



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

It would seem that our world is in some turmoil at the moment. Again this week we see the challenges that people are facing around the world in dealing with nature's fury. I know we are all thinking about the people of Japan as they try to get some semblance of normality back into their lives. It is great to see and hear of all the varied ways that people are continuing to help our Cantabrian neighbours as they too deal with the aftermath of the destruction in Christchurch. It brings the reality of what is important in our lives to the fore in such times.

Our friends who enrolled at Wadestown School from Christchurch have this week returned home so that they can start back at school with their friends and neighbours. The children's parents have asked that I convey their heartfelt thanks for the support and encouragement given to the children while they have been at Wadestown School. This has certainly been appreciated and has helped greatly in the children's rehabilitation.



A group of six students held a stall at the Wadestown Fair last weekend. Initially this was to make money for their school camp but, when the Christchurch earthquake struck, it turned into an earthquake fundraiser. They raised \$591 - mostly all their own effort, although with the support of face-painting parents Angela Ryan and Barbara

Wilson. The children in the photo are (from left to right): Bailey Wilson, Lauren Ponsford, Elizabeth Crowe, Jordyn Chin, and Charlotte Leslie with help on the day from Frederick Small. Well done to them all.

Parent Teacher Discussion Sessions.

Thank you to the large number of parents who took advantage of the parent teacher discussion sessions this week. I know that teachers have found them very useful in gaining a wider and more in depth knowledge of the children in their care. The next formal reporting to parents will be the Mid-Year Interim Reports incorporating the progress children are making towards National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. These will be issued towards the end of term two, followed by Parent Teacher Conferences.

Congratulations

A big "Well Done!" to Maxwell Wickens (Room 4) who came 3rd in the under 11 years 1:2:1 category of the Contact Triathlon last weekend. A great effort Maxwell.

A Reminder of Term Dates

School closes for the first term on Friday 15 April at 3.00pm and reopens for term 2 on Tuesday 3 May. As previously notified, Monday 2 May is a Teacher Only Day at Wadestown School. Staff will be involved in professional development workshops related to Gifted and Talented Education and our school's New Horizons programmes. The office will be open on Monday 2 May for parents who might need to contact the school.

Library Working Bee

The library working bee has been rescheduled to Thursday 24 March, 9.00am-12.30pm at the Side School. A large number of new books have been purchased and these all need covering. If you are available to help with this please call Derek Piper at school or email derek@wadestown.school.nz

Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Next week Wadestown School PTA will be sending out a flyer and order form for the 2011 Entertainment Books. Please support this school fundraiser.

Term Calendar Dates

22 Mar Western Zone Cricket Day, Karori Park
23 Mar Year 1-2 Sports Day, Wilton Park, 9.30am-12.30pm
29 Mar Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm staffroom
5 April Western Zone Football (Soccer) Day, Ian Galloway Park
15 April End of Term 1

Please note: Term 2 starts on Tuesday 3 May. Monday 2 May is a Teacher Only Day.

Kind regards,
Steve Allen
Principal

Community Notices

Cashmere Avenue School Fair and Jumble

Sunday 27th March from 11am to 3pm, rain or shine. Fun and games for the whole family, quality jumble, kids clothes, toys and lots of delicious food!

Capital Rhythmic Gymnastics Open Day

Saturday 26th March between 10.00 and 11.30 am at the Anglican Chinese Mission, 30-50 Glenmore Street - feel free to drop in, see what we do and give it a try. We offer Recreational Classes (from age 5) through to success at NZ National Championships. Recreation Classes are held on Monday from 4-5pm, on Wednesday from 4-5pm and on Saturday from 10-11am. There are typically 6-8 gymnasts per class, taught by qualified coaches. We train at the Anglican Chinese Mission, 30-50 Glenmore Street, opposite the Botanical Gardens. For more information email joboddy@hotmail.com

Northern United Junior Hockey Club

Registrations are still being taken. Sunday Skills/ Development squad or Saturday mini-hockey and 11 a-side teams. 11 a side trials will be held week-end of 19-20th March. We are entering P1 Boys and Girls teams this year. Please contact Gavin gn@paradise.net.nz or 0274 496-210