



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

September has brought with it the beginnings of some lovely spring weather. Here at school it is so nice to see the very healthy Tuis flying around and choosing Wadestown School as their home. I am sure they are enjoying the kowhai flowers!

Education Review Office (ERO) Visit

Our school has received notification of an impending visit from ERO in the week beginning 23 November, as part of the normal review cycle carried out by ERO. The purpose of each review is to help improve the achievement of students and to provide information to schools, parents, communities and the government to help them in their efforts to bring about improvements in schools. Education Reviews have been designed to be useful to boards of trustees, principals, staff, students and their parents. As most of you are aware, in a previous life I worked for ERO and for that reason we will be having a team from outside the district so as to preserve the integrity of the visit. We are looking forward to sharing the good practices that happen at Wadestown School and also welcome feedback to inform future decision making.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder to everyone that as indicated earlier in the year, school will be closed for tuition on Friday 23 October (The Friday before Labour Weekend) so that teachers can participate in a professional development day that will include the new New Zealand Curriculum. The use of this day as a Teacher Only day is provided by the Minister of Education for this purpose.

Science Fair

Last week a number of our children took part in the Annual Wellington Science Fair competition. Included here is a link to the Science Fair website <http://www.sciencefair.org.nz/>. We had some great successes and I would like to congratulate all those children who took part and in particular those who won what are some significant prizes. The website also allows us to look back to previous years' successes.

Wheels licence

A reminder that those children at the Main School who like bringing their skateboard or scooter to school need to get a form from the office that allows them to have a Wheels Licence. This is a simple process to highlight the necessary safety practices on the way to and from school. We also try not to encourage scooters and skateboards at the Side School. Thanks for your cooperation here.

Sausage Sizzle

The sausage sizzle activity run last week by the Student Council, in conjunction with the Parents Association, was very successful and raised a total of \$244.66. These funds will be put to good use helping to purchase some lights that we can use for school productions rather than having to hire them.

Daffodil Day

Congratulations to the middle team who last Friday raised \$210.40 for the Cancer Society through their gold coin donations. Well done!

Certificates

The following children have received merit certificates for their efforts at school.

Congratulations to them all.

Room 1	William Chandler, Shreyas Turukapalli, Amelie Greenwood, Spencer Cameron, Lachlan Angus, Elspeth Glaister-Clarke
Room 2	Archie Chandler, Annabelle Sneddon, Caitlin Young, Tom Pottinger
Room 3	Joshua Edwards, Lucy Maurice, Bruno Smith, Lulu Shepherd
Room 4	Zachary Small, Hope Lynch-Gerrard
Room 5	Emma Campbell, Ryan Gall
Room 6	Madeline Wilson, Jake Kale
Room 7	Hannah Brandeis-McLellan, Arthur Coldstream
Room 8	Mia Pellanard, Emma Riseley, Frederick Small, Laurence Prins
Room 9	William Hastrop, Charlotte Symons
Room 10	William Laurenson, Olivia Brandeis-McLellan
Room 11	Jade Jones, Theo Gabites
Room 12	Callum Williams, Alex Heeney
Room 13	Josie Greenwood, Lachie Krebs
Room 14	Holly Kebbell, Adam Hill

Children's Work from Room 4

In the Bush Alone

I began to panic, running this way and that, losing my bearings, until I tripped on a root and fell with a thud on the moist forest floor. I shouted out but there was no reply.

I got up and looked around. Where was I? All that running around had not helped. It had made me more alone, more lost and more hungry. I had given my lunch pack to my mum before I had gone to look at the trees. I started to shiver, I was only wearing a blue and white t-shirt and black shorts.

All of a sudden there was a noise from over in the bushes. I spun around, trying to identify where the noise had come from. I was breathing fast, I was so scared. I started to slowly make my way over to where the noise came from. I saw some shafts of light shining through the leaves. I slowly stuck out my trembling arm and pulled the leaves apart. There was my family! They were running around and shouting for me.

I ran out, my mum flung her arms around me. I told her I was so sorry for running away but she was not listening. She was already rushing me towards the car. Wow, how good it felt to be with family again.

By Izzy Krebs

The Boy Who Lost His Face – Louis Sachar

The Boy Who Lost His Face is a children's novel by Louis Sachar. It is set in America in 1989. The main character David Ballinger helps three people steal a cane from an old lady who could apparently remove faces. She puts a curse on David and a lot of unexpected things happen to him.

Louis Sachar was born on March 20 1954. He was born in East Meadow, New York and when he was nine years old he moved to California. When he was in high school he was inspired by the authors J.D. Salinger and Kurt Vonnegut. After he graduated from high school he went to Antioch College. His father died in his first semester and he returned to California to comfort his mother. He went back to study but this time he went to University of California at Berkeley and majored in Economics.

Louis Sachar is also the author of the best-seller book *Holes* and the follow up book *Small Steps*. His other books *Dogs Don't Tell Jokes* and *There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom* are more similar to *The Boy Who Lost His Face* in plots and have similar characters.

David's little brother Ricky looks up to him in everything. David is called one of the three stooges along with his best friends Larry and Mo. Larry claims to have been all over the world and Mo is a tomboy whom everyone is afraid of. David starts to like a girl in his class. He wants to talk to her but he has a curse on him and whenever he tries to something bad happens.

The Boy Who Lost His Face is probably suitable for people 10 years and over as younger children may not understand some parts in the book. I think people 10 years and over will enjoy this book because the main characters are their age and they can relate to the things that happen in the book.

I think it is a good book and I would recommend it to any Louis Sachar fans and people who like similar authors.

By Jessica Smith

Events calendar

4 September	'Bring & Buy' toys and books fundraiser
10 September	Future Problem Solving Competition Final
15 September	Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm in the Staffroom
25 September	End of term one 3.00pm.
12 October	Beginning of term 4
23 October	Teacher Only Day
27 October	Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm in the Staffroom
8 December	Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm in the Staffroom
18 December	School finishes for the 2009 year

Steve Allen Principal

Community Notices

SKIDS Holiday Programme

Wadestown SKIDS are running a holiday programme in the next holiday break, 28 September – 9 October. The brochure about this can be downloaded from the school website www.wadestown.school.nz

Wadestown Community Crèche

Local, sessional early childhood education for children aged 15 months to 3 ½ years. The Wadestown Community Crèche offers a high quality educational experience in a stable and caring environment. The crèche operates five mornings from 8.20-12.30 each week during the school term. We also offer extended sessions to 2pm on Wednesdays and Fridays for children aged over 2 ½. We have some spaces available now. For enrolment enquiries please phone Caroline on 499 2364 or email carolinehastrop@hotmail.com

NWC Holiday Programme

Tuesday 29th September- Friday 2nd October
Yr 3 & 4 (10.00am – 12.00 noon)
Yr 5 & 6 Option 1 - (9.00am - 12.00 noon)
Yr 5 & 6 Option 2 - (1.00pm – 4.00pm)
Yr 7 & 8 (1.00pm – 4.00pm)
Day Four – All groups - 10.00am – 1.00pm
All Sessions held at Hataitai Netball Courts.
Registrations close Friday 25th September. More info at www.netballwellington.co.nz

Karori Junior Cricket Club

Enrolment Day for the Karori Junior Cricket Club is Saturday, 12 September 9.00am – 12.00pm at the Karori Park Clubrooms or you can register online at www.kjcc.org.nz.

Kids n' Art

Kids n' Art offers an educational and fun after school art class for children aged 5-11 years and is designed for children of all abilities. In the art class children draw, sculpt, design, imagine, sketch, observe and explore using a variety of artist materials and techniques and learn about different artists and their styles, all in an atmosphere of fun and success! Wadestown Community Centre, 46 Pitt Street. Term 4: 9-week course 20/10 – 15/12. Min. 6 max 12 students. Tuesdays 3.15-4.45pm for 5-8 year olds. If you have any questions or want to book please contact: Kids n' Art teacher Karen Carey on 021 215 3760 or 04 380 1929. Email: kidsnart@xtra.co.nz. Soon www.kidsnart.org will be up and running too.

Kelly Sports Summer Series

Kelly Sports Summer Series Football and Netball League Competitions are here - fun social games for ages 5-10 of any ability on Friday evenings (starting in October). Kelly Sports runs sports coaching for children aged 5 to 10 across

Wellington, holiday programmes, in school programmes, Summer Sports Leagues and birthday parties – check out our website for more details www.ksports.co.nz or call the office 04 972 7201.

Mountain Bike Riding at Mt. Victoria

Girls skills and trail ride - Saturday 3 October
Family skills and trail ride - Saturday 31 October
An opportunity for families to 'have a go' on some of the average / intermediate tracks around Mt Victoria, including learning some skills on the new Kids Skills area. Participants will be split into groups depending on age and ability. Participants need to have ridden off-road before and know how to use gears. Minimum age 10 years and children aged 10 – 12 need a parent / older sibling to accompany them. For more detail and to register for the rides <http://www.kidsbikejams.co.nz>