



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Wadestown

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Wadestown

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The following students began recently at Wadestown School: Tori Angus, Katya McGeady, Jayden Bradshaw, Madeleine Carter, Alexandra Smith, Millie Aislabie, James Dick, Eva Calvert, Olivia Calvert, Dana Calvert, Amelie Hepple, Connor Hepple, Samuel Bennett and Kate Chandler. A very warm welcome to you all.

The fourth term is proving to be an exceptionally busy one for us all. The Rugby World Cup has shortened this term by a fortnight and there are many tasks for us to complete before school closes for the year on Friday 16 December at 12.30pm.

We are in the process of completing end of year written reports and working on our school organisation for 2012. Your child's school report will go home on Monday 12 December so there is time for any discussions that might be necessary with their teacher before the end of the year. When school organisation is finalised parents will be notified through a school newsletter.

Purakau Avenue

Earlier in the week an email was sent to all parents reminding everyone of the guidelines regarding Purakau Avenue, which is the bottom entrance to Wadestown Main School. Purakau Avenue is a private driveway not a public road so may I emphasise that vehicular access to Purakau Avenue is to be used only for the following purposes:

- Emergency vehicles (i.e. Fire, Ambulance, Police)
- Service vehicles for school use but only when the alternative Rose St access is impractical
- Delivery or collection of disabled children pre-approved by the school and residents
- The school caretaker 6am-6pm
- Teaching staff whose classrooms are in the lower block approved by the school and limited to infrequent occasions
- Other uses - fairs, working bees, building projects will only have access through Purakau Avenue with prior notice of two weeks to all residents

Parking or stopping in Purakau Avenue is strictly prohibited. If you are dropping off or collecting children to or from school or using before/after school care for your children, please remember that Purakau Avenue is a pedestrian access only and NO cars are permitted.

To help ensure that the above purposes are adhered to, the school has undertaken to erect access barriers (bollards) that are clearly visible and locked when not in use. We would like to maintain our positive relationship with all residents in Purakau Avenue and ask everyone to cooperate with these guidelines.

Pack the Bus

Wadestown School will once again be contributing to The Wellington City Mission Go Pack the Bus. The bus will be visiting the Main School on Tuesday 22 November. The following items would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas items:

- Small Christmas Cakes
- Jelly
- Christmas Mince Pies (6 packs)
- Christmas Puddings
- Tinned Fruit
- Christmas Crackers
- Confectionery (lollies, candy canes, chocolates)
- Tinned Meat

Toys (new toys only please - and unwrapped):

- Lego
- Art equipment
- Educational books
- Beach/picnic/water toys
- Puzzles
- Outdoor sports gear
- Board games

Extras:

- Toiletries (for mums and dads and teenagers)
- Hair products

Please send these along to Room 8 where we will be collecting the gifts. Side School children can take the gifts to their class and we will arrange for these to be transferred to the Main School.

News from the Side School

Children at the Side School have been learning about Celebrations. We have been learning how to plan and get ready for a party. Rooms 1 and 2 planned and prepared a Teddy Party. It was hard work because we had to think about invitations, food, music, games and, most importantly, visitors. Our teddies came to the party and we had a wonderful time. We even had a special teddy bear cake. Teddies and children were very tired afterwards but we all had lots of fun.



Daniel with his elephant visitor



Megan dancing with her giraffe visitor

Celebrating Children's Writing

At England by Jack Bromwich, Rm 12

When we fly over to England
What do you think we'll see?
High stacked hay bales guarding the trampoline
And yellow sunflowers shining at me.

When we fly over to England
What do you think we'll hear?
Trotting horses, banging stable doors
And booming Red Arrows quite near.

When we fly over to England
What do you think we'll taste?
Twenty p lollies, passionfruit curd
And fresh red strawberries to taste.

When we fly over to England
What do you think we'll feel?
Wobbly lorry, furry horses,
An uncomfortable bed on my heels.

When we fly over to England
What do you think we'll smell?
Strong apple juice, stables too
And horse poo that doesn't smell so well.

At Greytown by Amelie Greenwood, Rm 12

When we go down to Greytown
What do you think we'll see?
Blazing sun, white and pink blossom,
And pollen collected by bees.

When we go down to Greytown
What do you think we'll hear?
Sheep baaing, birds chirping
And lawn mowers far and near.

When we go down to Greytown
What do you think we'll taste?
Sour lemons and fresh spring plums
With nothing but pips to waste.

When we go down to Greytown
What do you think we'll feel?
Chipped stones, tickly sheep's wool
And wire scratching my heel.

When we go down to Greytown
What do you think we'll smell?
Mown grass, a sheepy smell
And meat pies for lunch starting to swell.

At One Red Dog by Sophie Hargreaves, Rm 12

When we go down to One Red Dog
What do you think we'll see?
Dusty ovens, baking pizzas
And babies giggling with glee.

When we go down to One Red Dog
What do you think we'll hear?
Jazzy music, blaring speakers
And people chewing in my ear.

When we go down to One Red Dog
What do you think we'll taste?
Cheesy spaghetti, salty chips
With nothing but boxes to waste.

When we go down to One Red Dog
What do you think we'll feel?
Burning tongues and sizzling meals
On wooden discs shaped like wheels.

When we go down to One Red Dog
What do you think we'll smell?
Delicious sundaes tasting divine
And kids who don't feel that well.

Western Zone Athletics Results

Short Sprint

Year 4 Boys – Harry Jones 1st
Year 6 Girls – Elizabeth Crowe 2nd
Year 6 Boys – James Knott 1st, Maxwell Wickens 3rd

Long Sprint

Year 4 Boys – Harry Jones 3rd
Year 5 Girls – Jade Jones 2nd
Year 6 Girls – Elizabeth Crowe 3rd
Year 6 Boys – James Knott 1st, Maxwell Wickens 3rd

High Jump

Year 4 Boys – Jakob Vandenberg – 3rd
Year 5 Girls – Bridget Olphert 2nd, Ashley Toovey 3rd
Year 5 Boys – John-Ross Moyer 3rd
Year 6 Girls – Elizabeth Crowe 3rd
Year 6 Boys – Gerard Hickey 1st
Year 8 Boys – Isaac Miller-Jose 1st, Karl Bennett 2nd

Long Jump

Year 4 Girls – Heather Miller 1st
Year 4 Boys – Boston Gutsell-Bright 3rd
Year 5 Girls – Ashley Toovey 1st
Year 6 Girls – Jordyn Chin 3rd
Year 6 Boys – James Knott 1st, Gerard Hickey 2nd
Year 8 Boys – Isaac Miller-Jose 2nd

Quoit

Year 4 Boys – Jakob Vandenberg 2nd
Year 5 Girls – Jennifer Talbot 1st, Josie Greenwood 2nd
Year 7 Boys – Arthur Coldstream 2nd
Year 8 Boys – Harry Seyton-Walker 1st, Charlie Parker 3rd

Vortex

Year 4 Girls – Sarah Kebbell 2nd
Year 4 Boys – George Sims 3rd
Year 5 Girls – Harriet Leslie 1st, Jennifer Talbot 3rd
Year 5 Boys – Kristian Kielland

Year 6 Girls – Ella Strachan 2nd

Year 6 Boys – Ollie Peterson and James Knott 1st
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Relays

Year 5 Girls – 3rd
Year 5 Boys – 1st
Year 6 Girls – 1st
Year 6 Boys – 1st

Fairy Lights for Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Do you have white or clear fairy lights that could be used to decorate the hall for the Year 8 Leavers Dinner? Please deliver them in a named box/bag to the school office by 8 December or contact Carolyn Coldstream on 472 1359 or 027 626 0449 and she can collect them. Lights will be returned promptly afterwards.

Carols in the Park

The School Choir will be singing at Plunket Park on 13 December. The carol singing will start at 6pm with the School Choir singing at around 6.30pm. If it is too wet or windy then the event is held in the Wadestown Presbyterian Church, which is opposite the park. Choir members will bring home a notice with more details shortly.

Donations to School

Thank you so much for the kind donations that have been given to the school lately. We are so grateful for the extra plants that a group of parents will be using to beautify the area around Rooms 13 and 14. What a great improvement it will be for this area. We always appreciate donations of books for our library. Please contact Derek Piper, our librarian, and he will be glad to recommend titles that we would love to add to our library collection.

Coming Events

18 Nov	Years 4-8 School Dance
22 Nov	Interzone Athletics Wellington City Mission Pack the Bus
23 Nov	Main School Sausage Sizzle
24 Nov	Side School Sausage Sizzle
1 Dec	Side School Wheels Day
2 Dec	House Day (Main School)
6 Dec	Regional Athletics Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm, staffroom
9 Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
13 Dec	Side School Picnic, Tinakori Hill Carols in the Park, 6pm

16 Dec School finishes for the year, 12.30pm

Kind regards,
Sally Barrett
Principal

PTA Update

It's that busy time of year again, it seems like there's something on every day between now and Christmas, and so much to do.

Hopefully you have received an email through your class co-ordinator outlining the PTA's plan to buy end of year presents this year, this should help to make the end of year a little easier. Please keep those donations towards this coming in - there are boxes at the main school office and at the side school. Alternatively the PTA's bank account number is 12-3140-0348889-00.

A group of keen mums organised a mini mulch working bee this week - a load of mulch was delivered at the main school and we placed this on all the newly weeded gardens around the school. Hopefully this will keep the gardens looking great after the main working bee. Thanks very much to all those who helped with this. Please help yourself to the remaining mulch by the gum tree at the Rose St entrance.

Next year the PTA will be holding a stall at the Wadestown Fair on 10 March. Details will be sorted out closer to the time, but we plan to run a mini deli stall and a jumble stall. If you are having a clean out between now and then please consider putting aside any good condition toys or books for us. Also, if you are making jams, preserves or chutneys we would appreciate it if you could make a couple extra for the deli stall.

Finally, thanks again to Tania Candy for organising the calendars and cards fundraiser this year. The cards, calendars and diaries were distributed this week, and they look great. This fundraiser raised over \$2000 for the school (the \$5000 mentioned last time was the gross order figure not profits), so thank you to everyone who supported it.

Our next meeting will be a get together at the Thistle Inn on Wednesday 7 December at 7.30pm.

Final PTA fundraiser for 2011

Here is a great opportunity to raise some funds for Wadestown School just before the end of the year, and in time to catch the Christmas rush!

Looking for the perfect present for your friends and loved ones? We have the perfect answer and you also get to support Wadestown School at the same time!

SHOTT Beverages have just launched a fabulous range of GIFT BOXES! A trio of super-delicious 250ml flavours in 5 gorgeous gift box packs for you to choose from. They are locally produced in Petone, with local ingredients used where possible. All SHOTT beverages are gluten and corn syrup free.

The price is just \$28 per box. We also have special SHOTT cloth gift bags that perfectly fit 1 gift box for an additional \$1 each to complete the gift.

\$46 is raised for the school for every carton of 8 boxes. The closing date for orders is Friday 2 December. Pick up will be at 6 Mairangi Road on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 December between hours of 8.30 to 9.30 am, and 2.30- 4pm. Order forms are coming out early next week with the children, please return to Bev at the office by Friday 2 December with payment (internet banking details will be on the order form) or email your order to Bronwyn at bronwyn@shott.co.nz

There is limited stock, so please get in quickly. Any queries Please don't hesitate to contact Bronwyn Chin on 934 7279.

Community Notices

OXFAM Book Fair

Saturday 3 December, 10 – 2, St Luke's Centre, 34 Pitt St, Wadestown. You can help by donating books: Ph 384 5238 or email allwhites@gmail.com or drop off at St Luke's any day from 9.00 to 4.30pm.

Wadestown Community Creche

Enrolments for 2012 are open. If you wish to enquire about enrolling your child at creche please contact Karen Domaneschi on kazandmichele@gmail.com or visit www.wadestowncreche.org.nz You are welcome to come for a visit and have a look, 46 Pitt Street, Wadestown, (04) 499 1574.