



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

As this is the last newsletter for 2011 I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every family for the support you have given to Wadestown School during 2011. Everyone has worked so hard in our school community with enthusiasm, energy and such commitment. We have had some wonderful achievements this year that we can be very proud of and more to be achieved in 2012.

I would like to acknowledge the staff and thank them for their commitment to our children's learning. The significant contribution they make to the education of all the children at Wadestown School is very much appreciated and helps to make it the special place it is.

I would like to acknowledge my appreciation to the Board of Trustees and the Parent Teacher Association for their support and commitment during 2011. I have really enjoyed working with you all and thank you sincerely for the enormous contribution you continue to make in the best interests of our school.

Farewells

At the end of next week we farewell the Parker family who have had such a long association with Wadestown School. Sara has looked after our lost property for many years, collecting it all at the end of the term, resorting and washing, and redistributing to charities who have been so grateful to receive children's clothing that can be resold. A special thank you Sara for attending to this job so willingly over such a long period. We hope that a replacement for this job can be found amongst the parent community and your good work can continue.

Next week we farewell several staff. Beverly Truscott leaves us after 8 ½ years of dedicated service as our Executive Officer. She has been the wonderful, smiling lady at the front desk who has helped many families and staff and made Wadestown School so welcoming for them. Beverly leaves us to take up a position as Accounts Manager at Raroa Intermediate next year. She will

be sadly missed by all her colleagues and children at Wadestown School and I would like to thank her for her outstanding contribution. We wish her well for her new position and look forward to hearing of her new adventures!

Lynne Dunn also leaves us at the end of the year to seek new opportunities. Lynne has fulfilled a number of roles at Wadestown School and has been an outstanding teacher for so many groups of children. She is a very talented teacher with strengths in many areas and has enjoyed teaching children of all age groups throughout the school. We will remember Lynne for her energy and enthusiasm, not to mention the wonderful relationships she established with children, staff and the parent community. Whatever the future holds for you Lynne, we know it will be exciting and fulfilling. Thank you from us all.

Kathryn Jennings, our Learning Support teacher aide, will be returning to full time study next year. We wish her well with her studies and thank her for the valuable contribution she has made to the Learning Support team at Wadestown School. Sharyn Green has continued to be our relieving Learning Support teacher aide and she will complete her role at the end of next week. Thank you once again Sharyn – we won't say goodbye as we know you may return again to work with us in the future.

At the Side School our relieving teachers Bronya Davies and Liz Kebbell complete their fixed term contracts at the end of the year. We thank them both for continuing to make the Side School the happy place it is. Both Bronya and Liz quickly settled into their classrooms in term 4 and the children have really benefitted from the continuity provided by both teachers. You have been valuable assets to the Side School team and we will miss you both.

Welcomes

We welcome Sue Savage, Sara Williams and Jo Carter to Wadestown School and congratulate them on their appointments. We look forward to working with them and the wonderful range of skills that they bring to our school.

School Organisation for 2012

Below is the school organisation for 2012. This organisation supports the levels of the New Zealand Curriculum and will provide continuity for each team, not only for planning purposes but also in the delivery of teaching and learning programmes. Please refer to this organisation when your child's room number for 2012 is recorded in their report. All reports will be sent home with your child on Monday 12 December.

Principal Sally Barrett

Deputy Principal Robyn Grover

Assistant Principal Nick Julian

Pohutukawa Team

NE/Year 1 Room 1 Jan Ashworth

NE/Year 1 Room 2 Jo Carter

NE/Year 1 Room 3 Kathy Ferrier

Year 2 Room 9 Leslie Mahoney

Year 2 Room 10 Jacqui Croft

Rata Team

Year 3 Room 11 Kim Meredith

Year 3 Room 12 Janice Williams

Year 3/4 New Room Sue Savage

Year 4 Room 13 Logan Mead

Kowhai Team

Year 5/6 Room 7 Debi Meadows

Year 5/6 Room 8 Trish Blacktop

Year 7/8 Room 5 Nick Julian

Year 7/8 Room 6 Eseta Fuli

Part time teacher Sara Williams

Main School Walkabout for Side School Parents

Parents of Side School children moving to the Main School next year are invited to meet at the Rose St entrance by the gum tree at 9.10am on Tuesday 13 December. Lucy Trevelyan from the PTA will meet you all there to show everyone around the Main School site.

News from the Side School

Jonathon Harper came to the Side School earlier this week and gave a fabulous musical show, where children had the chance to try out musical instruments from around the world. They included

pan pipes, Maori flutes, Samoan slit drums, ukuleles and drain pipe drums. We also got to sing and dance a tarantella and an Irish jig. It was lots of fun.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Matthew Robertson and Leo Gaynor for finishing in the top 20 students of the Otago Problem Solving Competition. There were over 5,000 students who entered the competition and finishing in the top 20 is a huge achievement.

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 giving returning Year 4-7 students the opportunity to borrow up to 6 school library books over the summer. Students will need to give their signed permission form to Mr Piper and 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

- 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

We look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 7 February when school reopens for 2012.

A fond farewell to those families that are leaving Wadestown School at the end of next week. We wish you well for the future and thank you for your support. Many families finish a very long association with us and I am looking forward to seeing many of you next week as you call in to say goodbye.

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish everyone a merry and safe Christmas and a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday break for us all.

Kind regards,

Sally Barrett

Principal

Community Notices

Women's Social Netball

We are a social netball team playing on Monday nights at Nairnville. Sometimes we run out of players, and we're looking for people who might want to fill in occasionally or play regularly. If you're interested, please contact Paquita on 973 7744 or paquita@paradise.net.nz.

House Wanted

House-sit or fully furnished rental for family of four. Mid-February to end March 2012. Wadestown or Wilton area preferred. Please contact Kathryn on 938-0565.

Capital GymSports Rhythmic Gymnastics Display

Saturday 10th December 10-11.30am at Anglican Chinese Mission Hall, Glenmore Street Thorndon (opposite the gated entrance to the Botanic Gardens). Gold coin entry.

House Wanted

We have just been given notice in our rental and need to find a home fairly quickly (ideally before 19 Jan). We are a family of 4 (children 9 and 11 years) and we need a house to rent preferably in Wadestown. Excellent tenants, no pets or smokers. Please phone Amanda 021 470 918.