

# WADESTOWN SCHOOL Community Newsletter

Principal: Sally Barrett Website: <a href="www.wadestown.school.nz">www.wadestown.school.nz</a> Thursday 16 August, 2018

#### **Dear Parents**

#### Celebration of the Arts Curriculum

In Terms 3 and 4 we look forward to celebrating the Arts Curriculum in all its various forms – drama, dance, music and visual art. The staff have planned some wonderful activities which I know will be enjoyed by all our students and school community. In addition you may wish to note the following events in your diary:

- The annual WCC Young People's Arts Festival begins in September and we are taking part in various activities including the Artsplash concert on Tuesday 18 September at 5.00pm at the Michael Fowler Centre. All our Year 3-4 students will be participating in this evening of music and song along with students from other primary schools in the Wellington region. Wadestown School will also be contributing to the Dancesplash concert on Friday 21 September at 7.45pm.
- A record number of primary and intermediate schools registered their interest in taking part in
  Dancesplash 2018 and we were delighted to be included in this year's invitation to participate. A large
  group of our senior students will be taking part in this year's performance celebrating dance in all its
  forms. Prior to the Dancesplash concert our wonderful school orchestra, under the guidance of Rupa
  Maitra, has also been invited to entertain visitors to the Michael Fowler Centre on that evening. We are
  looking forward to hearing them perform a number of new orchestral pieces. The school orchestra has
  also been invited to entertain visitor to the Wilton-Wadestown Horticultural Spring Show to be held at
  the St Lukes Centre on Saturday 1 September at 1.15pm.
- Our school band has been invited to entertain a very large audience of students at the annual Orange Day Parade on Friday 7 September at the Michael Fowler Centre. What a wonderful experience for such a talented group of Wadestown School musicians.

## Tumanako Peace Rally and Art Exhibition – Sunday 5 August

The annual Tumanako Peace Rally and Art Exhibition was held on Sunday the 5th of August and was absolutely fabulous. I was lucky to be asked to perform a speech at the Tumanako Peace Rally and Art Exhibition. Bella Marks and Henri Nischalke, our Heads of Student Council, were also the MCs which was really great as we could all represent Wadestown School. The art there looked beautiful especially the ones from our school! It's really good to see how much better the art gets every year. I know that this experience I will remember for a long time. The whole event went really well. First Bella and Henri did their speeches and introduced the other speakers. There was a little girl called Stella who performed a really cute song that everyone loved and then I did my speech. I think that it went really well and I certainly enjoyed myself. Next was a little boy who did an interesting speech about Albert Einstein. To finish it off the orchestra played some really cool songs that sounded amazing. In all I loved this year's Tumanako Peace Rally and Art Exhibition and can't wait to go next year!











## News from the Rimu Team Years 5-6 (Rooms 4, 5 and 6)

The Rimu Team have been exploring one of our most important resources – water. Recently they visited the Porirua Wastewater Treatment Plant. Armed with nose masks, gloves and high visibility-vests, they were able to go behind the scenes and find out what happens after they pull the plug, flush the toilet or even put oil and fats down the sink. They discovered that this wastewater (which is 99% water and 1% waste), leaves their house through plumbing and goes into the public wastewater network. When it arrives at the treatment plant, it contains many bacteria and viruses that can be harmful to human health. This water goes through a number of processes, including milli-screens, aeration ponds, clarifiers and ultra-violet machines, before it is discharged out to sea. 'Rimuites' now think twice before adding to the wastewater network.





The 'Wonder Project Rocket Challenge' has been keeping the Rimu students busy. They are working in crews to design, build and refine their rockets, learning all about Newton's Laws along the way. Each class has the support of a Wonder Project Ambassador, an enthusiastic industry professional, to guide and inspire the students throughout their learning journey. Test flights have been taking place in the playground, to investigate the variables that affect the height and distance travelled by the rocket. The rocket launcher will soon be releasing soft drink bottle rockets 'pimped' with nose cones and fins to increase stability and minimise drag. Student crews are working towards the final 'Blast off' challenge to discover the rocket that travels the greatest distance. We are really enjoying this project and learning so much from our investigations.







## Regional Cross Country – Thursday 5 July

The Regional Cross Country was held at Harcourt Park on 5 July. It was a great day with lots of competition. The race spirit between the different zones was amazing and everybody had a great day. All the Wadestown students who competed did really well with some amazing results. The students who were placed in the top 10 at Regionals are now advancing to Inter-Regionals in Nelson which takes place in late September. Well done to everyone who ran so well and the students from Wadestown School who helped with the organisation of this event on the day!

By Amy McHardy, Sports Leader

Year 4 Boys Zack Ismail-Sanders 25<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 Girls Izzy Ismail-Sanders 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jess Haldane 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sophia Paviour-Smith 15<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 Girls Abby Morton 14<sup>th</sup> Year 7 Boys Archie Sims 8<sup>th</sup>

Year 7 Girls Poppy Healy 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kate Chandler 14<sup>th</sup>

Year 8 Boys Nate Hough 4<sup>th</sup> (AWD), Ben Sneddon 40<sup>th</sup>

Year 8 Girls Amy McHardy 4<sup>th</sup>







## **Book Basket Working Bee**

We will be having our first Book Basket Working Bee at the Weld St site next Monday 20 August from 1.30-3.00pm. We would be very grateful to have more volunteers to assist us with this project. If you are available to help please email Derek Piper at <a href="mailto:derek@wadestown.school.nz">derek@wadestown.school.nz</a>

## **Walking School Bus Initiative**

A special thank you to Mark Haldane, parent representative on the School Travel Plan Team, and Annabel Butterfield who have very kindly offered to assist with the reinstatement of the Walking School Bus Initiative that was so successful in the Wadestown area several years ago. The benefits of the Walking School Bus Initiative are numerous including forging connections and engendering a sense of community in the students that take part in this initiative. The reduction of vehicular traffic at both sites is also an added bonus with our growing school roll. If you are interested in finding out more about the Walking School Bus Initiative please feel free to contact Mark Haldane at <a href="mailto:nzhaldanes@gmail.com">nzhaldanes@gmail.com</a> or Annabel Butterfield at <a href="mailto:Annabel.butterfield@gmail.com">Annabel.butterfield@gmail.com</a>

### **PTA Update**

#### Festival of Beer - 1 September 2018

Please support our PTA fundraiser and community event and get your tickets to the Festival of Beer! This runs from 3pm to 7pm on 1 September at the Wilton Bowling Club and is a fun event for all beer-lovers with beer and food tastings led by our local "Master of Beer", Kurt. Tickets are not restricted to parents - many are already bringing friends and family. Tickets are \$50 and available for purchase here: <a href="https://festival-of-beer.lilregie.com/booking/tickets">https://festival-of-beer.lilregie.com/booking/tickets</a>

#### Te Reo-athon

This year the PTA is running a Te Reo Spellathon, timed to run alongside Maori Language Week. The words and sponsorship sheets will be sent home with children shortly and children will be tested on their words in the week beginning 10 September. There will be a prize for the class who has raised the most sponsorship. More details are included with the pack that children will bring home this week.

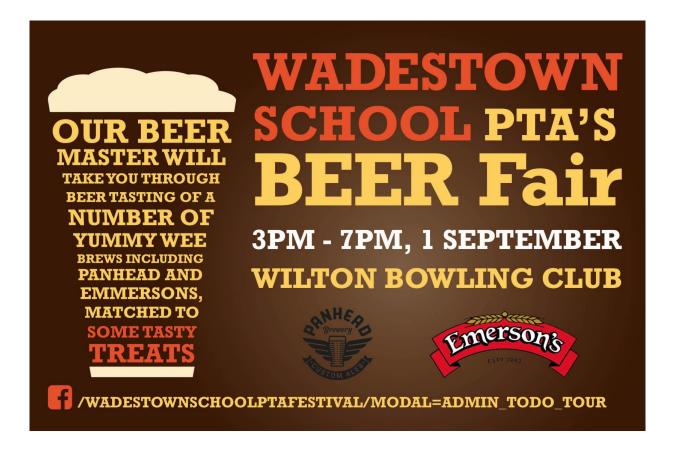
#### School Working Bee on 22 September

From 8.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday the 22nd of September, the school is having its annual school working bee. The school provides the materials and parents provide the labour. It is a great way to catch up with parents and families that make up our school community.

- \* Malcolm McKee is coordinating the larger building projects for the working bee. If you have any building skills or experience to help with these larger projects on the day please contact him at <a href="mailto:alpamare@gmail.com">alpamare@gmail.com</a>
- \* We need food for the troops 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 <a href="mailto:strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz">strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz</a>
- \* If you are not able to help on the day but would like to make a donation towards the costs of the working bee, please pay this into the PTA account 12 3140 0348889 00 with the reference Working Bee

Genevieve Hancock

PTA Chair



## **Term 3 Dates**

Week	Date	Event
5	Wednesday 22 August	Year 7-8 Mathswell, Tawa Intermediate School
6	Tuesday 28 August	Year 5-6 Mathswell
	Saturday 1 September	PTA Beer Festival, Wilton Bowling Club, 3.00-7.00pm
7	Monday 3 September	Western Zone Swimming Sports
	Wednesday 5 September	Preschool Information Morning
	Thursday 6 September	NIWA Regional Science Fair
	Friday 7 September	Orange Day Parade for Road Patrollers
8	Tuesday 11 September	Western Zone Netball
	Thursday 13 September	Interzone Swimming Sports, Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre
9	Tuesday 18 September	Artsplash Concert, Michael Fowler Centre, 5.00pm
	Thursday 20 September	Year 7-8 Market Day
	Friday 21 September	Dancesplash Concert, Michael Fowler Centre, 7.45pm including School Orchestra
		Performance prior to the concert
10	Wednesday 26 September	Science Roadshow for Years 5-8
	Thursday 27 September	Inter-regional Cross Country
	Friday 28 September	Final day of Term 3



# **Community Notices**

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

#### **The Drawing Room**

Is your child interested in drawing? Then 'The Drawing Room' is the place for them! Developing fine motor skills in children from the age of 8 upwards, the emphasis is on a fun class with traditional drawing techniques. Students do a set of warm up drawing exercises before completing a set task for the day. Afternoon tea provided.

- Times 3.30-4.30pm & 4.30-5.30pm. Cost \$15pp per week...a 10 week term is \$150.00
- Address: 39 Wade Street, Wadestown (early class students walk from school)

Please contact: Tel: 027 230 3919 or Email: victoriaeleanorjane@yahoo.co.nz

#### **Refugee Help**

The Wadestown churches and community are supporting a large refugee family arriving in Wellington very shortly. The 6 year old boy is in desperate need of any type of clothing (in good condition). If you can help please deliver to St Luke's office, 84 Wilton Rd or email <a href="mailto:ruthmary.james@gmail.com">ruthmary.james@gmail.com</a> for collection.

#### **Springboard & Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool**

Wellington Diving Club runs introductory diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate Young Adult training sessions). Try something new - visit our website and arrange to come along for a 30min Trial Lesson! After-school sessions available on Tues/Wed/Thursdays and we cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. For more information, please visit our website <a href="www.wellingtondiving.org.nz">www.wellingtondiving.org.nz</a> or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

#### Junior Softball and Baseball

Registration with Johnsonville Softball Club is open now. Come along: Sunday 19th & 26th August 12-2pm or Thursday 6th September 6-7.30pm to our clubrooms, Phillip Street, Johnsonville to see what's involved. Further details available from www.jvillesc.org.nz, check out Johnsonville Softball Club on Facebook, or contact <a href="mailto:leeanncoutts@gmail.com">leeanncoutts@gmail.com</a> or phone Lee-ann on 0272221668.

#### Your Parenting ACT, Term 3

Just a few weeks until Term 3 Your Parenting ACT courses start! Monday evenings in Wadestown from the 27th of August and Friday mornings in Te Aro from the 31st of August. Some reduced fee places are available. Registration is through eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/your-parenting-act-evening-august-2018-registration-47341275028 https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/your-parenting-act-daytime-august-2018-registration-46918035106

#### Everyone Out – Nature-based Holiday Programme at Huntleigh Park, Crofton Downs, 1-12 October

The brand new Everyone Out nature based Holiday Programme is coming these holidays. A unique holiday programme that allows children to freely explore, play and learn. Some of the awesome activities that will be available include; hut building, bush arts and crafts, building a fire and roasting marshmallows, cooking campfire damper, creating and playing games, exploring the bush and its inhabitants. Find us on Facebook or book now at eventfinda.