Wadestown Community Centre on Mondays 5-6pm. Lessons by a former NZ chess champion. Enquiries to: Scott Wastney 4617079 or kiwichess@clear.net.nz

Music Learning Centre

The Music Learning Centre in Tawa is now accepting enrolments for individual and group tuition in violin, viola, cello, flute, guitar, drums, music theory and composition. Also sign up now for orchestra, choir and chamber music. Email info@musiclearning.co.nz for more information or call 232-1231.

Pancakes in the Park

Come and celebrate summer in your suburb. Tuesday 16 February 5.30-7.30pm at Wadestown Plunket Park (opposite the Presbyterian Church). Wet/windy weather venue St Lukes Anglican Church. Live music. Pancakes, sausages and orange juice will be on sale or bring a picnic tea to the park. Brought top you by the Wadestown Churches in celebration of Shrove Tuesday – Pancake Day! Enquiries 472 6402.

Karori Junior Hockey Club Registration Day

Monday 22 February 2009 from 5 to 7pm in the Karori Normal School hall foyer, Donald Street, Karori. Great game for boys and girls, from Year 1 to 8. All queries to Leigh Perry ph 027 476 0040 or email perryclan@xtra.co.nz

Onslow Junior Football Club

Online enrolment is open from 27 January to 17 February 2010. To enrol visit www.onslow.org.nz For more info email registration@onslow.org.nz or phone the Registration Secretary on 479 4339.