



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

This is my first newsletter as Acting Principal and I would like to reassure you all of my commitment to this school as the Board of Trustees seeks to appoint a new Principal. Nobody knows more than me the disruption that a change of Principal can cause. But you can be assured of the dedication and determination of the teachers at this school to your children. I am also pleased to advise that both Nick Julian and Robyn Grover will be assisting me during this transition phase as we all take on new roles and responsibilities within the school. The Board of Trustees is playing an active role in supporting the staff and me, and I acknowledge their ongoing commitment to this school.

One of the characteristics of our school is the strong engagement and interest from our community. In my time at Wadestown School I have seen this demonstrated in a variety of ways and this is evident in the present discussions the community are having regarding the introduction of a school uniform. From an educational perspective I would encourage everyone to reflect on the impact of the last few days, particularly on our staff and children. From a personal perspective, having lived in Wadestown most of my life, let's remember what makes this community such a special place to live in. Thank you to all the parents and others who have contacted the school with kind messages. We appreciate your care and concern.

Property Update

On Thursday this week Rooms 13 and 14 moved into the school hall in preparation for the building project which we hope will begin shortly. We had anticipated that our two classroom project (one at the Side School and one at the Main School) would have commenced by now. However the architect is still waiting for final documentation to be signed off by the Ministry of Education before construction can begin. While this delay is most frustrating, we are hopeful that construction may begin during the

second week of the school holidays. Keep your fingers crossed everyone!

BP Technology Challenge

The BP Technology Challenge was held in Karori on 7 July. Teams had to complete a challenge they had prepared for, as well as a mystery challenge. Three teams represented the school very successfully.

Congratulations to the Year 3/4 team (L to R: Heather Miller, Tom Adams, Aidan Homewood and William Chandler) who gained 2nd place in the Mystery Challenge.



The Year 5/6 team (L to R: Charlotte Leslie, Kristian Kielland, Bridget Olphert and Harriet Campbell) were 1st in the Mystery Challenge and also gained first place overall.



Similarly, the Year 7/8 team (L to R: Lucas Toovey, Matthew Robertson, Anna Baines and Ellie Sinclair) were 1st in the Mystery Challenge and 1st overall.



Excellent results from these three hard-working teams and their teacher Lynne Dunne – well done!

Regional Cross Country

There were some fantastic result from the Regional Cross Country held at Kaitoke last week.

Year 4 Boys – Eddy Martin 8th, Boston Gutsell-Bright 16th

AWD - Oliva Wickens 2nd

Year 5 Girls – Jade Jones 13th

Year 5 Boys – Kristian Kielland 20th

Year 6 Girls – Elizabeth Crowe 8th

Year 6 Boys – James Knott 7th

Year 7 Girls – Maddie Ferrier 10th

Consequently Eddy, Elizabeth and Maddie have qualified for the Inter-Provincial Cross Country to be held in Blenheim on 22 September.



Eddy Martin speeding past.



James Knott (centre) racing out from the start.



Olivia Wickens with support runner Harriet Leslie.



Maddie Ferrier about to ford the stream – brrrrr!

Photo Sittings with Duo Photography

Just a reminder to book in your family photo sitting on the weekend of 13th and 14th August. Sittings are free, and any photos you order are very reasonably priced and will be available in good time for Christmas. To see examples of Duo's work, visit www.duophotography.co.nz/gallery Sessions are booking fast but we still have some slots available. So, to secure your sitting, please email philandlouisa@xtra.co.nz.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gerard Hickey for making the Wellington U13 basketball team.

Purakau Ave

A reminder to parents that Purakau Ave is a private road and vehicles must not be driven up before, during or after school. This is also a safety issue for our children.

Found

Found on the footpath on Cecil Rd – a white glasses case with a pair of glasses in them. Please claim them from the school office if they are yours.

Coming Events

15 July	Term 2 finishes 3.00pm
1 August	Teacher Only Day
2 August	Term 3 begins
4 August	School Swimming Sports 10am-1pm, Kilbirnie Regional Aquatic Centre
16 August	Western Zone Swimming 9.30-1pm, Kilbirnie Regional Aquatic Centre

Kind regards
Sally Barrett
Acting Principal

Community Notices

Karori Sanctuary Trust Quiz Evening and Auction

West's Rugby Club Rooms, Ian Galloway Park, Curtis St, Wilton. Saturday 23 July 2011, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Put a team together and book a table (8 people per team) or book as an individual (and we will find a space with a team needing extra members). Ticket price is \$20 per person or \$160 per team which includes door prize raffles and a continuous cuppa with home baking. Heaps of great items in the called and silent auctions and raffles. BYO drinks and nibbles. For information or to book a ticket or team contact Iain McIntosh, Volunteer Quiz Coordinator at iain.mcintosh@sanctuary.org.nz or 476 8370(home) or 021 209 4452 (mobile) or the Karori Sanctuary Office on 920 9200

Gymnastics Classes

Want your kid to be active, confident and have fun? View our programmes on www.capitalgymnsports.co.nz We offer over 70 classes for: pre-school, recreation, incentive and competitive gymnastics, all age groups (pre-school, school-age, teens, adults), all gymnastic disciplines – artistic, rhythmic, display and trampoline. We keep our class sizes small to ensure individual attention. Our newly refurbished gymnasium is centrally located with ample parking. The movement skills learnt in gymnastics benefit all other sports. We are located at 11 Hutchison Road, Newtown, behind the National School of Dance and Drama. Call 389 6200 or email Capitalgymnastics@xtra.co.nz for more information.

First LEGO League Information Day

Sunday 24th July 1-3pm. FREE. Victoria University (Room AM103 beside Wishbone cafe). Teams of kids aged 8-16 mix curiosity and imagination with LEGO bricks, sensors, motors, and gears to invent unique, autonomous robots capable of completing various missions. Jason Kyle, the founder of Kiwi FIRST in Auckland is coming to Wellington for one day to give a presentation about what the FLL is all about and how to get a team started. This info day will be a great way for kids and coaches to see the FLL in action. Please R.S.V.P to hadley@bigwerk.com or for more information on starting a team in your area visit kiwifirst.org.

Onslow Gymnastics

"Is your child always upside down? Then gymnastics is the answer. Onslow Gymnastics has recreational and competitive classes for girls starting from 5 years of age. For class times, venues, enrolments and enquiries, please check out our website www.onslowgymnastics.org.nz or Ph Lihn (04) 479 1776, email admin@onslowgymnastics.org.nz Please note the following class time changes for Term 3: Wednesday Classes at Khandallah School will be 4:15pm to 5:15pm and 5:15pm to 6:15pm