



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a busy time of the year this is. Our PTA Update says it all! With the last two weeks of the term nearly here, the staff are busy completing children's reports and the many other duties that need to be attended to before the end of the school year.

A special thank you to everyone who contributed to Wellington City Mission's 'Pack the Bus'. What a wonderful variety of toys, confectionery and Christmas items we received from so many generous families. Thank you to Kim Meredith for organising this annual event that was such a success.

The final school newsletter for the year will be sent out to all families on Friday 9 December. This newsletter will cover 2012 school organisation and staffing. A reminder that school reports will be sent home with your child on Monday 12 December.

The children have many activities to look forward to including House Day tomorrow, EOTC trips, our Year 8 Leavers Dinner, the Side School Picnic and a variety of class celebrations. Let's keep our fingers crossed for the continuation of sunny days in December.

News from the Side School

It is always a busy time at the Side School but the last few weeks of term are proving to be extra busy. We have been taking advantage of the sunshine, working on our tennis skills with Grasshopper tennis. Also making best use of the sun, children from the Solar Power Squad at the Main School have been showing us how solar energy works with the clever solar powered kits they have made. We are looking forward to a Side School Picnic planned for the last week of term. Hopefully the fine weather will stay around!

Year 7 and 8 Speech Competition

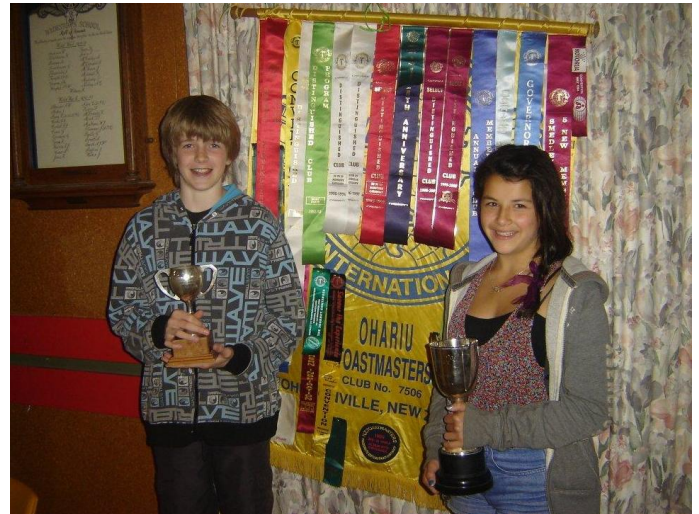
Impromptu Speech Competition

- 1st Isaac Miller-Jose
- 2nd Liam McGovern

3rd equal Matthew Robertson, Jamie Probert and Isabelle Brown-Stott

Prepared Speech Competition

- 1st Izzy Krebs
- 2nd Zoe Wierzbicki
- 3rd Anna Baines



Isaac Miller-Jose and Izzy Krebs with their trophies

Interzone Athletics



Ryan James and Olivia Wickens competed in the AWD section at the Interzone Athletics.

Short Sprint

- AWD Year 5 Girls – Olivia Wicken 1st
- Year 6 Girls – Elizabeth Crowe 2nd
- Year 6 Boys – James Knott 1st

Long Sprint

- Year 6 Boys – James Knott 2nd

High Jump

Year 6 Boys – Gerard Hickey 1st

Long Jump

AWD Year 5 Girls – Olivia Wicken 1st

Year 5 Girls – Ashley Toovey 3rd

Year 6 Boys – James Knott 2nd

Quoit

AWD Year 5 Girls – Olivia Wicken 1st

Year 5 Girls – Jennifer Talbot 1st, Josie Greenwood 3rd

AWD Year 7 Boys – Ryan James 1st

Year 8 Boys – Harry Seyton-Walker 2nd

Vortex

AWD Year 5 Girls – Olivia Wicken 1st

Year 5 Girls – Jennifer Talbot 2nd, Harriet Leslie 3rd

AWD Year 7 Boys – Ryan James 1st

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Year 6 Girls – Elizabeth Crowe 4th

Year 6 Boys – James Knott 3rd, Gerard Hickey 4th

Year 8 Boys – Liam McGovern 6th

Relays

Year 6 Girls – 1st

Year 6 Boys – 1st



The winning Year 6 Girls and Boys relay teams

Carols in the Park

The School Choir will be singing at Plunket Park on 13 December. The carol singing will start at 6.00pm with the School Choir singing at around 6.30pm. If it is too wet or windy then the event will be held in the Wadestown Presbyterian Church opposite the park.

Summer Book Borrowing

In the last week of the term we are going to give returning Year 4-7 students the opportunity to borrow up to 6 school library books over the summer. There is a well-documented slump in children's reading ability over the summer holidays and this is one means of addressing the issue. Students will need a permission form (distributed next week) signed by their parents and the books will be due back in the first week of school 2012 (7-

10 February). Students with outstanding books overdue from 2011 will not be eligible and any books lost will be charged for as usual. Students will be able to issue their books after school between 3-4pm from 12-15 December.

School Camp Dates for 2012

- Year 7-8 Camp at Curious Cove, Marlborough Sounds, 19-23 March
- Year 5-6 Camp at El Rancho, Waikanae, 2-5 April

2012 Term Dates

Term 1	Tuesday 7 February – Thursday 5 April
Term 2	Monday 23 April – Friday 29 June
Term 3	Monday 16 July – Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

Coming Events

2 Dec	House Day (Main School)
6 Dec	Regional Athletics Music Academy Concert, 12.40pm in the hall Board of Trustees meeting, 7.00pm, staffroom
9 Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
12 Dec	Year 6 trip to H2O Extreme 9.15am-2.15pm Year 7-8 trip to Porirua, 9.15am-2.45pm
13 Dec	Year 7-8 trip to Mt Kaukau, 9.15am-2.45pm Side School Picnic, Tinakori Hill, 12.00-2.30pm Carols in the Park, 6pm
14 Dec	Year 6 trip to Reading Cinemas, 9.30am-12.30pm Year 7-8 trip to Ferg's Rock Climbing and Roller Blading 9.15am-2.45pm
16 Dec	School finishes for the year, 12.30pm

Kind regards,

Sally Barrett

Principal

PTA Update

Hi everyone, we've been busy organising sausage sizzles at both sites, new notice boards in the main school near the office, and a pre-school morning tea at the side school this week. We are also putting the finishing touches on a Year 8 Leavers Magazine which the PTA is funding, and a group of year 7 parents are working hard on the Year 8 Leavers Dinner. So it really is a busy time for the PTA.

We are still fundraising for the school though, and you will have received the flier for SHOTT gift boxes which will make lovely presents. Orders for this close on Friday 2 December. When your 2012 school stationery brochure comes home next week you will also receive a flier from the PTA for fantastic new reusable book covers, which will make your Duraseal nightmare a thing of the past. Please consider buying these because a portion of each purchase will go to the school.

Please keep the donations for the end of year presents coming in to the boxes at the main school office and the side school, or to the PTA bank account 12-3140-0348889-00.

All the classes are having either a shared lunch, morning or afternoon tea over the next two weeks to celebrate the end of year. You should have had an email from your class co-ordinator about this, or it will come shortly.

The PTA is working with the school to update its emergency preparedness. Initiatives are underway to improve communication between the school and the community in an emergency, and to co-ordinate response plans that will enable the school and the community to work together if the worst (or even just another snowstorm!) befalls. Having personal survival plans and emergency supplies in place for your family is an excellent start, and information on how to prepare is available at the Wadestown library or online at <http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/>. If you'd also like to be involved in planning a school and community-wide response please contact PTA Civil Defence Co-ordinator, Karin Carter, on 973 9454, or at karin-c@clear.net.nz or come along to the next PTA meeting.

A Message from Regional Public Health

Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

A person who attends the school has been diagnosed with Whooping Cough. The incubation period is between 6 and 20 days, average is 14 days. Whooping cough may start with a runny nose which then proceeds to coughing. If you have the disease you are infectious from the time of the runny nose until 3 weeks after the bad cough starts. If treated with a 10-14 day course of Erythromycin you are no longer infectious after you have completed 5 days of the 14 day course.

Regional Public Health has had several notifications recently of confirmed cases of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) in adults and children. The bacteria are circulating in the community, which potentially can put young babies and small children at risk of this highly infectious disease. In children under one year of age this can be very serious. Women in the last 4 weeks of pregnancy are advised to attend their GP.

For other families, students and staff we recommend the following actions:

- Anyone with a persistent cough should see their doctor, and remain away from school or work until the doctor is sure it is not whooping cough.
- All children should be up-to-date with their Pertussis (Whooping Cough) immunisations and are advised to check with their family doctor. Pertussis immunisation is given at six weeks, three months, five months and a booster at 4 and 11 years of age.

Whooping cough is usually characterised by a cough lasting longer than two weeks with spasms of coughing ending in vomiting or difficulty breathing. This is often accompanied by a whooping sound. However don't wait until someone has had the cough for more than two weeks before checking it out. Remember that adults can also get whooping cough but usually do not have the classical whooping and vomiting after bouts of coughing.

If you have any queries please contact your family doctor or practice nurse, or phone the Communicable Disease Team (Public Health Nurse or Medical Officer) on (04) 570 9002.

Community Notices

NZSO Te Papa Family Day

To celebrate the holiday season we have a family day full of FREE concerts at Te Papa Tongarewa which have been specially designed for the very young to the young at heart! These concerts take place on Saturday 17th December from 10.30am until 3.00pm.

Art classes for kids in the holidays

At Wadestown Community Centre on Pitt Street.
Wednesday 21st December 2.30-3.30pm. Christmas themed painting. Come along, have fun and splash around some paint to get into the festive spirit.
Wednesday 11th January 2.30-3.30pm. Futuristic Sculpture Making quirky objects for a futuristic year. Materials provided. Cost \$15 per child per session. Ages 6 to 11yrs. Please email Tutor to register prior to the sessions. Limited spaces. Contact:
Zoe.Rapley@wcc.govt.nz

Lynley Dodd, Gavin Bishop and Margaret Mahy: Live and In Person

See these celebrated children's book authors in person at the New Zealand Arts Festival's Young Writers & Readers Day at Downstage Theatre on Sunday 11 March 2012. Hear them read from their classic books and describe how their characters and stories came into being. Audience members will also have a chance to meet the authors in person at the post-event book signings. Tickets are \$5 per session from Ticketek (allocated seating, booking fees apply) and a Unity Books bookstall will be on site. For more information visit:
<http://festival.co.nz/writers-and-readers/young-wr-day-schools-day/>

True Stories Told Live – 'Twas the Night before Christmas

Dame Fiona Kidman, Miranda Harcourt, Fleur Beale, Catherine Robertson, Fifi Colston and two other special guests will have ten minutes each to speak on the theme 'Twas the Night before Christmas. No notes. No readings. No questions. Just true stories that promise to inspire, entrance and entertain. Thursday 8 December, 6.15pm, Meow Café, 9 Edward St, Wellington (free parking on Victoria St from 6pm). Tickets: \$20.00 or \$15.00 for NZBC members, on the door or online www.bookcouncil.org.nz

Sea Cadet Corps

Looking for a new challenge in 2012? The Sea Cadet Corps might be just what you are looking for! Sailing, kayaking, power boating, target shooting, camping, tramping, spending time on Navy ships and military base visits are just some of the activities available. If this sounds like something you would like to try, and you will be in Year 9 or 10 in 2012, then TS Amokura (Wellington) is for you. We will be taking an intake of new cadets in February 2012, and you can secure your place now. For

more information visit www.tsamokura.org.nz or call us on 022 0131501. We also have a group called Dolphins for 10-12 year olds which meets on Tuesday evenings in term time. For more information, contact TS Amokura.