



## Community Newsletter

*"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"*

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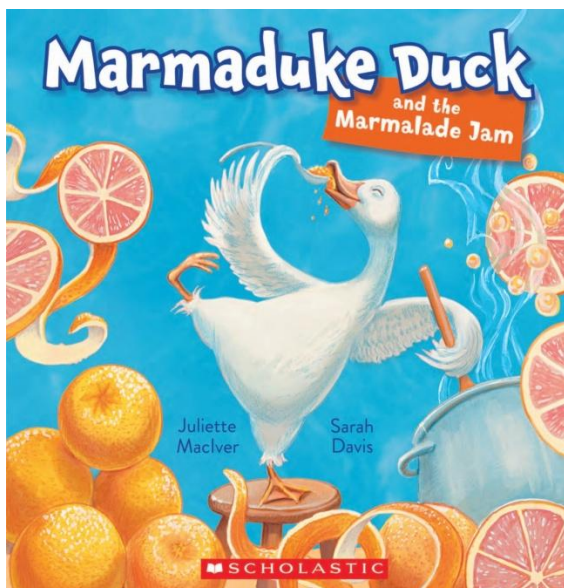
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### Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

#### Book Week

Next week, 23-27 May, is the Wadestown School Book Week with the theme 'Reading Makes You a Star!' From Wednesday 25 – Tuesday 31 May there will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the Main School library after school each day from 3-4pm. On Thursday 26 May the Book Fair will have a 'late night' when it will be open from 3-7pm. Hundreds of books will be available for purchase and the profits will go towards the prizes awarded as part of Book Week. We still need parents to staff the Book Fair so please email Derek at [Derek@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:Derek@wadestown.school.nz) if you can help with this – your children are welcome to be there with you.

On Wednesday 25 May from 3.15-3.45pm we are very lucky to be having a visit from Juliette MacIver, author of 'Marmaduke Duck and the Marmalade Jam' which has been a finalist in the 2011 NZ Post Children's Book Awards. Juliette will read her books, talk about her writing and answer any questions. She will also be happy to sign copies of her books which will be available as part of the Book Fair. To find out more about Juliette follow this link [http://www.scholastic.co.nz/publishing/assets/pdf/tile\\_F.pdf](http://www.scholastic.co.nz/publishing/assets/pdf/tile_F.pdf)



Other activities during Book Week are:

**Competitions** – There are a number of competitions running and: group posters, bookmarks (Year 1), book covers (Years 2-3) and book reviews (Years 4-8). Entries are due in by 3pm on Friday and prizes will be \$10 Book Fair vouchers.

**Monday** – 'Super Swap Switcheroo' at the Main School with teachers swapping around for half an hour in the afternoon to read their favourite books to a different class.

**Tuesday** – The Side School will be having a book character and 'star' parade at 9.15am. Parents are welcome to stay and watch.

**Wednesday** – Julie Smart from Scholastic NZ will be speaking to the Main School students about the publication process. In the afternoon the Side School will enjoy a visit from Juliette MacIver before she comes to the Main School.

**Thursday** – The Storylines Festival performance 'Jump To It' will be on at the Main School for Years 1-6. After school will be our 'late night' with the Book Fair open from 3-7pm.

**Friday** – The Year 2-3 children will be having their book character and 'star' parade at 9.05am. Parents are again welcome to stay and watch. Through the day, Year 4-8 children will be competing in a 'Kids Lit Quiz' based on their House teams with more prizes up for grabs.

#### Starship Phones for Rewards Campaign

Our school is taking part in the Starship Hospital Phones for Rewards Campaign. By collecting your old mobile phones we can earn some exciting rewards for our school. The rewards on offer range from digital cameras, laptop computers and interactive whiteboards. Have a hunt around at home, ask around at work and drop off your old mobile phones to the box in the office area.

## Year 7 and 8 Market Day Funds

Through the Harris family Mrs Danielle Yager helped out at the afternoon school Katutura, Windhoek the capital of Namibia. It was here that she and her husband Karl dropped off half of the money from the Year 7 and 8 Market Day held last year. Life is very hard for the people of Katutura, the children get lunch at the afternoon school and for many this is their only meal of the day. Classes can be 40 or more pupils and the school is run by expats and relies on volunteers (not always teachers) to teach the children.

Daneille and Karl stayed for 3 days as the woman (a Norwegian social worker) was sick and the year one class was without a teacher so she was able to help out.

As the class photo was being taken the children's hands were playing with Danielle's hair! They loved touching it.



## Cross Country

The Wadestown School Cross Country will be held on Thursday June 2 in Week 5. We will have the event at school and run the Year 4 students first. The top 6 competitors in each year level will go on to represent Wadestown School at the Western Zone event on the 14 June at Karori Park.

### Start Times

- Year 4 Boys 1.10 1 lap
- Year 4 Girls 1.20 1 lap
- Year 5 Boys 1.30 2 laps
- Year 5 Girls 1.45 2 laps
- Year 6 Boys 2.00 2 laps
- Year 6 Girls 2.15 2 laps
- Year 7 Boys 2.25 3 laps
- Year 7 Girls 2.30 3 laps
- Year 8 Boys 2.35 3 laps
- Year 8 Girls 2.40 3 laps

**The Piperman DVDs are available from the school office for \$5.**

## PTA Pool Night

Mark your diaries - on Thursday 9 June at 7.30pm the PTA will be holding a Pool Night for the Wadestown School community at the Ball Room in Courtenay Place. This will be a great chance to mingle with other parents, and play a friendly game of pool or two. Nibbles will be available, and drinks can be purchased from the bar. Tickets will be on sale in the next few weeks.

## Coming Events

23 May	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 p.m. Staff room
25 May	PTA AGM 7.30 pm, Staffroom
23-27 May	Book Week
6 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
14 June	Western Zone Cross Country
21 June	Wellington Zone Cross Country
22 June	PTA Meeting 7.30 pm, Staffroom
28 June	Western Zone Hockey
28 June	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00pm, Staff room
1 July	Reports go home
4 July	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3.15-8.15pm
5 July	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3.15-6.00pm
5 July	Regional Cross Country
6 July	Parent/Teacher Conferences, 3.15-6.00pm
15 July	Term 2 finishes 3.00pm
	Term 3 begins Tuesday 2 August (Monday 1 August is a Teacher Only Day).

Kind regards

**Steve Allen**  
Principal

## Community Notices

### **Hip Hop Dance Classes**

The Wellington Boys & Girls Institute is running Hip Hop Dance classes for beginners-intermediate dancers aged 5-11years old. The first class is free! Every Thursday during school term at the St Johns Dance Studio (behind St Johns Church, cnr Dixon/Willis Street) Classes start 3:45-5pm. \$80 for week term. Limited amount of fee scholarships available. Please call Betsy on 0226594814 or email [dance@bgi.org.nz](mailto:dance@bgi.org.nz) for more information.