



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Wadestown

Principal: Steve Allen

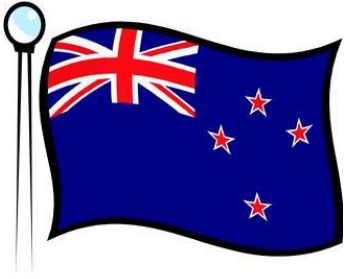
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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers



This past week has been a trying time for all New Zealanders, particularly so for family and friends who have had to endure the earthquake and its aftermath in the

Canterbury region. Here at school we have been acknowledging the pain and grief felt by these people in a variety of ways including fund raising ventures, times for reflection, discussions around dealing with such events and importantly how we might cope if this were to happen here. Parents can be rest assured that Wadestown School has a detailed emergency plan in place and that trials of this plan are held each term. Part of this plan includes each child having an emergency food pack stored at school. I know that class coordinators are presently following up on this matter. To date we have enrolled three children from the Christchurch region at our school and know that for these students this brings back some form of normality at least in the short term. If you know of any other children who might benefit from being able to attend our school, even for only a short period, please feel free to pass on the invitation to their parents.

Parent Teacher discussion times

Following on from the email the other day, a reminder that online bookings are open for the parent-teacher discussion sessions that are taking place on 14 & 15 March. The link and school event code are listed below. You should have also received a discussion planning sheet that needs to be completed and returned to classroom teachers by tomorrow, Friday 4 March. Web link: <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
School event code: UXLUE



School Start Time

In the last newsletter there was a typo re the start time each day. School actually starts for the morning at 8.55 am. Our new electronic attendance register system is now up and running well. As part of this system we are able to download trends and patterns regarding not only attendance but also lateness to school. Some of this information is already showing that we have a group of students who are consistently arriving at school well after instruction has begun. We ask that all children are at school to begin the teaching and learning day by 8.55 am. Thanks for your support here.

Year 7 & 8 Camp

Our Year 7 & 8 students are off to Whanganui next week on the annual EOTC excursion. We wish them well for their week and hope that the weather is kind to them. If parents need to transport things to camp that have been forgotten please contact the office as we have people coming and going all week.

Year 5 & 6 Camp

A notice requesting parent help for the Year 5 & 6 camp went home on Tuesday 2 March. Expressions of interest need to be returned to Trish Blacktop by Friday 11 March. If you missed the notice please email offers of help to trish@wadestown.school.nz

Regional Public Health News

In 2011 the School immunisation Team will be offering the Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough) vaccination to all year 7 boys and girls and the HPV Gardasil vaccination to all Year 8 girls. The Immunisation team will be conducting education sessions for students and screening forms that are returned. Parents are invited to attend these sessions conducted by the immunisation nurses. This is an opportunity for parents and students to raise concerns and questions about the vaccination, the consent process and expectations during and after being vaccinated.

Rippa Rugby

Last week a team of year 3/4 boys played in a rippa rugby tournament. We won 2 games, lost 1 and drew 1. It was really fun. Congratulations to these boys who played very well: George Sims, Boston Gutsell-Bright, Harry Jones, Jacob Vandenberg, Jonathan Hill, Eddie Martin, Archie Chandler, Aidan Homewood, Tom Adams, William Chandler, Max Falconer, Spencer Cameron, and Josh Madams.

By George Sims Room 13



Congratulations

We congratulate James Knott for his recent success in the Lower Hutt Athletics Medals Day held at Newtown Park on Sunday 13th February. James was placed 1st in both the 100m sprint and 200m sprint for his age group. Well done James.

Lost or Damaged Library Books

In order to maintain the quality of our library collection and encourage responsibility we will now be charging students for lost or damaged books. For lost books a generous period of time will be allowed to find it (at least a month), but after this students will be charged the depreciated value of the book. If the book is later found then the amount charged will be refunded. For damaged books the Library Manager will decide on a proportional charge. This does not include reasonable wear and tear but instances when deliberate or careless damage has occurred.

Library Working Bee

We have purchased a large number of new books for the Main and Side School libraries, including this year's NZ Post Children's Book Awards Finalists. These all need covering and we would be very appreciative of parent volunteers to assist with this task. If you are available to help with this on

Thursday 17 March, anytime between 9.00am-12.30pm, please call Derek Piper at school or email derek@wadestown.school.nz

Scholastic Book Club

This year we have joined up for the Scholastic Book Club which offers a wide range of children's book titles for parents to purchase at discounted prices as well as some commission for the school. If you would like to help with these book orders each term then please call Derek Piper at school or email derek@wadestown.school.nz to find out more.

Term Calendar Dates

7-11 Mar	Year 7&8 Camp
14 & 15 Mar	Parent teacher discussion meetings
22 Mar	Western Zone Cricket Day, Karori Park
29 Mar	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm staffroom
5 April	Western Zone Football (Soccer) Day, Ian Galloway Park
15 April	End of Term 1

Please note: Term 2 starts on Tuesday 3 May. Monday 2 May is a Teacher Only Day.

Kind regards,
Steve Allen
Principal

Community Notices

Skylight Children's Bereavement Group

Skylight's next Children's Bereavement Group is coming up in Term 2. This counsellor-facilitated and structured programme is for children aged 6-11 and their parent/caregiver who have been bereaved.

Date: Tuesdays from 10 May – 14 June 2011

Time: 2.30pm – 4.00pm

Venue: Skylight, 143

Cost: \$125.00 per child

To register your interest in this group or for more information please contact Peggy Delaunay on 04 939 6767 or gc@skylight-trust.org.nz Alternatively register your interest on our website

St Thomas More Catholic Parish, Wilton

The 2011 Sacramental Programme is starting soon.

For registration information contact the Lay Pastoral Leader: Mary-Anne Peetz, ph 475 9513

Northland Community Preschool

Northland Community Preschool (formerly crèche) is on the move to 137 Mairangi Road, Wilton. If you have had children at the preschool or even if you haven't, we would really appreciate your support in helping us to continue to be able to serve the families and community we care about. If you can help with finances, expertise, contacts and/or time, please contact Diana, the Supervisor, at the preschool on 4758062 or diana@ncpreschool.co.nz. You can download a donation form from our website and keep up-to-date with fundraising projects to support through our Facebook page on www.ncpreschool.co.nz.