



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

*Living to Learn - Learning to Live*

February 2020

**Pohutukawa Team Newsletter**



Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to 2020 at Weld Street. Room 1, with Mrs Amanda Lamble is the New Entrants and Year 1 class, Room 3 with Mrs Sarah Bruce, is a Year 1 and 2 class and Room 0, with Mrs Christine Wrenn is a Year 2 class. Room 2 is used for **Discovery Time** sessions on a Friday morning. A special welcome to the new 5 year olds who have started school this term: Gabby, Surya, Flynn, Harry and Roxy.

## Term 1 Curriculum Theme

Our theme is "Reaching Out" and this relates to the introduction of our Wadestown School Pepeha. We want our students to understand the importance of their place and know where their stream is, have climbed their mountain and visited their harbour.

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

*Ahumairangi is the mountain  
Kaiwharawhara is the river  
Te Whanganui-a-tara is the ocean harbour  
Wadestown is the school*

In the last week of February, we plan to walk the students up Weld Street to the start of The Northern Walkway and a fortnight later we will walk down Hanover street to see the Kaiwharawhara stream. On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March we have a trip to The Wellington Museum of City and Sea and there will be a harbour walk by Frank Kitts Park and The Boatshed area.

## Whanaungatanga

This year Wadestown School will be focusing on fostering Whanaungatanga: a sense of belonging and caring for each other, throughout the school. In a day-long workshop at the end of last year, staff have identified the following eight attributes, we believe, as being central to developing Whanaungatanga in our students:

- Active listening
- Awareness of others feelings
- Thinking before speaking/acting
- Including others
- Acts of kindness
- Upstanding (don't be a bystander)
- Tolerance of difference
- Owning my own actions (self-awareness)

Every Monday all classes will focus on one of these attributes and the students will discuss and decide what each one means: what it looks and sounds like. At the end of that week, all students will reflect in an age-appropriate manner, on how they have included that attribute in their own behaviour over the week. These reflections will be recorded in a Wadestown Citizenship passport. In Term 1 these attributes will be introduced and from Term 2 on, the attributes will be focused on over two-week period.

## Resilience

If students have not tried "Kiss and Drop" then teachers will be encouraging students to give it a go. Year 2 students are expected to do *Kiss and Drop* on a daily basis. This helps to alleviate traffic congestion and to free up the car parks for parents of the new children that have recently started school.

After school a safe place for parents to pick their child up from is at the bottom of the Weld Street steps, opposite the Wadestown Kitchen. A Duty Parent keeps the children safe behind the Wellington City Council gate. We need a parent to take responsibility for this roster, please email Amanda Lamble if you could oversee this [amanda@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:amanda@wadestown.school.nz)

*Movin March* is a Wellington Regional Council themed promotion where active travel for students is encouraged. The students have a 10 sticker passport held by the teachers at school and if they walk to school each day (x10) then they earn a "*Movin March*" reward.

***Please remember that school is open from 8:30 am each morning.***

## Literacy

Literacy forms a significant part of the school day. The *Yolanda Soryl* phonics programme supports literacy learning. Children are taught handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar too. On Monday afternoons Mr Derek Piper our School Librarian takes a "Library Skills" session for all the Weld Street students. Parents are encouraged to enjoy reading to their children, listen to their child's guided reader and make this an enjoyable time together. We have a roster for parents to help with the weekly returns of guided readers - this is on the front whiteboard outside Room 1, please put your name up if you can help.

## Numeracy

Students will be encouraged to think mathematically, solve problems in a meaningful context and model their answers using materials. They will communicate their solutions using words, pictures and simple equations. Concepts around place value will be developed and they will learn basic fractions and their corresponding symbols.

## Science

Each classroom has a swan plant and the children are doing a daily count of how many caterpillars and chrysalises they have, the joy of the caterpillar's transformation is very contagious!

## Te Reo Māori

Students will be learning words for introducing themselves and their whānau: Ko Au.

## Visual Art

Each student is creating an artwork for The Wadestown Wilton 102<sup>nd</sup> Horticultural Show, which can be viewed on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February at St Lukes Centre. Over the term students will be creating landscape art that represents the places in our School Pepeha.

## P.E.

Students are practicing relay skills for the upcoming Sports Day. Please come along and support this fun event and get to know the new families at school.

## Circle Time

In weekly "Circle Time" students get to come up with their own ideas of how **Whanaungatanga** should look like and sound like. This gives the students' voice and ownership of ideas.

## Summer

It is important that children have a named sunhat and sunscreen is applied at home before school. Students can also reapply sunscreen during lunchtime and will need to have a named roll-on in their bag for this.

## Upcoming events

- 14 February *Sallybration* back to school event
- 15 February 102<sup>nd</sup> Wadestown Wilton Horticultural Society Spring Flower Show at St Lukes Centre
- 21 February Annual School Picnic *Sallybration*
- 3 March Constable Tayla with Road Safety
- 6 March Sports Day at Wilton Park
- 17 March Wellington Museum of City and Sea trip
- 4 April *Sallybration* cocktails event at Te Papa
- 9 April last day of Term 1

## Activity Fees

Activity Fees	Term 1	\$15.00
Sports Day at Wilton Park bus fare (return)		\$ 5.00
Wellington Museum of City and Sea trip entry fee		\$ 3.00
Bus fare (return)		\$ 7.00

Pohutukawa Team teachers look forward to working in partnership with you and your child. If you have any concern regarding your child at school, 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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