



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 1

Acting Principal: Ian Hastie

Website: www.wadestown.school.nz

Wednesday 5th February 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the 2020 school year. My name is Ian Hastie and I am the Acting Principal while the board work through the appointment of a new principal. For those who may not be aware I have been a principal since 1996 at both Kahutara School in the South Wairarapa and Avalon Intermediate in the Hutt Valley. I finished work at Avalon in July last year. I am delighted to be part of the Wadestown School and community while the appointments process takes place. I have been made very welcome and I have already seen how dedicated teachers are to educating your children. I try and work alongside people positively and honestly in the best interests of the school and student/children's education. Feel free to contact me if you feel the need.

A warm welcome to the following new students and their families who have joined us recently at Wadestown School, it was great to see their excited faces on Monday. Not only do we have five-year olds starting day one of school but also students from overseas and other local schools. Make the most of your time at Wadestown.

Flyn Elliott Room 1, Surya Sajja Room 1, Harry Baxter Room 1, Gabby Flynn Room 1, Naomi Richardson Room 9, Lucy Gray Room 6, Jacob Gray Room 9, Terry Farrell Room 10, Isaac Glennie Room 17, Rosa Glennie Room 12, Elliot Woodhouse Room 13, Daniel Woodhouse Room 13, Eva Thompson Room 17, Ted Thompson Room 10, Roxy McArthur Room 1 and Gigi Freeman Room 17.

Welcome New Staff

We would also like to welcome our new staff members, Elizabeth Chater, Lydia Harris and Tim Whimster. They are a great addition to the Wadestown School teaching team and are looking forward to meeting everyone at parent teacher conferences later this term. Elizabeth has come from Adventure School in Whitby, Lydia has returned from teaching in London and Tim is a Scot from Aberdeen who actually relieved last year for a couple of days.



Ian Hastie

Acting Principal



Elizabeth Chater

Room 11



Lydia Harris

Room 12



Tim Whimster

Room 5

Coronavirus

I have already given families a heads up regarding the Coronavirus and no doubt like myself, you are following the information that is being released on a daily basis as well as on national news.

We are closely following the information and advice provided by the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education. Please do continue to refer to the Ministry of Health's information page on their website. It will be updated as new information comes to hand. [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health website](#)

Wadestown School Staff 2020

Position	Name	Email Address
Acting Principal	Ian Hastie	ian@wadestown.school.nz
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Room 3 (Year 1-2) Teacher	Sarah Bruce	sarah@wadestown.school.nz
Room 0 (Year 2) Teacher	Christine Wrenn	christine@wadestown.school.nz
Room 9 (Year 3-4) Teacher	Karen Wood	karen@wadestown.school.nz
Room 10 (Year 3-4) Teacher	Joy Henderson	joy@wadestown.school.nz
Room 11 (Year 3-4) Teacher	Elizabeth Chater	elizabeth@wadestown.school.nz
Room 12 (Year 3-4) Teacher	Lydia Harris	lydia@wadestown.school.nz
Room 4 (Year 5-6) Teacher	Amy Maddock	amy@wadestown.school.nz
Room 5 (Year 5-6) Teacher	Tim Whimster	tim@wadestown.school.nz
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Kapa Haka Tutor	Hemi Prime	
Caretaker/Groundsman	Tani Tumoana - CrestClean	
Cleaner (Rose St site)	Rakesh and Ritu Sharma - CrestClean	
Cleaner (Weld St site)	Margaret Burwood	

Road Safety Update

Cathrine Wilkinson and Amanda Lamble are our School Travel Plan Coordinators at the Rose and Weld Street sites. They are in charge of our road patrols at Wadestown School this year. The patrols enable children to cross Mairangi Road and Rose Streets and our student road patrollers do a great job with this added responsibility. Please support our road patrollers at the Rose St site as they manage an important and sometimes difficult task.

At the beginning of 2019 the road crossing on Cecil Road was added to our School Travel Plan. This crossing is supervised by the staff from Weld Street.

We have a **“Park and Stride”** area on Mairangi Road. Park and Stride helps to make school drop off easy and fun by moving it a short distance from the Rose Street School gate. Please ensure you drop your children off on the correct side of the street.

“Kiss and Drop” at the Weld Street Site

Each morning a volunteer parent is on duty from 8.30 am until 8.55 am assisting the children at the **“Kiss and Drop”** zone. As cars drive down the hill and pause in the drop off box, the duty parent opens the door and helps the child out so a quick goodbye can be said and they are able to come into school safely. With three classrooms in operation at Weld Street this year we would like as many parents as possible to use this service please as it assists greatly to reduce the parking and congestion difficulties that parents and residents experience in Weld Street.

2020 Term Dates

	First Day	Last Day
Term 1	Monday 3rd February	Thursday 9th April
School Closed for instruction:	Waitangi Day	Thursday 6th February
	Easter Observed during Term Break	Friday 10 th April to 14 th April
	Anzac Day observed - (last day of school holidays)	Monday 27 th April
Term 2	Tuesday 28th April	Friday 3rd July
School Closed for instruction:	Teacher Only - Day Queen’s Birthday Holiday	Friday 29th May Monday 1st June
Term 3	Monday 20th July	Friday 25th September
Term 4	Monday 12th October	Tuesday 15th December
School Closed for instruction:	Labour Weekend Holiday	Monday 26 th October

2020 Term 1 Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 6th February	Waitangi Day – School Closed
Tuesday 11 th February	Yr. 7 & 8 Technology at Karori West – Morning (First session)
Tuesday 11 th February	Team Newsletters go home
Friday 14 th February	Sallybration: Back to School 1.00 – 4.30 pm. See poster attached
Tuesday 18 th February	Yr. 7 & 8 Technology at Karori West - Morning
Tuesday 18 th February	Road Patrollers Training – Morning - Day 1
Wednesday 19 th February	Road Patrollers Training – Morning - Day 2
Wednesday 19 th February	Lucky Book Club – Orders close
Thursday 20 th February	School Community Newsletter goes home
Friday 21 st February	School Picnic: 5.30 – 7.30 pm. See Sallybration poster attached
Tuesday 25 th February	Yr. 7 & 8 Technology at Karori West - Morning
Tuesday 25 th February	Western Zone Cricket Year 5 - 8
Thursday 27 th February	Postponement date: Western Zone Cricket Year 5 - 8
Tuesday 3 rd March	Yr. 7 & 8 Technology at Karori West - Morning
Thursday 5 th March	School Community Newsletter goes home

Friday 6 th March	Yr. 1 & 2 Sports Day at Wilton Park
Monday 9th – Friday 13th March	Yr. 7 & 8 Camp at Curious Cove, Marlborough Sounds
Tuesday 17 th March	Yr. 7 & 8 Technology at Karori West - Morning
Tuesday 17 th March	Yr. 1 & 2 trip to Wellington Museum of City and Sea
Thursday 19 th March	School Community Newsletter goes home
Tuesday 24 th March	Western Zone Football Yr. 7 - 8
Tuesday 24 th March	Yr. 7 & 8 Technology at Karori West - Morning
Tuesday 24th – Friday 27th March	Yr. 5 & 6 Camp at El Rancho, Waikanae
Thursday 26 th March	Postponement date: Western Zone Football
Tuesday 31 st March	Yr. 7 & 8 Technology at Karori West - Morning
Thursday 2 nd April	School Community Newsletter goes home
Saturday 4th April	Sallybration: Cocktail Party. See Sallybration poster attached
Tuesday 7 th April	Yr. 3 & 4 Trip to ASB - Futsal
Wednesday 8 th April	Yr. 5 & 6 Trip to ASB - Futsal
Thursday 9th April	Last Day of Term One.

Wadestown School Annual School Picnic

Friday 21st February

5.30 – 7.30 pm

Please come and join us from 5.30 pm onwards,
Outside Rooms 13 – 17 on the bottom playground,
for our

Annual School Picnic



Bring a rug, your picnic hamper, fish 'n' chips, pizza
or whatever you fancy and
enjoy an opportunity to socialise,
mix and mingle with other families and staff.

This is a great opportunity to meet other families,
including those that have begun
at Wadestown School this year.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

'SallyBration'- Sally Barrett

After yesterday's email/attachment, everyone should be aware of the upcoming 'Sallybration' events planned to recognise Sally Barrett's contribution to Wadestown School – we look forward to seeing you at these. I have included the poster attachment from yesterday again with this newsletter. Please also note the request below regarding 'Back to School Bakers'

Back to School Bakers

We require baking for the afternoon tea that will be occurring at the 'Sallybration Back to School' event on Friday 14th February (a week on Friday) for our teachers and visitors to the school. If you are able to help at the afternoon tea and/or provide baking, please contact Katy Pearce 021 285 8718 or email

strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz

Sallybration

Celebrating Sally Barrett

54 years of teaching - 45 years at Wadestown School



Save the Dates

14 February 2020 - 1-4.30pm - Friday

'Back to School'

An event for all friends of Wadestown School and ex Wadestown School pupils and their families. You are invited to come 'back to school' to see 2020 Wadestown School in action. This is a special opportunity, especially for Secondary School students and University students, to personally farewell Mrs Barrett before they head back to their studies.

Local Secondary Schools are being notified of this event.

Check out the Facebook page for further information in the coming days.

21 February 2020 - 5.30-7.30pm - Friday

'School Picnic'

The annual 'School Picnic' in conjunction with the Wadestown School PTA will be hosting a farewell for Mrs Barrett. The School community and all the current Wadestown School students and their families are invited.

Please see further details about this event in coming newsletters and school communications.

4 April 2020 - Saturday

'Cocktail Party'

This is an 'adult only' event. All parents past and present, all staff past and present, former adult students, friends and supporters of Sally Barrett are invited to celebrate her significant contribution to education and the community. Look out for further details in coming newsletters and school communication. This will be a ticketed and paid event.

*www.facebook.com/sallybration2020 or [@sallybration2020](https://www.instagram.com/sallybration2020)
www.instagram.com/sallybration2020 or [@sallybration2020](https://www.instagram.com/sallybration2020)
Email: sallybration@wadestown.school.nz*

Important Reminders

Wadestown School Uniform Information

The full uniform range for Wadestown School is available for ordering/purchase at the NZ Uniforms showroom at 168 Thorndon Quay, phone 238 4727 or 0800 832 693. Opening hours are 9.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.00am-1.00pm on Saturday. The web address is <http://wadestown.nzuniforms.com> **PLEASE ensure all items of your child's uniform are clearly named, including sunhats.**

Second Hand Uniform Sales

Thank you to Dale Beardmore and her team for organising a very successful second-hand uniform sale held at school prior to the start of the school year. There are still some good bargains available so do come and check the second-hand uniform boxes at both sites. One is at Rose Street, in the corridor outside Room 10 and the other is at Weld Street site next to the bell as you enter the corridor. If you have something to sell, please put it in a clear plastic, sealable bag and also include a completed for sale form. (found in the boxes) If someone wants to buy your item, they can contact you to arrange payment. Please note: Items up to size 6 should go directly to the Weld Street site.

It is an "all care and no responsibility" system and it operates in much the same way as an honesty box. However, for obvious reasons we don't want people leaving cash in the boxes. The school cannot take responsibility for items going missing, so any clothing put into the boxes is at your own risk. Pricing can vary and half-price might be a reasonable starting point. People should feel free to charge more or less, or even nothing at all if they prefer. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

Pride Lands After School Care Service

Pride Lands offer a pick-up and drop-off service from both Wadestown Rose Street and Weld Street to their after school care programme at Western Suburbs Rugby Club in Wilton. More information about their services and fees can be found on www.pridelands.org.nz or call 0800 PRIDE 4 U.

School Hours at Both Sites

8.30-8.55am	Students arrive at school from 8.30am onwards at both sites
8.50am	First bell rings to signal school will begin in 5 minutes and for road patrol to pack up
8.55-10.40am	Second bell to signal start of the school day
10.40-11.00am	Morning interval
11.00am-12.30pm	Classes resume
12.30-1.25pm	Lunch followed by playtime
1.25pm	First bell rings to signal school will begin in 5 minutes
1.30-3.00pm	Second bell to signal classes resume
3.00pm	Dismissal of students
3.15pm	Road patrol packs up

Please note that Yr. 7 & 8 students attend Technology classes at Karori West Normal School on Tuesdays. All Yr. 7 & 8 students need to be at school promptly by 8.30 am for roll call on Tuesdays, prior to busing to Karori West Normal School, to be there by 9.00 am.

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 (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. sick – type of illness i.e. sore throat, tummy bug, medical appointment, etc.) This needs to be recorded as it is a Ministry of Education requirement.

Holidays Taken During Term Time

If you are going on holiday during term time could we ask that you email the Principal, Office Manager and classroom teacher(s) with the relevant information e.g. date of departure and expected date of return to school. The email addresses for all staff can be found in this newsletter. Once again, this is a Ministry of Education requirement as we must account for all children enrolled at Wadestown School each day.

Student Sign-in and Sign-out Book (Rose Street Site)

If your child arrives at the Rose St site after 8.55am they are required to sign in at the office before they go to their classroom. If you are collecting your child during the school day for appointments, etc., we ask you to come to the office to sign your child out. This is to avoid situations where children are waiting unsupervised at the school entrances.

Road Safety Protocols

We ask you to please help us to keep our children safe around both school sites. Wadestown roads are very hilly and have poor visibility. Please respect the yellow lines at both school sites. These are strictly no drop-off, no pick-up, no stopping, no parking areas. We would like to remind parents that the drop-off/pick-up areas at both sites are only for children who are being dropped off or collected – cars cannot be left unattended.

At the end of the school day many students wait at the gum tree at Rose Street for parents to collect them. There is a teacher on duty each day with the Road Patrol students. The Road Patrollers finish their duties at 3.15 pm. As the teacher goes off duty at that time, they direct any students who are still waiting to be picked up by their families to go to the office where their parents are contacted for further instructions. This is also when the final bell for the school day is rung.

The Weld Street site has an informal one-way system in operation and we ask that everyone drive up Cecil Road and enter Weld St from Wade St. This assists the traffic flow greatly at peak periods i.e. before and after school. Parking at the Weld St site is very limited so we encourage families who live some distance away to park in an adjacent street and walk from there to the Weld St site. Please remember that parking in the driveway of the Weld St site is strictly prohibited and parents are not to park over resident's driveways or the fire hydrant which is clearly marked. We are most appreciative of the Road Safety and Gate Duty "Kiss and Drop" rosters that the Weld St site parents do voluntarily. They are invaluable in helping to keep our younger students safe on the way to and from school.

Purakau Avenue Protocols

I would like to remind everyone of the protocols regarding Purakau Avenue which is at the bottom entrance to the Rose St site. Purakau Avenue is a private driveway, not a public road, and the school has a long-standing

agreement with the residents to limit vehicular access to certain specified occasions only. Purakau Avenue is a pedestrian access only and parking or stopping in the avenue is strictly prohibited. We would like to maintain our positive relationship with all residents in Purakau Avenue and ask everyone to co-operate with these guidelines please.

School Community Newsletters

School Community Newsletters are published once every two weeks, usually on a Thursday, and include a regular update of the school calendar. They are published on our website and also distributed in hard copy. If you have a community notice you wish to have considered for inclusion in a school newsletter, please email details to lynda@wadestown.school.nz

The next newsletter will come out on Thursday 20th February.

Lost Property

Lost Property at the Rose St site is located in the corridor of the junior block outside Room 12. At the Weld St site lost property is located in the corridor outside Room 1.

Nut Free Policy

Wadestown School has a nut-free policy and a copy of this is available from the school office. This is for the safety of children who have a life-threatening allergy to nuts and includes nut-based spreads and products containing whole or crushed nuts. It does not include products that are labelled 'May contain traces of nuts'.

Sunhats

All children throughout the school are required to wear sunhats when outside in Terms 1 and 4. Please ensure your child has a sunhat at school each day and a reminder to please name these clearly. Wadestown School uniform sunhats are available from the NZ Uniforms shop.

We are all looking forward to a great year at Wadestown School in 2020.

Kind regards

Ian Hastie

Acting Principal