



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Living to Learn - Learning to Live

October 2018

Pohutukawa Team Newsletter

Dear Parents

Welcome to Pohutukawa Team parents of children in Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 0 at Weld Street and children at Rose Street in Room 9. A special welcome to the parents of the new 5 year olds who are starting school at the beginning of this term: Izzy and Will Coull in Room 1 and William Sutton and Arthur Stoddard-Howell in Room 2.

Term 4 Curriculum Theme and Activity Fees

Our theme for 2018 is "The Power of Water" and our whatauki is *Water is the life giver of all things*
Ko te wai te ora nga mea katoa

Term 4 **activity fees** cover concert-related costs, a visit to the **Hannah Playhouse** performance of Red Riding Robin Hood (at Rose Street) and the return bus fare from our Otari **Christmas Family Picnic** in the last week of term.

Literacy

Hannah Playhouse Red Riding Robin Hood.

King George has lost the plot! In his never-ending quest to build bigger palaces, giant walls and enormous statues of himself he has raised the Land Far Far Away tax rate to 101%! Jack and Jill can't afford a pail of water, Little Bo-Peep has to sell her sheep, and even the Princess is so hungry she ate the pea. The show will provide plenty of opportunity for class discussions and analysis of character strengths and weaknesses. We will have fun writing character descriptions for each of the main characters followed by our own character descriptions!

Numeracy

This term we will revise basic facts to 10 then 20 and learn/revise doubles and halves to 10 then 20. Place value knowledge of 10s and 1's will be developed for 2-digit numbers and knowledge of tens and hundreds for 3-digit numbers to 1,000. Children will learn & revise working knowledge of fractions (halves, quarters and then thirds, fifths and tenths) and how to equal-share. Measurement: capacity and Geometry transformations will also be covered this term.

NZ Maths website www.nzmaths.co.nz has an excellent families section which gives ideas as to how you can help at home. Please make the time to look at this.

Discovery Time

Discovery Time activities are designed to help develop the key competencies of *Thinking, Managing Self, Relating to Others, Using Language, Symbols and Texts and Participating and Contributing.*

Rooms 1, 2 and 0

On Friday mornings we have a Discovery Time session and this provides the opportunity for Rooms 1, 2 and 3 to work together.

Rooms 3 and 9

The dates for these combined sessions are:

In Room 9 Wednesday 24th October
 Wednesday 28th November
 Wednesday 5th December

Room 3 children will be dropped off at Rose Street from 8:30 am on these dates. If you can help walk them back to Weld Street after morning tea, then please email Leslie Mahoney.

Science

Students will investigate water as ice and water as liquid, discovering changes that occur with melting and freezing.

Te Reo Māori

The language focus is on building vocabulary related to the weather.

P.E.

Teachers will teach ball and batting skills within a game setting. The emphasis will be on participating and developing a positive attitude.

Sun hats

In Term 4, regardless of the weather, children must wear the school uniform brimmed sunhat (not a cap), to protect them while they are outside. Please name your child's sunhat.

Sunscreen

The children should come to school with sunscreen applied from home.

Parking/drop off at Weld Street

With the summer season approaching we hope there will be more opportunities for children to **walk to school**. Parents please consider using our "**Kiss and Drop**" facility. *Please note that teachers have been authorised and trained to cross children at the Cecil Road crossing from 3 pm.*

Upcoming events

Nb. Three events are marked *Rose St.* this means all Weld St. children need to be dropped off at Rose St. Library from 8:30 onwards, their teacher will be waiting for them there.

- Monday 22 October Labour Day public holiday
- Wednesday 24 October & Thursday 25 October School Photos at Rose Street (details to follow)
- Friday 2 November concert rehearsal
- Thursday 8 November dress rehearsal
- Thursday 8 November Concert evening
- Friday 9 November Concert evening
- Wednesday 28 November "Red Riding Robin Hood" Hannah Playhouse **Rose St.**
- Wednesday 5 December Orchestra visit **Rose St.**
- Monday 10 December "Big Buddy" visit **Rose St.**
- Thursday 13 December school reports go home
- Friday 14 December Xmas Picnic at Otari Wilton

Term 4 Activity Fees

Concert: bus trips for rehearsals	\$ 9.00
costume	\$10.00
28 Nov Hannah Playhouse	\$ 4.50
14 Dec Christmas Picnic Return bus trip from Otari Wilton Park	\$ 3.00
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Pohutukawa Team teachers look forward to working in partnership with you and your child this term, on a wonderful journey of learning. If you have any concerns, then please email your classroom teacher to make a suitable time for you to discuss it after school one day.

Kind regards

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