



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

With the end of the third term next week I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who have "touched base" with me either in person, via email or by phone. I have really enjoyed sharing conversations with you and the very welcoming nature of these discussions. Our school is in very good heart and I can assure the community that I have had a most enjoyable and productive first term at Wadestown School. I look forward to continuing these positive interactions so that between school and home we provide your children with the very best possible education available.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge the hard work that has been put in by all staff here at school. It is not always easy to manage change in senior personnel at a school and continue to provide very effective and targeted classroom programmes. Teachers at Wadestown School have done this admirably.

As we approach the end of the term our roll is continuing to grow. We presently have 333 children attending Wadestown School, with a healthy number of new entrants still to enrol before the end of the year. Our anticipated end of year roll is approximately 355-360. To help with the ongoing planning and organisation into next year we would really appreciate families letting the Deputy Principal at the Side School know of any 5 year olds who will be starting during 2010, if you have not already done so.

The Parents Association have been working very hard in recent times to provide the school with a range of new resources and facilities. This has been possible due to the generosity of the community through fund raising ventures and it is now time to celebrate and view these new facilities. Accordingly the Parents Association invite everyone along to an Open Afternoon on Friday 16th October from 4.30 – 6.30 pm. During this time classrooms will be open for parents to view. There will also be food available and a time to meet the Principal. Watch out for a flyer that will be distributed via class coordinators.

Tournament of Minds

On Saturday 12 September, 21 students from Years 5-8 attended a 'Tournament of Minds' held in Lower Hutt. The students faced 2 challenges: a spontaneous challenge using thinking skills, and a Drama/English challenge which they could prepare for. Only 6 weeks was allowed for preparation, and no adults were allowed to be involved! Congratulations to all the students involved, especially to the Wadestown A team who were placed first in the Year 5/6 Spontaneous Challenge.

Mathswell

The team finished 6th equal out of 33 in this Wellington region mathematics competition. This is an excellent achievement as we battled well above our weight, beating schools with a lot more Year 7 and 8's to pick from. The team worked exceptionally hard over a 5 week period and should feel very proud. Multi-choice Team: Thu Dinh, Julian Bowey, Emma Campbell. Problem Solving Team: Sam Dick, Logan Wu, Hamish Moffatt. Reserve: Braydon Mahoney.

New Pupils since last newsletter

Welcome to the following new students to our Wadestown School learning community: Jack Bromwich, Elspeth Glaister-Clarke, Ariella Angus, Isabel Riseley and Joshua Bennett.

Individual Success

Lucian Lau Young played in the Wellington Zone rugby tournament. Wellington came second in the tournament beating Hutt Valley (first time in 20 years) and Wairarapa. Wanganui secured 1st place.

Noah Lau Young came second overall in the Wellington gymnastics level 2 MAGs open. His team of three boys took the gold medal for highest scoring team.

Zachary Small won three top prizes for his immaculately prepared models at the National Scale Models Expo, which included a German Heinkel World War II float plane and some British Commonwealth World War II figures.

Events calendar

22-23 Sept	Year 7-8 production 6.30-7.30pm
25 September	End of term one 3.00pm.
12 October	Beginning of term 4
16 October	Open Afternoon
23 October	Teacher Only Day
27 October	Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm in the Staffroom
30 October	Year 4-8 Athletics, Nairnville Park
10 November	Western Zone Athletics, Newtown Park
8 December	Board of Trustees meeting 7.00pm in the Staffroom
11 December	Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
18 December	School finishes for the 2009 year

I trust that everybody has an enjoyable and relaxing break and we look forward to all the lovely smiling faces returning on Monday 12th October for another successful term.

Regards,

Steve Allen
Principal.

Poetry from Room 5

Summer

The sun smiled down at me.
Perspiration skydived off my ears and I was
astonished to see the
coins in my hand jump into the ice-cream shop
owner's hand.
The ice-cream in my hand screamed as I licked his
face, although
his death was for a good cause.

Matthew Clay

Nighttime

The glittering stars winked at me
From underneath their black velvet blanket.
The moonlight danced around me,
In an intricate complicated dance.
The long shadows of the swaying trees
Laughed at my fear.
For I was alone, trapped in my own world
where everything was alive.

Daisy Lutyens

Limerick

'What is a limerick?' said brother
'It's a form of poem' said mother.
'Lines one and two,
Rhyme with five when it's through,
And lines three and four rhyme with each other.'

Morgan Probert

Cell Phones

They talk in different tones, voices and accents
Some do as their told but others argue and go to
sleep
Sometimes they have fits and vibrate off the table
You can look through their eyes and capture
images.

Annabel Higgin

Water

A drop dives from its cloud
Plunging through the frosty air,
To land in a gentle stream
Under tall, proud trees and dancing shadows
Runs down the hill through twists and bends
Until at home at last the sea.

Jessica Robertson

Space

Starts digesting gas.
New planets growing.
Life moving.
Galaxies catching stars.
Black holes eating.
All the time we don't know.

Rupert Steele

Dying Glaciers

The glass clear blue stretches for an
eternity,
The waves have a race to the finish line,
They crash into the feet of the shrinking
beauty,
Ripping chunks away.
Eager to climb the towering wall,
They then slink away to join their family,
Guilty for their feast.
The ice puts up a fight...
But it's a losing battle.
It stands no chance,
As time is running away,
To join the waters fight.
The water will soon have won,
As the glacier is very tired,
As fighting forever,
Without an ally,
Is hard work.
The glacier is growing smaller,
As the water tears it to shreds.
Pieces are falling,
Turning traitor.
The ice is groaning and moaning,
With effort and exhaustion.
All of its energy's gone...
The glacier gives up,
And lets the water tear it to shreds,
As the water shouts in triumph.

Julia Montague-Cripps

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

St Teresa's School Fair

Saturday the 19th September from 10.30am-2.30pm. A great day out for the family with a Wellington District Police Dog Display, Zappo, Bouncy Castle, Books, Crafts, Spinning Wheel, White Elephant, Pre-loved Clothing, Ethnic Food, BBQ, Raffles, Plants, Cakes, Sweets, Candy Floss, Live Music and much more!

Artsight Art Classes

Artsight offers after school and weekend art classes for kids and teens taught by a registered, specialist, Visual Arts teacher. Bookings are open for Term 4 classes beginning the week of the 12th of October. All classes are held in a purpose set-up studio at Toi Poneke, Ground Floor, 65 Abel Smith St. For more information and to book go to www.artsight.co.nz/ or call Fiona on 386 2908 or 021 786629 or email fiona@artsight.co.nz

Wellington Collegians Junior Cricket Club

Wellington Collegians Junior Cricket Club is holding two Enrolment Days: Saturday 12th & 19th September, 9.30am to 12.00pm, Wellington Collegians Clubrooms, Anderson Park (next to the Rose Garden, Botanical Gardens). Come along to join in the fun and/or sign up on line! For all enquiries please visit our www.collegians.org send an email to Emma at admin@collegians.org or telephone 472-2410.

Karori Athletics

The Karori Athletics Club provides a fun environment for children from 5-15 years old. The Club meets weekly at Ben Burn Park in Karori on Wednesday nights over the summer from October to March. Enrolment for the new season will be held on Wednesday 14th October, 6-7pm at Ben Burn Park. Come along and see what it's all about. For more information visit www.kaac.wellington.net.nz

Bright Preschooler?

Small Poppies is NZ's longest running extension and enrichment programme for bright and gifted preschoolers aged 3 – 6 years. Sue Breen, the Lead teacher and founder, will be in Wellington to facilitate the following:

**Parent Workshop: "Tips for growing Small Poppies: how to best support your bright preschooler".* Monday 28 September 6.00 – 9.00pm Johnsonville Community Centre, 3 Frankmoore Ave, Johnsonville. No charge but please book.

**"Poppy Peek" sessions for parents and children.* Your chance to have a hands-on "peek" at the Small Poppies programme. Monday 28 September 1.30 – 3.30pm, Johnsonville Community Centre for 3 and 4 year olds; Wednesday 30 Sept 11.30am to 1.30pm at the Huntleigh Guide Centre, 48 Silverstream Rd, Crofton Downs, for 4 and 5 yr olds. Bookings essential.

For bookings or more information call Shirley on 232 3523 or shirley.lawn@giftededucation.org.nz

Does your child want to learn a new language?

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

St Luke's Wadestown Centenary Fundraiser

8pm Saturday 10 October St Luke's Church Atrium Wine & Food Tasting, Auction, Live Music & Door Prizes. Come for a tour around the world of wines. Glengarry has put together a wonderful selection of old world and new world wines for us to enjoy ranging from \$12—\$25 plus the release of a 'Centenary Dozen'. Tickets \$25. Contact the Parish Office 473 6472 or office@slw.org.nz

Wellington City Libraries Holiday Activities

Wellington City Libraries are running free school holiday activities at libraries around town to celebrate New Zealand Book Month. Design a book cover, learn how to illustrate like a pro, make dog collars for Hairy Maclary, have fun with food and more! No bookings required at these fun family events. Visit www.wcl.govt.nz/kids/whatson.html for session times and locations or call 499 4444.

Chess Classes

Chess classes are held at the Wadestown Community Centre on Mondays 5-6pm. Term 4 from 12th October to 14th December (10 weeks). Cost is \$70 per term. Contact Scott Wastney on 461 7079 or kiwichess@clear.net.nz