



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

As Lisa Toovey, the organiser of our wonderful working bee last Saturday said afterwards, "I wonder how many sore bodies we will have tonight!" What an amazing effort with over 60 helpers which must be a Wadestown School working bee record. The school looks stunning – the gardens are beautiful, the children have lots of lovely new seating, the steps and path leading up to Room 5 and the new trellis areas are masterpieces, the red seats have all been repaired and repainted, and the school beautifully water blasted. As a result of all the pruning around the school some paths are going to get sunshine for the first time in many years. A special thank you to the lovely food ladies who kept us refreshed throughout the day and to the many bakers who provided us with a delicious menu when break time became a necessity. Thank you to everyone for all your help, energy, enthusiasm and support. It was a wonderful day for our school community.

Year 7-8 Production

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week Year 7-8 entertained their parents and friends with an original version of A Very Hairy Fairy Tale. It was a hilarious version of some fairy tales we all know and a great night was had by all who attended. A big thank you to Nick Julian, Eseta Fuli, and Lynne Dunn for their masterly organisation and to all Year 7-8 children who wrote and participated in this superb production. Congratulations to you all. What a great team effort.

School Reports

Teachers are currently writing their student reports. All our assessments throughout the school have been completed and information from these assists teachers to make an overall judgement on student progress towards meeting National Standards. Written reports will be sent home on Monday 12 December.

School Organisation

We are also in the process of developing our budget for 2012. Now that we have been notified of our preliminary budget and staffing allocation from the Ministry of Education and are in a position to begin planning our school organisation for 2012. We appreciate those parents who have let us know that their children will not be returning to Wadestown School next year. Please remember if you have a child turning five during 2012 who will be attending Wadestown School, we would ask you to email our Deputy Principal, Robyn Grover at robyn@wadestown.school.nz

News from the Side School

A warm welcome to Liz Kebell who replaces Robyn Grover as Room 2's teacher and Bronya Davies who is working each morning with our older children in the beautiful new classroom. Liz has relieved for us on a regular basis throughout the year and it is great to have Bronya Davies back at Wadestown School. Since leaving us four years ago Bronya has been teaching in London. Welcome home Bronya!

We are making a small change to Gate Duty which the staff are eager for everyone to adopt as soon as possible now that we have our lovely new gate entrance. When you arrive for gate Duty please close the main gates into the school. All the teachers' cars should have arrived and no other vehicles will need access into the playground after 8.30am. All children that are helped out of cars at the drop off should go through the small gate in the picket fence to the left of the main gate and please can you encourage other families walking their children to school to use this gate as well. Thank you for your assistance.

New Main School Classroom

We are waiting for several compliance issues to be completed in our new classroom at the Main School. As you can appreciate these need to be attended to before we are able to utilise this wonderful new space we are so fortunate to have.

Battle of the Bands

The school band 'Insert Name here' (!) took part in the Battle of the Bands competition in Masterton last Friday. It was a great experience for the band members: Jamie McClymont, Kayla Bradshaw, Oscar Dome, Lucas Toovey, Liam Dick, Leo Gaynor, Rebecca Emanuel and Andrew Symmes. A huge thank you to Les Meadows for all the time and energy he put into the band.



Sunhats

Just a reminder that all children need to bring a sunhat to school each day. Please note that hats need a brim and caps are unsuitable. We are hoping to have our new sunhats available for purchase at the beginning of next year. In the meantime we would encourage all parents to ensure their children have a sunhat to wear outside for the remainder of the school year.

Carols in the Park

The School Choir will be singing at Plunket Park on 13 December. The carol singing will start at 6pm with the School Choir singing at around 6.30pm. If it is too wet or windy then the event is held in the Wadestown Presbyterian Church, which is opposite the park. More details will be provided closer to the time.

UNSW Mathematics Results

Harriet Campbell	Year 5	Distinction
William Ferrier	Year 5	Distinction
Josie Greenwood	Year 5	Distinction
Kristian Kielland	Year 5	Distinction
Gabby Wu	Year 6	Distinction
James Knott	Year 6	Distinction
Lucas Toovey	Year 8	Distinction
Ellie Sinclair	Year 8	Distinction
Karl Bennett	Year 8	Distinction
Jamie McClymont	Year 8	High Distinction
Matthew Robertson	Year 8	High Distinction

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

Pack the Bus

Wadestown School will once again be contributing to The Wellington City Mission Go Pack the Bus. The bus will be visiting the Main School on Tuesday 22 November. The following items would be greatly appreciated.

Christmas items:

- Small Christmas Cakes
- Jelly
- Christmas Mince Pies (6 packs)
- Christmas Puddings
- Tinned Fruit
- Christmas Crackers
- Confectionery (lollies, candy canes, chocolates)
- Tinned Meat

Toys (new toys only please - and unwrapped):

- Lego
- Art equipment
- Educational books
- Beach/picnic/water toys
- Puzzles
- Outdoor sports gear
- Board games

Extras:

- Toiletries (for mums and dads and teenagers)
- Hair products

Please send these along to Room 8 where we will be collecting the gifts. Side School children can take the gifts to their class and we will arrange for these to be transferred to the Main School.

Yummy Sticker Promotion

Thank you to all the families that collected Yummy stickers to send to school. \$522 was raised through the promotion to spend on sports gear.

Lost Scooter

Declan Magee's Razor Sparks scooter (unnamed) went missing on Rugby World Cup Day last term. If anyone knows its whereabouts please contact the school.

Plates from PTA Working bee

Following the PTA Working Bee there is a collection of plates and baskets in the staff room waiting to be collected.

Coming Events

- 10 Nov Western Zone Athletics
- 17 Nov Year 7-8 Sports Fixture with Northland School
- 22 Nov Interzone Athletics
Wellington City Mission Pack the Bus
- 2 Dec House Day (Main School)
- 6 Dec Regional Athletics
- 9 Dec Year 8 Leavers Dinner
- 13 Dec Carols in the Park, 6pm
Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm,
staffroom
- 16 Dec School finishes for the year, 12.30pm

Kind regards,
Sally Barrett
Principal

PTA Update

So many people put in such a huge day's work on Saturday at the Main School working bee, so this week's update has to start with a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came along and worked so hard. The Main School looks fantastic!! There are always a few people who make a day like that possible, and so special thanks go to:

- * Lisa Toovey - who organised everything and managed the day so well
- * Jodi and Stuart Baines and Aspen Landscapes - another major effort by them
- * Kelly and Lincoln Falconer for again donating the skip
- * Pip Harray for organising the refreshments throughout the day, and to everyone who contributed food on the day
- * Bunnings Warehouse

It was lovely to see so many people working together to make the school a better place, and going by Lisa's formula of 3 times the benefit of every dollar spent, we put at least \$18000 into the school!

Also over the holidays Tanya Candy has been working very hard on putting together the orders for the cards and calendars. This proved a difficult task, and next time we will have be clear that we need separate order forms and payment for each child. However it is well worth it for the school - although final figures are not quite in, we look to have raised nearly \$5000 for the school. So thank you Tanya for all your hard work on that.

Finally, an update on the Duo photography sessions which we ran earlier in the year (on the weekend of the snow!). The orders have all been delivered now, and over \$900 was raised for the school.

Dates for your diary - the next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 16 November at 7.30pm

Community Notices

LEGO League Tournament

Come and cheer on the intrepid teams, including Wadestown School students, competing in Wellington's first ever LEGO League Tournament. In the LEGO Food Factor Challenge, teams of budding Year 5, 6 and 7 scientists have to build, test and programme a LEGO robot to solve a set of food safety missions. At the tournament each team's robot will be racing against the clock to complete its challenges. All lego enthusiasts welcome to watch and learn - and cheer! Sunday 6th November, Hataitai School Hall. Robot Game starts at 1pm.

Island Bay School Fair

Saturday, 5 November 2011, 11am - 2pm, Island Bay School, corner Thames & Clyde Streets, Island Bay.

Kelburn House and Garden Tour 20th November

Come on a walking tour of over 20 homes and gardens in Kelburn to support Kelburn Normal School. Tickets are limited and available now from Juliette Florist (Kelburn), Wall St (Tinakori Road), Fredrick Ashley (Marsden) or Karori Garden Centre at \$25 each. Runs from 11am to 4pm rain or shine. Day includes, seminars, entertainment, stalls and ART on the Glen sale. For further details see www.kelburnnormal.school.nz

Onslow Gymnastic Club

Has your daughter got energy to burn? Gymnastics is great for fun & fitness. Onslow Gymnastics has limited spaces still available in Term 4 for girls aged 5 to 9 in their Wednesday afternoon classes at Khandallah School. For more info, please send an email to onslowgym@xtra.co.nz or visit www.onslowgymnastics.org.nz

Fun Cricket Open Day for Year 1 Boys and Girls

Wellington Collegians is the Capital's leading junior cricket club. Our youngest cricketers are 5 years old and take part in our fun Nursery Grade on a Saturday morning 9 to 10 am at the picturesque Anderson Park at the Botanic Gardens (next to the Rose Gardens). Each session includes a cricket skill sessions in small groups followed by short games between the groups. It is a great way to practice ball skills in a fun environment as well as introduce your son or daughter to cricket. The Nursery Grade is having an Open Day on Saturday November 5th

2011 starting at 9am at Anderson Park. For all enquiries, please contact Nursery Grade Convenor: Warwick Hayes 4799362 or check out our website www.collegians.org

Good Fathers Programme Art Auction

Good fathers are made, not born. Presbyterian Support Central (PSC) is helping men across the Wellington region to become better dads through our Good Fathers programme, which aims to break cycles of abusive behaviour and create positive role models for kids in our community. To raise money for this vital programme, PSC has teamed up with the prestigious Exhibition Gallery of Fine Arts to hold a Charity Art Auction on Wednesday, 7 December from 5.30pm. This event features some of NZ's top artists including Gail Gaudie, Piera McArthur, Kevin Dunkley, Mark Olsen and Di Conway. To reserve your place at this exclusive auction email us on events@psc.org.nz or ph 439 4929. For more info go to www.psc.org.nz/events

Capital Inline Hockey

Learn to Skate & play Inline hockey, Kilbirnie Recreation Centre, Kilbirnie Cres, Wednesday 3.30pm - 5.15pm, \$5.00 per session. Playing & Safety Equipment supplied. To get an idea of what it's about see <http://www.youtube.com/slapshotprods> Select Penguins Inline Hockey Junior, more info phone Barbara on 389 8272