



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

This is my first newsletter since being appointed as principal of Wadestown School today and I would like to thank the families who have contacted me with their messages of congratulations and support.

You all know that I have a very strong attachment and indeed long and sustained commitment to Wadestown School and its community. It is extremely important to me that this school continues to maintain and enhance its strong reputation as an outstanding school and one of which the students, parents and the Wadestown community are very proud.

I will continue to devote my energy and focus to improving the quality of education the school provides and to ensuring that the reputation and positive perception of Wadestown School is enhanced. As well as a place for quality learning and achievement, I have a strong desire that children grow and develop in positive ways while at the school and leave with a strong basis on which to build their future education and life experiences. It is important to me that the children who attend this school thoroughly enjoy their time here and leave with happy memories of their early school years.

I have been privileged in being able to work with the wonderful children who have and are currently attending this school. They have been and continue to be a tremendous joy to me. I look forward to working with you all and making a valuable contribution to Wadestown School.

School Property Update

Turnat Construction are now on site at both Main and Side Schools with our new classrooms project. Work is progressing well and Rooms 13 and 14 are at home in their new space in the hall. It is hoped that both buildings will be completed on time but the weather will play a part in determining this. The new classrooms will be a wonderful addition to our

teaching spaces and we are really looking forward to their completion.

School Swimming Sports

The school swimming sports was held last Thursday at the Kilbirnie Regional Aquatic Centre. Year 4-8 students, staff and parents had a fun morning swimming in the competitive, novelty and relay events. It was great to see so many students enjoying swimming in different races and showing great house spirit. Congratulations to Kereru for gaining the most points over the day. Also congratulations to the crack parent relay team who once again took out the teachers in the final event of the day. Below are a few photos from the day.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Tara Magee for winning a Judges' Favourite Award in the Gifted Awareness Week Art Competition. Her sculpture can be seen at <http://www.giftedchildren.org.nz/gaw11/art/index.php> Also, congratulations to Jenna Eagleson, a finalist in the School is Cool Competition. <http://www.schooliscool.org.nz/finalists/5> Well done!

Correction

James Knott qualified for the Inter-Provincial Cross Country to be held in Blenheim on 22 September.

School Donation Making A Difference

Former teacher Danielle Yager passed on this message from Cathy Spriggon in Windhoek, Namibia regarding money raised at the Year 7-8 Market Day last year:

We are having a particularly cold winter. Well, cold at night though most days are cloudless and quite warm. I held onto the school donation so that I could buy some warm blankets for the kids freezing in their tin shacks. So here are some thank you photos from our delighted kids to show the school. We really appreciated the donation and I managed to buy 30 blankets!! A big thank you to everyone at Wadestown School for the wonderful donation. It really made a difference.



Coming Events for Term 3

15 Aug	NSW Maths test
16 Aug	Western Zone Swimming 9.30-1.30pm, Kilbirnie Regional Aquatic Centre
16 Aug	Artsplash singing rehearsal, St Pats College
17 Aug	Year 7-8 Wellington Chess Championship
23 Aug	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm Staffroom
25 Aug	Year 7-8 NIWA Regional Science Fair
25 Aug	Year 7-8 Mathswell, 7pm Fergusson Intermediate
6 Sept	Western Zone Netball

9 Sept	Dancesplash final rehearsal and performance
15 Sept	Interzone Swimming
19-29 Sept	Life Education programme
20 Sept	Artsplash final rehearsal and performance
30 Sept	School Rugby World Cup Day
1 Oct	Tournament of Minds
7 Oct	Final day of term 3

Kind regards
Sally Barrett
Principal

Children's Writing on the Building Project from the Side School

The builders have moved the train and the bars and the playhouse too. They moved the playhouse because the new classroom is going in there.

Evie Feltham, Room 1

The builders are drilling big holes in the ground because the new classroom is going to stick down in them. They are using a digger. It is a bit rusty. It makes lots of holes

Amy Frisby-Brocket, Room 1

We have a fence because the sign says danger. The builders came here. They're trimming the trees. They are also moving the train and playhouse area. We're building Room 4. Room 4 is going to replace the playhouse where the bars are. Room 4 is going to be put where the train and playhouse were.

Benji Anderson Room 2

There is a fence around the playhouse area because the builders are here. They have been trimming the trees to make room for the new class. They are going to move the train to the bottom playground for the same reason.

Olive Lynch-Gerrard, Room 2

We have a new classroom and it is going to be noisy because they are building.

Harriet Pearce, Room 3

We are having a new classroom. They are making space for it. It is going to be fun. It will be noisy too.

Ellora Mitchell, Room 3

Measles Outbreak

The measles outbreaks in Auckland and Waikato are mainly affecting unimmunised school children. By 8 August, 175 measles cases had been reported this year, including 19 who needed hospital treatment. Most cases were in the Auckland region, although 24 cases were reported in Hawke's Bay this year. In the past week, 12 cases have been reported in the Waikato region, mainly around Te Awamutu.

Measles symptoms

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops after about three days. Complications can include middle ear infections, pneumonia, and, more rarely, encephalitis or brain inflammation. About one in ten people infected need to be hospitalised. The best measles prevention is the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine which is free for all New Zealand children.

Measles at your school

If a child becomes unwell at your school:

- Separate unwell children - If a child becomes unwell with possible measles, separate any unwell child from other children while waiting to be taken home. This helps minimise the risk of measles spreading.
- People with measles must stay home - Any student or teacher with measles must stay away from school for seven days from the appearance of the rash and until recovery, depending on the advice of the medical officer of health. Unimmunised students, or those with no immunity to measles, who have been in close contact with a measles case during the infectious stages should stay away from school for 14 days from their last contact. This requirement is under the Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 1966 (Regulation 14). These exclusions also apply to students taking part in sporting events. Please follow the advice of the medical officer of health.

More information

Visit the Ministry of Health website

<http://www.moh.govt.nz> or the Immunisation Advisory Centre website <http://www.immune.org.nz>. You can also phone the Immunisation Advisory Centre toll-free line 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863) for advice. If you would like to discuss these issues, please contact your local public health service. You can find more information at <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/contact-us-public-health-services>.

Community Notices

Meet John Marsden

Best-selling author John Marsden, of the Tomorrow When the War Began series, will be at The Children's Bookshop, Kilbirnie Plaza on Friday, August 12th from 4.00-4.30pm to meet his readers and sign copies of his books. Everyone, including parents who may have read his novels as teenagers 15 years ago, is welcome to this free event.

Wellington@Heart Cocktail Evening

Wellington@Heart (formerly Heart Children) is hosting a charity cocktail evening at Premier House, Thorndon on Friday 19 August, 6.30pm-8.30pm. Tickets cost \$75 and include 10 raffle tickets, fabulous food, beer, wine and cocktails plus the opportunity to bid on the silent auction. For tickets and enquiries please contact Emma Lawler on 472 2411 or emma@pacificradiology.co.nz

Pregnancy Assistance

Do you have baby items you no longer want? Pregnancy Assistance would love anything you are able to donate so they can continue to provide pregnant women and new mothers with the clothing, bedding and cloth nappies they need for their babies. Label 'Pregnancy Assistance' and drop off at the St Vincent de Paul shop in Newtown, or phone 389 7122 for more information.

Jumble Sale

The Wadestown Kindergarten is holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 20th August, 10am - 2pm, at the Wadestown Plunket Rooms. Stalls will be selling Toys, Children's Clothing, Baby Gear, Books, Puzzles, Board Games and Household items. Also on the day there will be a sausage sizzle, a raffle and face painting. If you wish to donate any items please call 472 2227.

John Bardalament at Wellington College

Wellington College has been lucky enough to secure John Badalament EdM, to speak at the College on Thursday 18 August. John is a fantastic practical presenter and we have the opportunity to open our doors to other Wellington Schools to attend an evening presentation at Wellington College for fathers and sons at 7.30pm in the College Hall. A lunch session for parents will be held in the College Library at 12.30pm on 18 August. John is a world-recognised professional and has published a number of books concerning the role of dads in the modern world <http://www.moderndads.net/about-me/> There will be no charge for this presentation but a gold coin donation is welcomed.