



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

A very special thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding when school was closed on Monday afternoon and Tuesday last week due to the deteriorating weather conditions. We needed to take into account the safety of children and parents which made walking and driving around our suburb so dangerous. The conditions in Weld St were particularly hazardous and required careful consideration regarding our youngest children.

Our emergency management procedures were well tested and we have learnt so much from this process. We will be reviewing aspects of our procedures so that we are well prepared for any emergencies we face in the future. Thank you to you all for your assistance and support during an experience hopefully never to be repeated again! However, many of our children thrived in the cold weather and produced some wonderful writing based on their experiences (see the end of this newsletter). As one child said, "Snow is magic!"



L to R: Harriet Abbott, Charlotte Hogan, Charlotte Strowger-Turnock, Harriet Campbell, Grace Abbott, Ben Hogan and Edward Abbott.

Welcome

We extend a very warm welcome to the following new children and their families who have started recently at Wadestown School : Filippo Marotta-Cavalcanti, Ben Hogan, Tom Blundell-Myers, Zach Orson, Noah Patton-Jensen, Amelia Brown, Kate and Amy McHardy, Megan Sushames, Isabella Lindsay, Gisele Falconer, Liadan and Saul Jaquiere, William and Charlie Sims, Matthew Montgomery, Holly McGruddy, Nate Hough, Scott Vandenberg, Lily Haldane, Lucy Pottinger, Louis Holland and Niamh Foley.

School Donations

A big thank you to the parents who have already paid the school donation. Statements were sent out earlier in the term. Please contact Bev Truscott in the office if you have queries.

Primary Sport Wellington Netball Tournament

Well done to the Wadestown School netball teams that played at the Hataitai courts on 9-10 August.

- Cyclones (Year 5) - 5th
- Green (Year 6) - 9th
- Red (Year 6 Social) - 7th
- Storm (Year 8) - 10th



Wadestown Green Year 6 team (L to R): Alice Riley, Macy Toovey, Ruby Mackle, Harriet Campbell, Hannah Douglas, Charlotte Strowger-Turnock, Charlotte Johnstone and Grace Abbott.

UNSW Science Competition Results

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in the UNSW Science Competition:

- Harriet Campbell – Distinction
- Bridget Olphert – Distinction
- James Knott – Distinction
- Lucas Toovey – Distinction
- Karl Bennett – Distinction
- Matthew Robertson – Distinction
- Jamie McClymont – High Distinction

Congratulations

Congratulations to Harriet Campbell, Callum Benfell, Josie Greenwood, Joseph Bahr and Harriet Leslie. They were recently awarded an Achievement Award for their submission as part of the Future Problem Solving Programme. The students identified the problems and solutions related to healthy living in the future and the Future Problem Solving evaluators noted that the team submitted "outstanding challenges". Well done!

PTA Update

The PTA had a very productive meeting on Wednesday 24 August. There has been a lot of hard work put into improving road safety at both sites - look out for new signage at the Main School in the next few months.

We organised a very popular photography session at the Side School which 33 families attended a couple of weeks ago. Proofs from those wonderful sessions will be emailed to families in early September.

This term the children will be producing artwork for calendars and cards which will be able to be ordered towards the end of this term - these have been very popular in the past for Christmas presents.

We are looking to reinstate lists of willing bakers for both the Side and Main schools so that we can provide thank you morning teas for teachers and staff, and snacks for teachers at parent teacher evenings which has been a traditional PTA role in the past. Look out for an email from your class co-ordinator about this.

Dates for your diary:

*Next PTA meeting – Wednesday 28 September, 7.30pm, Main School staff room – all welcome

*PTA Working Bee - Saturday 29 October

Coming Events for Term 3

6 Sept	Western Zone Netball
9 Sept	Dancesplash final rehearsal and performance
15 Sept	Interzone Swimming
19-29 Sept	Life Education programme (Year 1-8)
20 Sept	Artsplash final rehearsal and performance
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

Advance Notice: Sleeping Beauty Ballet

All Year 4-8 students will be attending the Royal New Zealand Ballet Company performance of Sleeping Beauty on Thursday 3 November.

Kind regards

Sally Barrett

Principal

Room 12 Children's Writing About the Snow

Silently and slowly the frozen snow formed on Wellington's roofs and paths. Rarely happening, the cotton white flakes gently floated down. Drifting black ice was scattered all over the buildings. Muffling, crackling, thump went the snow. The frozen flurries were like paper that fell softly down. Hail kept drifting down.

By Akhila Ramesh

Heavily, cotton-white snow bucketed down and blanketed the freezing city of Wellington. The gliding, dainty flakes covered the frozen ground. The down-pouring sleet hit the ground, mixed with mud, and slowly formed slippery black ice. Freezing ice caused many troubled cars to slip, many important flights to be cancelled and many schools to be closed. As I trudged through the snow a lot of snow flurries fell on my head like a soft woolly cap. Dark storm-like snow clouds filled the sky as though someone had put a dark blanket over it.

By Sophie Hargreaves

Softly, paper-white particles fell from the sky. Houses and hills were blanketed with snow like toilet paper houses. With a muffled noise, the zero degrees water started to flow. With icy roads, cars drive with care. People were dancing with the snow smiling so happily that they couldn't believe their eyes when ice, snow and hail came in one pile. People running wild like rascals, made time for snowballs and snowmen. Toboggans came in handy when the snow settled. People were having so much fun on a snowy day in Wellington.

By Max Falconer

Soft, slippery snow fell in the weekend over Wellington city. It set on the hilly ground and the snow looked like a blanket dyed white. The powdery snow fell down lazily with some drifting down slowly and stopping. I slid down on a plastic bag. The snow was so slippery it was like a snow world. The snow tasted like a yummy lollipop, but the dirty snow tasted like fish eyes.

By Emily Rampton

Snow came to Wellington in the weekend. It fell in drifts to the ground. The cotton-like snow gently fell on the road to make a blanket of snow. The snow fell slowly to the ground where it freezes and turns into ice. There were icy white flakes going on to the roofs as though it were from an ice cream cone. White frozen snow on the leaves made a slippery slide. Snow as white as a kitten's fur, slowly fell down from the fluffy clouds making a pile of vanilla ice cream.

By Isabel Possenniskie

Silently, Wellington was blanketed in slushy cotton-white snow. Frozen paper-white snow fell from roofs, crackling onto the ground. Gently the slushy snow melted into black ice, making cars drift across the roads. Slowly the snow built up on the ground, turning it hard and compact.

By Sam McGovern

Slowly the soft snow fell lightly down on the roofs and ground. The snow looked even whiter than paper. I heard a "sh-sh-sh-sh, poof!" Then there was a pile of snow which covered the entrance to the deck.

By Evan Strachan

Community Notices

St Luke's Church Fair

Our fair is on Saturday 24 September 2011 @ Otari School, Wilton Road from 10am. There will be collectibles, second hand books, trash & treasure, home made jams, the St Luke's cafe, hamburgers, activities for the kids and much more.

Ngaio Playcentre Cake, Clothes and Toy Sale

Saturday August 27th, 1:30-3.00pm, Ngaio Town Hall. Entry is free. Come and get some great pre-loved bargains, or take home some delicious home baking. Mainly pre-schoolers clothing and toys but lots of surprises! Some tables are still available if you would like to clear out some space at home - \$30. Money raised goes towards Ngaio Playcentre Renovations). Email Rebecca at becandbrett@xtra.co.nz for more details.

Crofton Downs School Quiz Night

Friday 2 September 7.30pm, School Hall, Chartwell Drive. Tickets \$15 available from the school office 479 2429. BYO wine and food, cheese and crackers provided.