



## Community Newsletter

*"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"*

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### Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

As this is the last newsletter for 2010 I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every family for the support you have given to Wadestown School during 2010. Everyone has worked so hard in our school community with enthusiasm, energy and such commitment. We have had some wonderful achievements this year that we can be very proud of and some exciting projects to look forward to in 2011 as outlined in 'News from the Board' distributed to families yesterday.

I would also like to acknowledge the staff and thank them for their commitment to our children's learning and the significant contribution they make to the education of our children. Without you all Wadestown School would not be the special place it is.

Next week we farewell several staff: Danielle Yager leaves us to travel overseas with her husband Karl, and we wish her well for a wonderful trip. Danielle has been at Wadestown School for four years and has been a dedicated teacher and team leader of the Kahikatea Team. She will be sadly missed by all her colleagues and children at Wadestown School.

Sophie Leloir completes her fixed term contract at the Side School at the end of the term and we thank her for making Room 3 such a happy place to be during the last three terms. Sophie quickly settled into her classroom and has continued to make a significant contribution to the Side School of which we are most appreciative.

Below is the school organisation for 2011. We welcome two new teachers – Jan Ashworth and Trish Blacktop. We look forward to working with them and the wonderful range of skills that they bring to our school. We will start 2011 with a higher roll than at the beginning of 2010 which has necessitated all 14 classrooms being used. If you know of any new students who are likely to attend

Wadestown School in 2011 a message to the office would be much appreciated.

I know the school community were concerned to hear of Steve Allen's recent ill health and we wish him well for a speedy recovery. We are completing all our end of year priorities and I am most grateful for the support of the Board of Trustees and staff to enable our deadlines to be met.

We look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 31 January when school re-opens for 2011. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish everyone a merry and safe Christmas and a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday break for us all.

Kind regards

**Sally Barrett**

**Acting Principal**

### 2011 School Organisation

Principal – Steve Allen

Deputy Principal – Sally Barrett

*(Team Leaders are marked in bold.)*

<u>Pohutukawa Team</u>		
NE/Year 1	Room 1	Kathy Ferrier
NE/Year 1	Room 2	<b>Robyn Grover</b>
NE/Year 1	Room 3	Jan Ashworth

<u>Rata Team</u>		
Year 2	Room 10	Jacqui Croft
Year 2/3	Room 9	TBC
Year 2/3	Room 11	Leslie Mahoney
Year 3*	Room 12	<b>Janice Williams</b>
*Receiving room for new Year 2/3 enrolments.		

<u>Kahikatea Team</u>		
Year 4/5	Room 8	Kim Meredith
Year 4/5	Room 13	Logan Mead
Year 4/5	Room 14	<b>Trish Blacktop</b>

### Kowhai Team

Year 6	Room 4	Martin Venter
Year 6	Room 7	Debi Meadows
Year 7/8	Room 5	Nick Julian
Year 7/8	Room 6	<b>Eseta Fuli</b>

### **Tracey Wilson Memorial Cup**

On Monday 6 December we had a very special assembly where the Tracy Wilson Memorial Cup was presented. This award has been established by the Wilson family to acknowledge a netballer who has demonstrated fair play and team support. This year Sophie Gutsell-Bright was the recipient of this trophy and we congratulate her on this achievement. Sophie loves her netball, win or lose, and is an enthusiastic member of the Wadestown School Team.

At the same assembly the following awards were also presented:

- Most Improved Senior Netball Player – Jasmine Roylance
- Year 7/8 Best Prepared Speech – Sophie Gutsell-Bright
- Year 7/8 Best Impromptu Speech – Ethan Meleah

### **BP Technology Challenge**

Congratulations to the three teams who represented our school at the recent BP Technology Challenge Competition. There were 100 schools completing both prepared and mystery challenges. The prepared challenge involved designing and making a board game using limited materials and the Year 7/8 team was placed 3rd for their year group.



Year 7/8 team presentation for 3rd place.



Year 4 team: Bridget Olphert, Josie Greenwood, Lachlan Krebs, William Ferrier.



Year 5/6 team: Rachel Paviour-Smith, Charlotte Leslie, Arthur Coldstream, Frederick Small.



Year 7/8 team: James Collins, Lucas Toovey, Anna Baines, Ellie Sinclair.

## **Regional Athletics**

Year 4 Girls AWDVI – Olivia Wickens 1<sup>st</sup> in sprint, long jump, quoit, and vortex

Year 5 Boys Relay – Wadestown 1st (Gerard Hickey, Joshua Smith, Hugo Hibbert, Maxwell Wickens and James Knott)

Year 5 Boys 80m – James Knott 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 5 Boys 150m – James Knott 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 5 Girls 150m – Charlotte Leslie 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 6 Girls 200m – Maddy Wilson 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 6 Girls 1000m – Maddy Wilson 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 7 Boys High Jump – Isaac Miller-Jose 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Logan Wu who received a Distinction for his Piano Grade 6 Trinity Guildhall exam last week. He also received a Distinction (94) for his Grade 5 theory recently, and midyear he received a Distinction for his Grade 5 violin exam.

## **Coming Events**

Fri 10 Dec Year 8 Leavers Function

Mon 13 Dec Year 4/5 to Zealandia

Mon 13 Dec Reports go home

14 & 15 Dec Room 4 EOTC

13-15 Dec Room 5 & 6 EOTC activities

Wed 15 Dec School Choir at Wadestown  
Community Carols

**Thursday 16 December - School finishes for the year at 12.30 pm.**

## **Community Notices**

### **Wadestown Community Carols in the Park**

Community carols will be held in the park next to Plunket rooms on Wadestown Road on Tuesday 14 December. If wet at Wadestown Presbyterian Church. Bring a picnic from 5.30pm and join in the singing from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. Sausages and drinks available for a small cost. Donations will be collected for the King's Table Food Bank.

### **Christmas Crafts at St Luke's Church**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 12pm. Please come along to St. Luke's Church for a time of making and creating this Christmas. We will provide materials for a variety of activities after which the children will be invited into the Church for the Christmas Story. Entry \$2 per participant. There will be refreshments provided. Under 8's require an adult to accompany them.

### **Xmas Hols with sKids**

We are heading towards the end of another year of school and we would like to thank all those parents and children who have used our services throughout the year. If you are in need of care for your children over the Christmas period we are running our holiday programmes as usual. Spaces are filling up, so if you think you might need care please contact Neil on 972-2163 or 027-230 2219 or email [Newlands@skids.co.nz](mailto:Newlands@skids.co.nz) We hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday and we hope to see you all back in the new year. Merry Christmas from the Team at sKids.

### **The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy**

Holiday Stage School for 8 – 14 year olds in the theatrical disciplines of singing, movement and drama. Commences Tuesday 25th January to Friday 28th January 2011. Limited spaces available. Explore performance in a fun way. Contact Denise Wakem 04 388 9710 or email [phildeese@xtra.co.nz](mailto:phildeese@xtra.co.nz)