WADESTOWN SCHOOL
Community Newsletter

Principal: Sally Barrett **Website: www.wadestown.school.nz** **Thursday 17 August, 2017**

Dear Parents

News from the Rata Team (Years 3-4: Room 10, 11, 12 and 15)

As part of our Te Reo programme, Year 4 (Rooms 12 and 15) have Kapa Haka every Tuesday from 11:00-11:40am. Over the last two terms our fantastic teacher, Hemi Prime, has taught us waiata, poi, rakau, Maori language and customs. Everyone is involved and thoroughly enjoys participating in these wonderful sessions. We can't wait to share this with our Rata Team parents on our 'Celebration of Learning' morning on Tuesday 5th September from 11:00-11:45am. We look forward to seeing you and sharing some of the learning experiences we love to take part in at school.

On Monday 14 August we hosted UK based Wellington author Avril McDonald who has written the 'Feel Brave' series of stories. The 'Feel Brave' stories help children explore emotional intelligence, positive psychology and cope with real-life issues they might face such as anxiety, confidence issues, bullying, fears and change, loss and grief. For those families that are interested, Avril will also be at the Wellington Central Library on Saturday 26th August from 10.30-11.30am.

News from the Library

Wadestown School's Book Bingo reading challenge continues to inspire our students to read prolifically. Already this year 140 students have completed Bronze level, 66 students Silver level, 21 students Gold level and 4 students Platinum level. This is equivalent to 2,985 books or 450,000 pages!

Scarlett, Isabella, Max and James have all completed the Platinum level Book Bingo challenge

News from the Student Council

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you may already know, we will be having two discos on Friday 1 September. The Year 5-6 disco will be held in the Rose St Hall from 5.30-7.00pm and the Year 7-8 disco will follow from 7.30pm-9.00pm. We need several parents to assist us on the night so if any parents could help with either disco we would appreciate hearing from you. If you are able to assist us on the night, please email me at the following email address no later than 25 August cian.meech2@wadestown.school.nz

Entry to the disco will require a ticket and these are available for $5 each. There are two types of ticket. Green tickets require students to be collected from the hall. White tickets give permission for students to leave the hall and be collected from the Rose St entrance. The cost of the tickets will pay for the DJ on the night and any surplus funds will go towards our playground redevelopment. Please don't forget that Kereru and Kotare students are asked to bring a plate of food or packet of chips and Tui and Ruru students are asked to bring a container of drink. We are looking forward to a great evening on Friday 1 September.

Josh Bennett, Cara Homewood, Cian Meech and Jessica Pearce

Sports Festival Report by Charlotte Talbot and Ollie Severinsen (Head Sport Captains)

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, the Year 5-8 students participated in two sports festivals. There were a variety of sports to choose from: hockey, table tennis, football, netball, volleyball and badminton. Each event was held at different locations all over Wellington. Everyone had heaps of fun competing in their chosen sport and we ended up with some really good results including winning 8 trophies for Wadestown School! This tournament wouldn't have been possible without the help of our parents and teachers. On behalf of the students who competed in the sports festivals, we would all like to say thank you for helping coach and look after each team on the day. There is no way we would have done as well as we did without all your advice and support!

<u>Year 5 and 6 results:</u>

Year 5-6 boys futsal – 1st
Year 5-6 mixed badminton – 1st
Year 5-6 girls table tennis – 1st
Year 5-6 boys table tennis – 2nd
Year 5-6 hockey mixed team 1 – 10th
Year 5-6 hockey mixed team 2 – 2nd
Year 5-6 football mixed team – 8th

<u>Year 7 and 8 results:</u>

Year 7-8 girls hockey girls – 2nd
Year 8 girls netball – 8th
Year 7 girls netball – 4th
Year 7 girls volleyball – 12th
Year 7-8 girls table tennis – 3rd
Year 7-8 boys table tennis – 4th
Year 7-8 boys volleyball – 9th
Year 7-8 boys football – 3rd

Year 5-6 Boys Futsal team

Year 5-6 Football team

Year 7-8 table tennis teams

School Office Update

We are finding some family email addresses are not current and therefore important information from the school is not being received. We would appreciate families notifying us of email address changes as soon as they occur so that we can update our student records. Your email address and other contact details can be viewed and checked on the Parent Portal.

We wish to remind families who have not yet paid their child's Student Statement that we are now past the halfway point of the year. Payments due in Terms 1 and 2 are now past due so please make your payments as soon as possible. Student Statements can be viewed on the Parent Portal.

If you are having difficulty logging on to the Parent Portal webpage www.atschool.co.nz or @school mobile app, please phone the office staff who will talk you through the process.

2018 Term Dates

Teacher Only Days – Tuesday 30 January and Wednesday 31 January.

Term 1	Thursday 1 February – Friday 13 April (Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 February, Good Friday 30 March, Easter Monday 2 April, Easter Tuesday 3 April)
Term 2	Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July (Teacher Only Day Friday 1 June, Queen's Birthday Monday 4 June)
Term 3	Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September
Term 4	Monday 15 October – Tuesday 18 December (Labour Day Monday 22 October)

PTA Update

Working Bee

A reminder that the Wadestown School Working Bee is on Saturday, 9 September. Please mark this day in your calendar. We have lots of projects to complete and even a couple of hours of your time is a huge help. The working bee contributes to the school's maintenance programme, maintaining the gardens, grounds, fencing and general maintenance items. Parents provide the labour and it's a great way to catch up with families that make up our school community and to give the school its yearly spring-clean. If you're a willing volunteer, please email Michael Calvert with your details: mcjcalvert@xtra.co.nz

We also need food for the volunteers on the day, and helpers to serve it and clean up afterwards. If you would like to help with this, please email Katy Pearce at strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz

If you can't make it, please consider a small donation to this worthwhile project. You can make an online deposit to the Wadestown School PTA account: 12-3140-0348889-00 with WkgBee as the reference.

Coming up...

Emergency water tanks

The PTA is organising the sale of 200 litre water tanks, which are being promoted by the Wellington Regional Council so households are better prepared for the aftermath of an earthquake. The tanks will be offered for sale for $110 pickup from the Weld St site of Wadestown School on Saturday 14 October. Alternatively, they can be delivered to Wadestown addresses that day for an all up cost of $130. Details for orders will be sent out shortly.

Children's Art Work Calendars, Cards and Diaries

These popular items will be available again soon; details are being worked on and we will have more information shortly.

Dates for Term 3 2017

Week	Date	Event
5	Tuesday 22 August	Western Zone Swimming Sports
6	Friday 1 September	Orange Day Parade for Year 6 Road Patrollers
		Student Council Disco, Year 5-6 5.30-7.00pm, Year 7-8 7.30-9.00pm
	Saturday 2 September	Inspire Photography PTA Fundraiser, Rose St venue
7	Saturday 9 September	PTA School Working Bee
8	13 - 29 September	Life Education Programme throughout the school
	Wednesday 13 September	Preschool Information Morning, Weld St, 9.30am-12.30pm
	Thursday 14 September	NIWA Regional Science Fair, Victoria University
9	Monday 18 September	Board of Trustees meeting, Rose St staffroom, 7.00pm
	Tuesday 19 September	Artsplash rehearsal, Michael Fowler Centre, 9.30-11.30am
		Artsplash concert, Michael Fowler Centre, 5.15pm
	Thursday 21 September	Dancesplash rehearsal, Michael Fowler Centre, 1.40pm
		Dancesplash performance, Michael Fowler Centre, 7.45pm
10	25 - 26 September	Year 5 - 6 to Science Roadshow
	Tuesday 26 September	Western Zone Netball Tournament
	Friday 29 September	Final day of Term 3 – school closes at 3.00pm and re-opens at 8.55am on Monday 16 October

Kind regards,

Sally Barrett

Principal

At the end of Term 2 we were treated to a visit from the New Zealand Youth Pipe Band. What a fantastic performance they gave our staff and students. Thank you so much for entertaining us!

Community Notices

Disclaimer: Please note that the inclusion of these notices does not necessarily imply endorsement by Wadestown School.

Coffee, Cakes and AGM – Sunday 20 August 2.30pm, Wadestown Community Centre, Pitt Street
Are you interested in what happens in Wadestown? Do you have things you love about how our community works? Maybe there are things that would make it even better for you and your family. Join the Wadestown Residents Association for our 2017 Annual General Meeting. At our 2017 AGM we'd like to hear your ideas on what might make Wadestown an even better place to live and work. We're keen to hear a range of views and to tap into the skills and experience of the people of Wadestown. Ultimately we'd like to build a group of locals who can meet occasionally and turn some ideas into reality for our community. All this with a cup of tea in hand and a bit of cake to nibble on. RSVP wra@wadestown.info so we know how many cakes to bake. If you want to be involved but can't make the date then please call Brendan Tracey 027 4503313.

Violin and Viola Lessons with Alex Vaatstra (MusB, GradDipTCHG, LMus)
Alex Vaatstra is an experienced violin and viola teacher with a passion for making music fun! Alex teaches beginner students through to advanced and many of his students have had excellent results with practical exams from grade 1 up to diploma level. Contact him on 0276579646 or email vaatstrastrings@gmail.com

Do you want to play junior softball?
Johnsonville Junior Softball is looking for players for T-Ball, Mini-Pitch and Softball, ages 5 – 16. Come and play a family friendly sport. Softball has a strong history in NZ with the Black Sox having won their 7th World Championships this July. Come along to our registration events: Sunday 27th August: Noon – 1.30pm, Thursday 31st August: 6pm – 7.30pm at the Phillip Street Clubrooms (corner of Phillip Street and Broderick Road, Johnsonville). Registration Fee – includes uniform and team photo: $70 for 1 child, $130 for 2 children, $160 for 3 children, $180 for 4 children. Interested in learning more? Go to www.jvillesc.org.nz

Aro Valley Meet the Candidates, Aro Valley Community Centre - 48 Aro Street, Monday 28 August 7-9pm
Don't miss out on the Aro Valley Meet the Candidates evening. The event is a great chance to meet the Wellington Central candidates. Each candidate will be given some time to speak and then it's from the floor question time. In true Aro Valley style water pistols are part of the action for those candidates who can't stick to their time limit. Let's hope the candidates remember their waterproofs! Doors open at 6.30pm. Arrive early to get a seat.

Bellevue School (Newlands) Golden Jubilee
Please join us on Saturday 16th September, 11am to 3pm, Bancroft Terrace, Newlands for our celebration event!
It kicks off with an opening ceremony (blessing, speech from the Mayor, Powhiri and placement of a time capsule). There will be performances by the school, decade photos, entertainment, fun activities and games. For more information, follow us on Facebook or email us at: bellevuejubilee@bellevue-newlands.school.nz Gold coin entry.