



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

A very sincere thank you from me for the warm welcome I have received from students, parents and staff. I am extremely pleased to be the new principal at Wadestown School and I am looking forward to working with the community to ensure that our children receive the best possible learning opportunities that meet their identified needs. Already I have observed the way this community can pull together in so many ways.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Last week we had very successful Parent-Teacher Conference sessions that many parents took advantage of. These opportunities are an important way for home and school to work together to support teaching and learning. A special thank you to the Parents Association for providing the wonderful afternoon teas for staff, in what was already a very busy time for them.

Working Bee Achievements

Following on from the successful working bee last term we now have a successfully running PE shed, the decks outside rooms 4 and 5 are nearing completion, the garden environment has had a huge clear-out, storage cupboards have been installed and our tennis court netting is looking a lot sturdier. The volunteer work provided by parents is much appreciated for these projects, as is the Parents Association funding that allows them to take place. Well done everyone.

New Students

A special welcome to the following students who have joined our school since the start of the term: Emma Riseley, Yulu Brown, Cian Meech, Rowan Hewitson, Paris Simpson, Sasha Kapica, Declan Magee, Thu Dinh and Lulu Shepherd.

Congratulations

The following children who received merit certificates at our first assembly for this term.

Room 1	Taj Cook, Rosa Chamberlain
Room 2	Maxwell Wallace, Mia Williams
Room 3	Josh Young, Ella Dowsett-Farmer
Room 4	Adelie Filippi, Caitlin Ferner
Room 5	Annabel Higgle, Anthony Sirvid
Room 6	Rachel Pattison, Tobias Heitland

Room 7	Dylan Pugsley-Hannigan, Maddie Ferrier
Room 8	Ella Strachan, Sophie Heitland
Room 9	Annabel Peacock, James Johnston
Room 10	Harriet Smith, Joshua Madams
Room 11	Yulu Brown, Lucy Hibbert
Room 12	Jakob Vandenberg, Sarah Kebbell
Room 13	Grace Abbott, Harry Williams
Room 14	Gabby Wu, Edwin Laurenson

Sports News

To correct some information in our sports newsletter at the end of last term, Maxwell Wickens placed 1st in the 25m freestyle at the Western Zone Swimming and 3rd in the same event at the Inter Zones. Also, in the Regional Cross Country Maxwell came 32nd.

Congratulations to Tara Magee who competed in the Wellington Junior Gymnastics championships at the end of June and came 1st on vault.

In the first week of the holidays the Year 8 netball team beat the top Marsden team. At the Primary Schools Wellington Netball Tournament the Year 6 team finished first in their group and lost in the semi-final. The Year 8 team finished second in their group and lost in the plate final. Well done to both teams.

The Western Zone Netball was held on Tuesday 4th August. The games were played at Haitatai. The weather was not the best, but the teams played really well. The two Year 6 teams won all their 6 games in both the competitive and participation grade. The competitive year 8 team won 5 games only losing to the top Northland team. The team in the participation grade won 5 games out of 6. Well done to all of the teams for playing so well. Thanks to the parents for helping out on the day and the fantastic job they are doing coaching the teams.

Science Fair

The Year 6-8 Science Fair Competition was held in week one. It was great to see the fantastic work being produced by our students.

- Year 6: 1st - Jamie Probert, 2nd - Sophie Gutsell-Bright, 3rd - Ellie Sinclair

- Year 7: 1st - Tim Crampton, 2nd - Thomas Read, 3rd - Toby Heitland
 - Year 8: 1st - Jessica Robertson, 2nd - Daisy Lutyens, 3rd - David Emanuel
- Good luck to the 19 Year 7 and 8 students going through to the Regional Competition at Victoria University on the 27 August.

Chess Club

The school is starting up a lunch time chess club and we are looking for any unwanted chess sets that might be lurking in a top cupboard somewhere. If you have any available please contact Lynne Dunn here at school.

Examples of student work

Room 1 has been learning to write descriptions.

My Lunchbox

My lunchbox is made out of red plastic and has blue clips to open and close. It is red inside as well. The food inside it is a sandwich and a weetbix bar and a fruit bar and some grapes as well. Nobody in my class has a lunchbox like me.

By William Chandler

My Lunchbox

My lunchbox is pink. It has a puppy on the lid. It has blue handles on the side. The sides of my lunchbox are pink. The puppy on the lid has a blue hat on it. Inside my lunchbox there is an orange and a sandwich. The sandwich is in a plastic bag and the orange is unwrapped. Nobody in Room 1 had a lunchbox like mine.

By Juliet Leslie

Events calendar

11 August	Year 8 girls immunisations
13 August	Room 5 and 6 sporting fixture with St Mark's
18 August	Vision/Hearing testing for Year 7 and New Entrants
28 August	Rooms 11, 13, 14 and 8 Daffodil Day (Cancer Society) Coin Trail
2 September	Year 8 Mathswell competition
10 September	Future Problem Solving Competition Final
15 September	Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm in the Staffroom
25 September	End of term 3 3.00 pm.
12 October	Beginning of term 4
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

Parents Association Thank You

On behalf of the Parents Association we would like to thank parents of the school and the wider Wadestown community for the outstanding response to our request for catering for Tracey's afternoon tea.

The food contribution was exceptional. The presentation and quality was fabulous. Thank you also to everyone who was involved in the set-up, making tea and coffee, helping at the function, tidying up, donations, looking after children, picking up & dropping to after school activities etc. Without the wider parents and community support this event would not have run so smoothly.

Tracey would have been very proud of our efforts to make it special for her.

We are aware that not everyone knew Tracey personally and yet this didn't prevent anybody being willing to help in any way that they could. This is testament to the wonderful and supportive community that we can be very proud to belong to.

Carolyn Coldstream

Community Notices

Does your child want to learn a new language?

Fun Languages offers children from 3 - 12 years old the opportunity to learn: French, German, Spanish

- Experience a new language the FUN way!
- Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
- Convenient locations – Check out the timetable on www.lcfclubs.co.nz for class times.

For more information please contact: Annick Withinshaw, Fun Languages LCF Clubs, ph:476 3098 or email: annick@lcfclubs.co.nz

'Having Fun With Drawing'

A drawing workshop with pencil, charcoal and pastel for children 5-11 years taken by Rosemary Stokell. 4 x 1 hour sessions Sundays 16 August – 6 September, 12-1pm in the Wadestown Presbyterian Church Hall. Cost: \$35

Kids in Art Classes

When: Tuesdays 3.15 - 4.45pm

Where: Wadestown Community Centre

Age: 5-8 years. Min. 6, max. 12 children per class

Price: 9-week (one term) course \$169 dollars incl. materials. For new students \$149 incl. materials and FREE introductory class.

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