



Community Newsletter

"Learning to Live and Living to Learn"

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers

Writing Prizewinner

Congratulations to Daisy Luytens in Year 8 who won second prize in a NZ Book Council writing competition. Before the competition, Daisy was one of 5 students who spent a morning 'speed-dating' New Zealand authors. Daisy's fantasy story can be read online at:

http://www.bookcouncil.org.nz/Education/Writers_Gallery/Creative_Writers_Gallery.htm

BP Technology Challenge

The school was well-presented at the Wellington BP Challenge last week. Three teams attended and faced 2 technological challenges: a mystery challenge and a challenge the students had prepared for. Results:

Year 7/8 team: Second for the mystery challenge
Second Overall

Year 5/6 team: Second for the prepared challenge
Third Overall

Year 3/4 team: Built an awesome 1 metre Xmas tree out of paper/card



Year 7/8 Team: Emma Campbell, Annabel Higgle, Braydon Mahoney, and Toby Heitland at the BP Technology Challenge.

WASSUP@Wadestown: Issue 3

The latest issue of the school newspaper will shortly be delivered to each family. The newspaper is written by a group of Year 6 students for the other students of the school to enjoy. Make sure your children check out the competition on Page 4!

Wellington Interzone Athletics

A large team of 23 children competed in the Wellington Interzone Athletics at Newtown Park yesterday in fantastic conditions. The children displayed both great competitive spirit and sportsmanship and, besides the place-getters listed below, many others got close coming fourth or fifth. Robbie Tait and Morgan Klitscher also competed well in their section.

James Knott (Year 4) – 1st short sprints, 2nd long sprints

Maxwell Wickens (Year 4) – 2nd short sprints

Charlotte Leslie (Year 4) – 2nd short sprints, 2nd long sprints, 3rd long jump

Elizabeth Crowe (Year 4) – 3rd long sprints

Maddie Ferrier (Year 5) – 3rd 1000m

Harry Seyton-Walker (Year 6) – 1st quoit throw

Madeline Wilson (Year 6) – 1st 1000m

Emma Campbell (Year 8) – 1st high jump

Isabella Castle (Year 8) – 2nd quoit throw

Julia Montague-Cripps (Year 8) – 2nd vortex



Emma Campbell, Julia Montague-Cripps, Annabel Higgle, Isabella Castle and Nick Julian at the Wellington Interzone Athletics.

Battle of the Bands

On 29 October, the Wadestown School Band, 'High Definition', competed at the Battle of the Bands competition at Maidstone Intermediate. Schools from all over Wellington competed against each other and our band played 'What I've Done' by Lincoln Park. The band members were: Gemma, Izzy, Matt C and Daisy (vocals); Hamish (drums); David (lead guitar); Elliot (bass); Eddy (rhythmic guitar); Matt N (percussion); Julian (keyboard); Braydon and Nicole (glockenspiel). Since Term 2, the band has been practicing with Les Meadows. All in all, it was a brilliant experience.

By David Emanuel (Year 8)

Wellington City Mission's 'Pack the Bus' with The Breeze

The bus will be at Wadestown School at 12:45pm Thursday 3rd December to collect the non-perishable food items, new toys, etc., that the children will have collected for the Wellington City Mission. These can be brought to Room 11 or the school office at any time before this date.

Christmas Goodies:

Christmas cakes (small), Christmas mince pies (6 packs), Christmas puddings (small), fancy biscuits (Toffee Pops, Tim Tams, etc), tinned fruit, jellies, confectionery (lollies, candy canes, chocolates), tinned meat (eg, ham or turkey), Christmas crackers

Toys: (New Toys Only Please)

Lego, fiction books, educational books, puzzles, art supplies, board games, beach/picnic/water toys, balls, cricket sets, tennis gear, kites (anything to do with outdoor sports!), family / individual passes to pools, movies, the zoo, Staglands, Karori Sanctuary, etc.

Please remember the Mums and Dads.

We have many single parent families who struggle to provide Christmas for their children and very often miss out themselves. So things like the following are great: toiletries for men and women, hair products, general grooming products, calendars/diaries/address books.

Market Day – Tuesday 1st December School Hall

During this term Years 7 and 8 have been studying World Development as part of our Social Studies unit. We have decided to raise money for charity by having a market day.

We have been split up into groups and have all chosen a developing country. The idea is to try and base products on the type of commodities present in that country.

This will be held on Tuesday 1st December in the School Hall from 1.30 to 3.00 and prices will be from 50c to \$2.

The whole school will be coming around and parents are most welcome as well.

All proceeds will be donated to Trade Aid.

Coming Events

11 December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
15 December	Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm staffroom
16 December	Student Reports go home
18 December	School closes for 2009 at 12.30 pm.

Steve Allen Principal

Room 11 Writing

Stuck in the Mud

Equipment: None

Area: Hall, grass or hard surface

Formation: People wearing the red bands are taggers

Instructions: The people run away from two taggers. If you get tagged, stand with your arms and legs out. If another player crawls under your legs, you can run around again.

Now you have a fun game to play.

By Lily Sneddon

Line Tag

Equipment: None

Area: The size of a soccer pitch

Formation: You will start by spreading out.

Instructions: You spread out. You are only allowed on the lines. When you're tagged you stand still and someone goes around you 3 times. Then you are free to run around again.

By Adrian Crampton

How to Get Ready in Room 11

You will need: drink bottle, reading folder, bag, and poetry book

1. Go inside and say good morning to the teacher.
2. Put your drink bottle on the water table.
3. Put your reading folder on the reading folder pile by the books.
4. Put your poetry book on the poetry pile.
5. Put your bag on your hook in the corridor.
6. When you are early put the chairs down.

By Jenna Eagleson

Room 12 Writing

Room 12 has been learning to use similes in their poems. We based our poems on the B.F.G by Roald Dahl.

B.F.G

His nose is as sharp as a really, really sharp needle.

His face is as wrinkled as a dried up raisin.
His eyes are as bright as 7 million lights put together.

His ears are as wide as 4 really tall men lying down together foot to foot.

His legs are as long as a python stuck on a bus.

B.F.G

By Kate Nicholls

B.F.G

His nose is as sharp as a rose thorn.

His eyes are as tiny as a big pea.

His legs are as long as a school.

His face is as big as an adult giraffe.

His ears are as big as a lion.

B.F.G

By Noah Sanson

B.F.G

His legs are as tall as two Sky Towers.

His eyes are as small as a full stop.

His face is as wrinkled as a mushy apple.

His nose is as sharp as a swordfish's sword.

B.F.G

By Magnus Pechan

Community Notices

Wadestown Community Carols in the Park

Tuesday 8th December 6pm. Meet at the Plunket Park from 5.30pm for a picnic tea (bring your own, or sausage sizzle provided with proceeds to the King's Table Foodbank). Guest performance from Wadestown School choir. Wet/windy weather venue Wadestown Presbyterian Church.

A collection point will be available for tinned food or other non-perishables for the Kings Table Foodbank (operated by the Wadestown Churches)

Bike the Bays – Sunday 13 December

This annual FREE event is a great way to explore Wellington's beautiful coastline with your family. Have fun. Dress up. All bikes welcome! The 26km Scorching Bay ride leaves at 9am, followed by the 10km Evans Bay Marina ride at 9.30am and the 3km waterfront ride at 10am - all from Waitangi Park. The 3km ride is fully secure with marshals to keep riders on the waterfront shared path. There will be no road closures and riders need to obey the road rules at all times. The ride will be followed by a picnic in Waitangi Park with live bands, giveaways, food stalls and more. Spot prizes for the best-dressed riders. Bring lunch for the picnic afterwards in Frank Kitts Park from 10am-12 noon. Register online at www.feelinggreat.co.nz to be in the draw or just turn up with your bike around 9am. Remember to bring your drink bottle and helmet - you must have a helmet to participate.

Kristmas Knack Craft Market

Saturday 5th December, 9.30am-2.30pm
Berhampore School Hall, 105 Britomart St.,
(off Adelaide Road), Berhampore. A fantastic range of beautiful, original, NZ made craft, also using recycled, eco-friendly materials. Delicious food, fresh coffee, live music, plenty of parking, a swimming pool, and we have eftpos! For information contact knack.market@gmail.com or call Justine on (04) 972 4099 or 027 381 3409.