



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter

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Thursday, 22 August 2019

Dear Parents

On Thursday 8th August the staff and Wadestown School Whanau Group met for a Hui in the school hall. We enjoyed a fantastic professional development session with the Whanau Group. All our students will be learning the Wadestown School Pepeha which was developed at this hui and it appears below for your information. A special thank you go to Fiona McHardy, Huia Forbes, Fiona Shrapnell and Robin Paratene from the Whanau Group for facilitating this session and to our lead teachers of Te Reo Amber Pullin and Nicki Greer for arranging this very successful Hui.

Update from the Whanau Group

Tenā rā koutou katoa ngā whānau whānui o Wadestown Kura,

On 8 July, Te Roopu Whanau (the Wadestown school whanau group) enjoyed sharing examples of personal pepeha with the school staff, and in return school staff shared their personal pepeha with the group. A pepeha is a statement of identity. It is a tribal saying and how Māori introduce themselves on the marae or in a formal setting, yet it is a formula that can be used by all people. A pepeha recites the whakapapa or genealogy of a person. The whanau group has suggested the following very simple 'Wadestown School Pepeha' as an important way for students, staff and whanau to collectively introduce themselves when representing Wadestown School. It is not intended to replace any personal pepeha, but provides a way for all Wadestown School whanau to connect with each other and others in this important way. We believe it is important that all Wadestown whanau know the name of the local mountain, river and harbour which have a special cultural significance, as we all share a special connection to this place where we live.

**Nga mihi
na Te Roopu Whanau.**

The Wadestown School Pepeha

Ko Ahumairangi te maunga
Ko Kaiwharawhara te awa
Ko te Whanganui-a-tara te moana
Ko Wadestown te kura

News from Pohutukawa Team Year 1 & 2

In Discovery Time our theme is Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and the students have the challenge of making something from recycling materials. We are also trying to meet the challenge of reducing plastic in our lunchboxes.



The photo on the left is Bella and Emma from Room 1 and then Harrison from Room 2.

These photos are from our trips to ASB Sports Centre in Kilbirnie which provides us with a wonderful opportunity to enjoy our gymnastics sessions and learn new ball skills.

Year 5 & 6 Mathswell Competition

Mathswell was an amazing night with Kahoots, food and, well... Maths. It was really fun because we got an amazing score in the multichoice section (25/30) and successfully answered 11 problem solving questions. We were competing against 23 other schools and ended up coming sixth overall. It was also really enjoyable because we won a kahoot and got Whittaker's chocolate. One of the things I loved most was that we got to stay up late. Personally, I felt really good about our score and enjoyed the night so much that I want to do it all again next year.

By Honor Morgan
Room 5



Travel Protocols – Weld Street and Rose Street

Next week all families will receive a copy of the Travel Protocols that have been established by the Travel Plan Team at Wadestown School. A hard copy will be sent home for your reference.

From the Sports Field



Western Zone Netball

Last Tuesday, two Year 5/6 and two Year 7/8 teams played in the Western Zone Netball tournament at Hataitai netball courts. The day was filled with highs and everyone had fun playing and giving it a go. Everyone did so well considering most students had never played netball before. All the teams were coached and umpired by Year 8 girls: Rosa, Poppy, Cate, Millie, Claudia, Amy Y, Amy T, Tori. We were super impressed by the level of skill and sportsmanship of our teams. It was a great day filled with fun wins and not so fun losses.

**By Poppy Healy,
Room 16**

Publication in the New Zealand School Journal Toitoti

Congratulations to Eva Roberts of Room 16 whose writing has been accepted for publication in the New Zealand school journal Toitoti. Eva wrote a beautiful piece on Matariki and was one of over 1500 submissions. Her writing will be published in the Term 3 edition which will be in our school library early in Term 4. Well done Eva!

Matariki

Looking up into the night sky, I can imagine the seven sisters dancing as the whole of Aotearoa watches in awe. Pitch black envelopes the night sky and marama beams down on my family, who are snuggled up in blankets. The harsh, glacial wind pierces through us.

Adjacent to my family are people. People from Wadestown, and even people from far, far away. All of these Wellington citizens have gathered to the harbour and to Te Ahumairangi hill to witness this miracle.

The stars are glowing. Their iridescence lighting up the sky. Everyone is waiting, anticipating, for the first of the fireworks to sizzle up from the harbour, pop, and explode into a pink dandelion.

Suddenly, all of the mingling parents go silent. Are those beams of light circling the sky? I nudge my friends and we huddle together. The beams of light were the ringmaster to the circus. Hearing the drumroll ringing about in my ears, I stare upwards.

Sizzle....POP! Colours fill the air - a vast array of cyan, hot pink, mint, azure blue, and colours you would have never dreamed of. Slowly falling down like a mystical fairy dust, the marvel melts back down into the harbour.

The aroma of smoke and hot chips steaming from the cardboard containers wafts into my nose. Gold sprays and splatters the black canvas of the sky in melted bronze. These breathtaking fireworks highlight the beautiful legend before me. I hold my breath. Matariki.

**Eva Roberts
Room 16**

News from the Library



Melanie Greig from the Altrusa organisation delivered a set of books, both fiction and non-fiction, which inform and encourage students towards computer coding. Research indicates this is a career path which, currently, is predominantly chosen by males. The books Altrusa has donated are designed to appeal to girls, but with the coding books currently flying off the shelf I'm sure the boys will also find them informative.

The race to find the champion Chess Nut in the Rimu team is currently being hotly contested in the library each lunchtime. Our Library Councillors are managing this competition which has drawn almost 40 entrants. It is proving to be a popular spectator sport as well. The Kowhai team will begin their draw next week. If sufficient interest is shown by the Rata team, they too will have an opportunity to join the Chess Nut Challenge for 2019.

Please note the closing date for Lucky Bookclub orders is FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER.



Reminders from the Office

Absence Procedures – Both Sites

Please ensure that your child is at school by 8.55am or they will be marked absent by their teacher. If your child is going to be late or absent could parents ring the school office (04 472 4779) as soon as possible in the morning or even the night before. Please leave a message stating your name, your child's name, their room number or teacher's name. We ask you not email in regard to your child's absence as emails may not be checked until later in the morning. When notifying the school office of your child's lateness or absence please also inform us of the reason (e.g. type of illness ie: sore throat, tummy bug, medical appointment, etc.) This needs to be recorded as it is a Ministry of Education requirement.

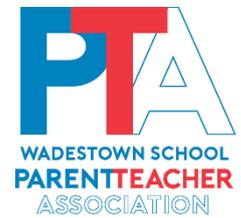
Contact Details

Recently we have had some very sick children in the medical room for a considerable time. Wadestown School does not have the facilities to care for/monitor children longer than 20 minutes. Could we ask parents to check the office has up-to-date contact details for yourself and your emergency contacts and advise the office of any changes ASAP. These numbers are important if your child is unwell and needs to go home. Please note it is very important that you choose your emergency contacts carefully, ensuring they are available to collect your child promptly during the day.

Annual School Working Bee – Saturday 21st September

Do come along and enjoy making a wonderful contribution to Wadestown School. We have lots of tasks on offer including planting, painting, building, gardening etc. This is a great way to meet new parents and catch up with other parents you may not have seen for a while. So much is accomplished and we do appreciate everyone who gives up their time so willingly to be part of such a big day. We also enjoy the bonus of a fabulous morning tea and lunch to boost our energy levels during the day. For more information or to offer your help on the day, please contact Malcolm McKee our Working Bee Coordinator on 027 291 4216.

PTA Update



Our August PTA Newsletter was emailed out to all families this week. We hope you found the newsletter helpful and informative.

Our next PTA Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th September at 7.00 pm in Room 0 at Weld Street. A warm welcome is extended to all family members to attend.

We look forward to seeing you.

Dan Buxton
PTA Chairperson

SAVE \$5 PER
TICKET! ORDER
PRE-SALE NOW!



Our major fundraiser the Wadestown School House and Garden Walk is taking place on **Sunday 10 November 2019**. Presale tickets at a special discounted rate will go on sale between Monday 24 June and Friday 5 July. After that general sales will open in October.

WHAT: Wadestown School House and Garden Walk

WHEN: Sunday 10 November

PRESALE: Special price \$40 per ticket. Limited time: 24 June to 5 July.

HOW: Email wadestownschool@gmail.com with your ticket request. Payment must be made to the PTA account by Friday 5 July to qualify for the special presale price. General ticket sales will start in October at \$45 per ticket.

Our last three House and Garden Walks have been sellouts, and we expect tickets will sell fast again this year so this is your chance to get in ahead of the crowds.

The Walk will feature 14 homes and gardens in Wadestown, complimentary morning or afternoon tea, a Mojo coffee cart, the ArtHouse showcasing over 20 local and national artists with works available for purchase, and many stalls including our famous deli stall.

Presale tickets will be available for the discounted price of \$40 each between 24 June and 5 July. During this time, email wadestownschool@gmail.com to let us know you want tickets. We will reply with information about how to pay, but please note that we will need to receive payment into the PTA account by 5pm on Friday 5 July.

Your tickets will be ready for collection in October after they've been printed. Please feel free to share this flyer with your friends and family who might want to take advantage of this offer. When general sales open, tickets will be \$45.

If you are part of the school community we will be running a competition for the classroom that sells the most tickets in junior and senior school to win a pizza lunch from One Red Dog. Presale tickets will count towards this.

Look for us on social media at:

facebook: [wadestownschoolpta](https://www.facebook.com/wadestownschoolpta) & instagram: [#wadestownschoolhousegardenwalk](https://www.instagram.com/wadestownschoolhousegardenwalk)



Dates for your Diary

Term Three

Date	Event
Thursday 22 nd August	Yr 7 & 8 Mathswell at Karori West School 6.30 pm
Thursday 22 nd August	School Community Newsletter is published
Tuesday 27 th August	Western Zone Swimming
Tuesday 27 th August	Yr 7 & 8 Technology – Final for the year
Thursday 29 th August	Yr 7 & 8 NIWA Science Fair
Friday 30 th August	Pre-School Information Morning
Friday 30 th August	Weld Street: Wheels Day at lunchtime
Tuesday 3 rd September	Rose Street: Wheels Day at lunchtime
Wednesday 4 th September	Interzone Swimming, Kilburnie Aquatic Centre
Wednesday 4 th September	ICAS – Digital Technologies
Wednesday 4 th September	PTA Meeting – Room 0, Weld Street 7.00 pm
Thursday 5 th September	ICAS – Science
Thursday 5 th September	Yr 3 & 4 Celebration of Learning – 9.00 – 10.30 am
Thursday 5 th September	Yr 5 & 6 Celebration of Learning – 11.00 – 12.30 pm
Thursday 5 th September	School Community Newsletter is published
9 th – 13 th September	Yr 7 & 8 AIMS Games – Trip to Tauranga
Monday 9 th September	Room 1 Celebration of Learning at 2.15 pm
Monday 9 th September	ICAS – Writing
Tuesday 10 th September	Room 2 Celebration of Learning at 2.15 pm
Wednesday 11 th September	Room 3 Celebration of Learning at 2.15 pm
Thursday 12 th September	Room 0 Celebration of Learning at 2.15 pm
Thursday 12 th September	ICAS - Spelling
Friday 13 th September	Orange Day Parade for Road Patrollers to attend
Tuesday 17 th September	Yr 3 & 4 ArtSplash 5.00 pm Michael Fowler Centre
Wednesday 18 th September	ICAS - English
Wednesday 18 th September	Board of Trustees Meeting, Rose Street staff room. 7.00 pm
Thursday 19 th September	ICAS - Maths
Thursday 19 th September	Yr 7 & 8 Science Roadshow Trip to Northland School – 9.30 – 10.50 am
Thursday 19 th September	Yr 5 & 6 Science Roadshow Trip to Northland School – 10.35 – 11.55 am
Thursday 19 th September	School Community Newsletter is published
Friday 20 th September	DanceSplash 7.45 at Michael Fowler Centre
Saturday 21 st September	School Working Bee
Thursday 26 th September	Inter-Regional Cross Country, Hamner Springs
Friday 27 th September	Last Day of Term 3. School Closes at 3.00 pm

2020 Term Dates

	First Day	Last Day
Term 1 – 10 Weeks	Monday 3 rd February	Thursday 9 th April
School Closed for instruction:	Waitangi Day	Thursday 6 th February
Easter	Friday 10 th April to 14 th April (during Term Break)	
Term 2 - 10 Weeks	Monday 28 th April	Friday 3 rd July
School Closed for instruction:	Teacher Only - Day before Queen's Birthday Queen's Birthday Observed	Friday 29 th May Monday 1st June
Term 3 – 10 Weeks	Monday 20 th July	Friday 25 th September
Term 4 – 9 Weeks	Monday 12 th October	Tuesday 15 th December
School Closed for instruction:	Labour Weekend	Monday 26 th October

Nāku noa, nā

Sally Barrett

Principal

Community Notices

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



Spring Flower Show

Saturday 7 September 2019

St Luke's Centre

corner of Wadestown Road and Pitt Street

Setting up exhibits
9.30am. - 10.30am.

Judging
10.30am. - 11.30am.

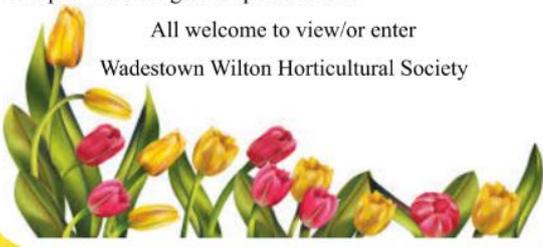
Open for viewing
11.30am. - 2.00pm.

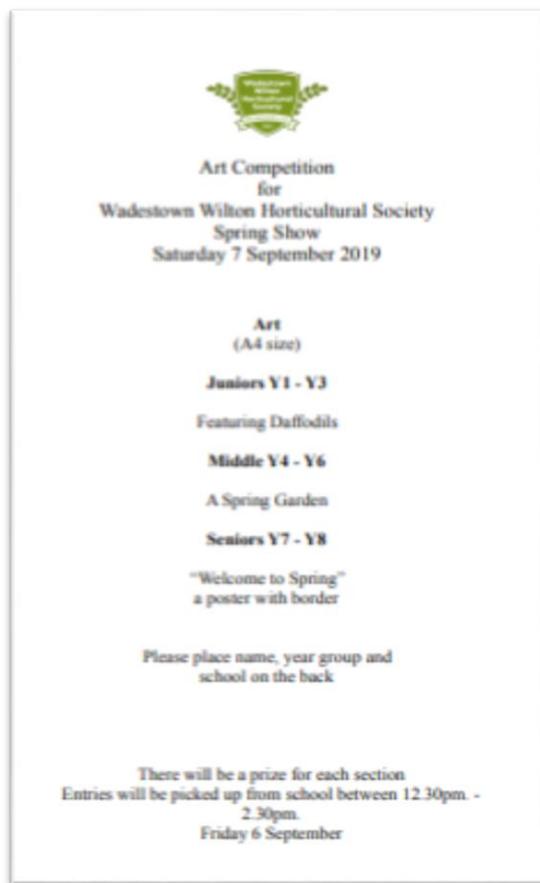
1.15pm Wadestown School Orchestra Performance

1.30pm. Awarding of Trophies/ Prizes

All welcome to view/or enter

Wadestown Wilton Horticultural Society





School Holiday Camp for Young Writers and Illustrators

My name is Brian Falkner and I am an author of books for children and young adults.

I'd like to tell you about an opportunity for your students to attend school holiday camps for young writers and illustrators.

"Write like an Author" is an internationally acclaimed writing course that teaches young writers the skills and techniques that professional authors use to create their stories. During the camp, each participant will develop and write an original creative story under the guidance of well-known author and writing coach **Maria Gill**.

"Draw Like an Illustrator" is our concurrent illustration course that teaches young artists the skills and techniques that professional illustrators use. The presenter is **Fifi Colston**.

Our websites are www.writelikeanauthor.com and www.drawlikeanillustrator.com.

The camps will be held at **Raroa Intermediate** during the school holidays, starting on **Tuesday, October 8, 2019** and running until **Thursday, October 10, 2019**.

The writing camp is ideal for young people who have a dream of becoming a published author or anyone who wants to improve their writing skills. The illustration camp offers the same opportunity to young artists.

The camps are non-residential, and run from 9am to 4pm each day. The number of places on the camp is strictly limited.

A flyer about the camp is attached. I will also post you a few brochures. Can you please circulate these to students/parents at your school.

If you'd like more details about the camp please email me and I will be happy to answer any questions, or send you some further information. Or you can phone me on 027-415-4328.

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup

We warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 31st August, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). If you know of anybody else who is interested in our Playgroup and/or Preschool and may find the Open Day of interest, please let them know about this opportunity. For more information phone 475 9688 email wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

A poster for the Orchestra Wellington Family Concert 2019. The background is purple. On the right, a young girl with braided hair is seen from behind, wearing a red cape and purple shoes. The text 'ORCHESTRA WELLINGTON' is at the top left. Below it, 'Family Concert 2019' and 'Saturday 24 August, 2pm Michael Fowler Centre'. The main title 'HEROES AND VILLAINS!' is written in large, white, bold letters across the center. At the bottom left, there is a paragraph of text: 'Whether you're a Caped Crusader, an Ice Princess, or a Star Lord from a Galaxy far far away, join us at Mission Control for the greatest Superhero Anthems, Disney film favourites, and explosive traditional classics!'. At the very bottom left, it says 'TICKETS: ticketmaster.co.nz orchestrawellington.co.nz'.

A colorful poster for Wadestown Kindergartens' 40th anniversary. The background is light blue with confetti and streamers. At the top, 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters. Below that, 'JOIN US TO CELEBRATE WADESTOWN KINDERGARTENS 40TH ANNIVERSARY!' is written in purple. In the center is a three-tiered birthday cake with pink, yellow, and purple frosting, topped with candles. At the bottom, a purple banner contains the text 'THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST AT 3PM!' and '45 OBAN STREET, WADESTOWN'.

Junior Softball for ages 5 - 14 - Registration with Johnsonville Junior Softball Club is open on the 25th August (via <https://www.sporty.co.nz/jvillesc/>). Subs are \$70 per player with full uniform provided. Further details available on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/jvillescjuniors/> or contact johnsonvillejuniorsoftball@gmail.com or phone Sue 027 276 0644.

MEET THE CANDIDATES MEETING - Both meetings organised by the Wadestown Residents Association and Highland Park Progressive Association.

Meet the Candidates - Mayoral and Wharangi/Onslow-Western Ward Candidates

Monday 9th of September

7:30pm start

St Luke's Hall, 34 Pitt Street, Wadestown

Meet the Candidates - Greater Wellington Regional Council - Pōneke/Wellington Constituency

Monday 16th of September

7:30pm start

St Luke's Hall, 34 Pitt Street, Wadestown

Metlink Bus Review

Just over a year ago we made some big changes to the Metlink bus network. We are now checking in with our customers to find out what is working well, and what still needs to be fine-tuned. We realise that there are still some issues in some parts of the network, but the more detailed feedback we get from customers, the better we can address those problems.

Our engagement is being organised by city area. We have just completed the engagement for the Eastern suburbs of Wellington city and now have a set of local neighbourhood drop-in workshops for Southern, Western and Northern suburbs. In addition there are two city centre drop-in workshops that cover all city areas, these are also for Eastern suburbs customers to have another chance to come and have their say. If you can't make a local session, then you can give feedback through an online survey, just go to [Metlink.org.nz/busreview](https://www.metlink.org.nz/busreview) from Friday 23 August onwards.

WESTERN SUBURBS

Saturday 31 August: Karori Community Centre - Youth Room (7 Beauchamp Street, Karori): **11am to 5pm** <https://www.facebook.com/events/404016710245291/>

Sunday 1 September: Leonard Cockayne Centre, Otari Wilton Bush (160 Wilton Road, Wilton): **11am to 5pm** <https://www.facebook.com/events/493930151437573/>

CITY CENTRE

Sunday 8 September: Thistle Hall Community Centre (cnr Cuba & Arthur Street, Te Aro): **11am to 6pm** <https://www.facebook.com/events/430418847560104/>

Wednesday 11 September: Victoria University of Wellington School of Business- Mezzanine Floor, (Rutherford House, 33 Bunny Street, Pipitea): **11am to 6.30pm** <https://www.facebook.com/events/405322393424309/>

To get more information and to sign up for project updates go to: [Metlink.org.nz/busreview](https://www.metlink.org.nz/busreview)

Ngā mihi

The bus review team

International Springboard Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Come & be inspired at the Pacific Junior Diving Championships this weekend at Kilbirnie Pool – 23-25 August.

Over 60 young divers, aged 12-18yrs, from around the Pacific region will compete in this inaugural event. Three Wellington divers join the New Zealand team competing against teams from Malaysia, Adelaide, Sydney & Queensland.

See www.wellingtondiving.org.nz for more details or contact Barbara on 027 485 8888

Kelly Sports Summer Series Football & Netball Competition – REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Get your friends together and enter a team in our popular 5-a-side Football or our Netball Summer Series Leagues.

Played on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park (Football) and Netball at Samuel Marsden (Karori) & Karori Normal School beginning 25 October 2019.

There is a break over Christmas then we start up again in term 1 2020.

It's a great way to maintain and improve your skills over the summer months.

For full details and to enrol your team

visit www.getyourgameon.co.nz/kellysports email summerseries@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.