



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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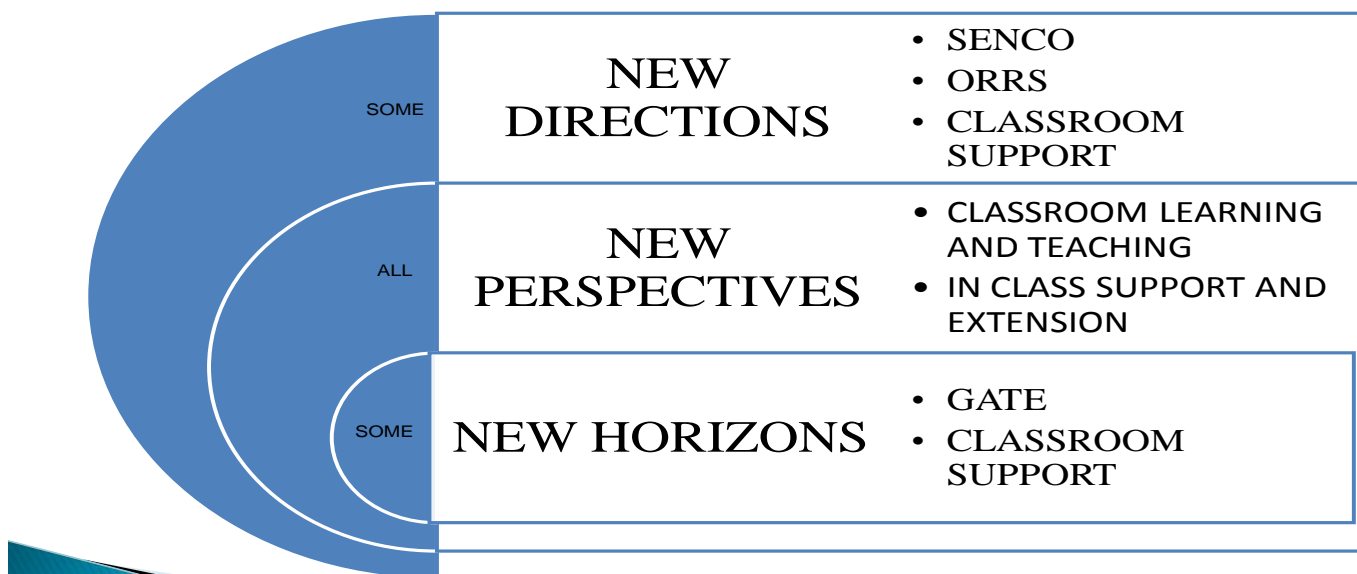
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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers.

A very sincere thank you to the large number of parents who were able to make the Principals Information Evening last week. I really enjoyed sharing some of the new initiatives that the board and staff have been working on in the last little while.

For those who were unable to make it, I have included in this newsletter a diagram that hopefully captures how we deliver the curriculum here at Wadestown School. Basically the "Open Highways" concept suggests that all children have "a special need" and that our programming endeavours to meet these needs through three inter-wound components. These being New Directions (special needs support, special education needs coordinator (SENCO) and Ongoing Reviewable Resourcing Scheme (ORRS), New Perspectives (that which happens within the classroom) and New Horizons (our gifted and talented education programme (GATE)). It is important to understand that these are not stand-alone programmes but rather that they support each other in a holistic way and that children will be involved in some or all of these components during the school day.

OPEN HIGHWAYS PROGRAMME



Board of Trustees Elections

A reminder that voting in the board elections closes at noon on Friday May 7. Voting envelopes need to be with the returning officer or in the ballot box at school by this time.

Road Safety

I draw everybody's attention to a new sign that has been erected at the top of the Main School in the P2 area. This area is now also designated as a drop off zone as well. This means that you should not be parking and

leaving your vehicles during the specified times. Please drive as far forward as possible to pick up/drop off your children then move on.

If you are picking your children up from Purakau Ave please do not park over private driveways, even if you are in your car. If assistance for your children is required please park elsewhere.

Book Week

To celebrate the NZ Post 2010 Children's Book Awards we will be having our Book Week from 10-19 May (yes, a 10 day week!) At the Main School there will be several visiting speakers plus the 'Super-Swap-Switcheroo' with teachers swapping classes to read some of their favourite books. At the Side School parents have been invited to read a favourite book and there will be a book character dress-up day on Friday 14 May. As well as this there are book week competitions with \$20 book vouchers for the prize winners:

- Side School – bookmarks
- Year 1-3 – book covers
- Year 4-8 – book reviews

If parents have any questions about any Book Week activities they can contact Library Manager Derek Piper by phoning the school office or email derek@wadestown.school.nz

Sports Results

In the Wellington primary schools football competition played on Tuesday 4 May the Wadestown School teams achieved the following results:

Year 4:	15 th out of 16
Year 5:	5 th out of 17
Year 6:	12 th out of 20
Year 8:	3 rd out of 17

Coming Events

10-14 May	Year 7-8 Camp
10-19 May	Book Week activities
19 May	School Cross Country Years 4-8, Iazard Park, 1pm
19 May	PTA Meeting (AGM), 7.30pm.
20 May	Year 8 Leadership Graduation Evening
25 May	Western Zone Cross Country
27 May	Storylines Festival 'Jungle Bungle' show
1 June	Side School Wheels Day
2 June	Main School Wheels Day
7 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
9 June	Western Zone Hockey
15 June	Inter-zone Cross Country
15 June	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm.
18 June	Junior & Senior Disco
29 June	Regional Cross Country
1 July	NZSO concert at the Town Hall
2 July	Term two finishes
19 July	Term three begins

Steve Allen

Principal