



## Community Newsletter

*"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"*

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### Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

As we move ahead to warm spring weather (hopefully), it is time to begin all those jobs at the Side and Main Schools that benefit so much from the PTA working bee. This annual event is a great opportunity for us to spring clean our two sites, especially after this year's major building programme. I would like to encourage everyone to consider supporting this wonderful initiative. Last year many projects were completed that have had enormous benefit to the children and staff at our school. The turnout of parents was truly amazing and I hope this year we will be able to achieve similar results. We have prepared a comprehensive list of projects to be completed and our superb morning/afternoon teas and lunch will be provided – complimentary of course!

#### News from the Side School

Where were you on hail day? We thought the snow in Weld St was a once-in-a-lifetime experience but heavy hail arriving before school finished for the day was another challenge awaiting us. We discovered that hail was more treacherous than snow! Special thanks to Sarah Feltham, Mark Haldane, Steve Andrews, Jennie Johnstone and Brigid Preston who between them managed to clear Weld St in time for the children to leave at 3pm. What a great road crew you were. Thank you too to those parents who put cones at the bottom of Weld St to close it while all this activity was going on. The children at the Side School were able to get home safely without any mishaps. What a great effort from everyone.

#### Building Update

Our building projects at Side and Main are progressing well despite the time lost earlier in the term due to adverse weather conditions. We are expecting both classrooms to be ready at the start of term 4. They will be lovely spaces to work in and we are very excited to have a withdrawal area attached to the Main school classroom which will be a very welcome addition for small group activities.

#### 2012 Term Dates

The Board of Trustees has approved the following term dates for 2012:

Term 1 – Tuesday 7 February to Thursday 5 April

Term 2 – Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June

Term 3 – Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September

Term 4 – Monday 16 October to Thursday 20 December

#### Artsplash Concert

It was great to see so many parents attend the Artsplash concert earlier this week. We all enjoyed the wonderful music and singing from the schools that participated on Tuesday evening. This annual event takes much preparation from all the contributing schools and it is a credit to everyone who puts in their time, energy and enthusiasm to make this experience something our children will remember in years to come. Thank you to Trish Blacktop, Lynne Dunn and the children involved for our school Artsplash contribution this year – you have done us proud.

#### Life Education Programme

The Life Education trailer is at home at the bottom of Purakau Avenue. Thank you to Richard and Susie Beasley for once again allowing us to use their power supply while the trailer is in residence. The Life Education educator Charlotte Rolton is enjoying working with all the children at Wadestown School on a variety of themes which have been selected by individual teachers. We hope your children are sharing with you their Life Education sessions, particularly about Harold the giraffe and the adventures he experiences.

#### Activity Fees and Donations

Activity Fee Invoices for Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14 have been sent out again to parents who have yet to pay. If you haven't received an invoice please get in touch with the office. It is important these fees are paid as the activities took place during term 2 and term 3. If you have a problem paying please speak in confidence with Bev Truscott in the school

office. A big thank you to the parents who have already paid the school donation. Statements were sent out earlier in the term.

### Interzone Swimming Results

Year 5 Boys 25 m Backstroke – Harry Jones 1<sup>st</sup>  
Year 5 Boys 25m Freestyle – Harry Jones 2<sup>nd</sup>, Aidan Homewood 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Library Working Bee

There will be a library working bee to cover new books at the Side School on Thursday 29 September from 9.00-10.30am. Please contact Derek Piper on [derek@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:derek@wadestown.school.nz) if you are able to help.

### Scholastic Book Club

Please send any orders to school by Friday 23 September.

### Nut Free Policy

Just a reminder that we have a nut free policy at Wadestown School. This is for the safety of children who have severe allergies to nuts. A copy of the policy is available from the school office.

### Wadestown Gold Stars Hockey Team



In our team were Phoebe, Lucy, Harriet, Gloria, Jade, Lily, Isabel, Jennifer, Emma and Rose. We want to be Black Sticks. We practiced a lot with our coach Jo and sometimes with Caryn who used to be a Black Stick. She was great. We went to the 8-a-side competition and got 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Gloria became our goalie and was really good at savings goals. Lucy got through to second round of the Under 11 rep trials. At the end of the season Harriet, Lucy and Phoebe got a trophy. We can't wait for next year and the hockey season!

*By Phoebe Pottinger and Lucy Hibbert*

### Coming Events

24 Sept	Side School working bee
29 Sept	Library working bee, Side School
30 Sept	School Rugby World Cup Day
1 Oct	Tournament of Minds
7 Oct	Final day of term 3
24 Oct	Labour Day
25 Oct	Teacher Only Day
26 October	Start of term 4
29 October	Main School working bee

Kind regards,  
**Sally Barrett**  
*Principal*

### PTA Update

You should have received your order forms for cards, calendars and diaries featuring your children's artwork by now. The children have been working hard on their art, and these will make fabulous presents this year. The cards are incredibly useful too. Orders are due on Friday 30 September. Calendars are \$12, diaries are \$16 and cards are \$12.50 for a pack of 8. If you haven't received your order form please contact your child's teacher.

There will be working bees at the Side School this Saturday 24 September, and at the Main School (and possibly the Side School again) on Saturday 29 October. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help on the day(s). These working bees are great fun, and a really good way to make a positive contribution to the school. Any time that you can give on the day(s) will be appreciated. Please contact Lisa Toovey on [lisa@toovey.com](mailto:lisa@toovey.com) if you would like to help.

One of the jobs at the working bee at the Side School this weekend is to remove two steel climbing frames from the Side School lower playground which are not being used by the children. We are going to list the frames for sale on Trade Me. If you are interested please check under "Outdoor Toys and Structures - Climbing Frames" on Monday. The steel will be cut off at ground level, and the frames will be moved to the top playground ready for removal. If they do not sell we will sell the frames to a scrap metal dealer.

#### Dates for your diaries:

- \*Side School working bee - Saturday 24 September
- \*PTA meeting - Wednesday 28 September, 7.30pm, Main School Staffroom
- \*Calendar/card orders due - Friday 30 September
- \*Main School working bee - Saturday 29 October

## **Community Notices**

### **RWC Excitement for the Whole Family**

The All Blacks are playing Canada on October 2nd in Wellington and everyone can enjoy a little family fun at Wellington Town Hall from 11am to 1pm before cheering on their favourite team on the awesome big screen "live" from 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free entry for all. So no matter which team you are cheering for bring the whole family to Canada's Fun Zone - even if you're wearing "black" you can have a little maple leaf fun with some quizzes, games, lots of great prizes and giveaways, face painting, temporary tattoos and much more! Canadian documentaries, music and other exhibitions are showing at Te Papa throughout the day as well. For more information contact Rhonda Gault at 04-234-7266.

### **Capital Rhythmic Gymnastics**

Capital Rhythmic Gymnastics are holding a free Open Day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October between 10.00 and 11.00 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, 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](mailto:joboddy@hotmail.com)

### **Onslow Amateur Athletic Club - 2011/12 Season**

Get your children involved in weekly athletics with the Onslow Amateur Athletic Club. Suitable for 6-15 year boys and girls, club members meet every Monday night at Khandallah's Nairnville Park from 5.50 - 7.20pm. Online enrolments start now from [www.sportsground.co.nz/onslowaac](http://www.sportsground.co.nz/onslowaac) or for new families/those with questions please head to Nairnville Recreation Centre, Wednesday 26th October between 6-7pm. Our season starts with a fun, Halloween dress up evening on Monday 31st October, with lolly treats for all entrants, so enrol now!