



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 5

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Friday 8th May 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

A warm welcome to the following new students and their families who have joined us recently at Wadestown School; Greta Pilcher Room 1, Imogen Prebble Room 0 and Izzy Dean Room 1. I look forward to meeting you all at Weld Street in the very near future.

A very different Term 2 continues for us with the hope that around the corner is normal schooling, whatever that will look like. Already a number of sports events affecting students have either been postponed or cancelled for the term so it will be a very different term for that alone. Wellbeing of students will be a high priority for staff, as well 'normal learning'. Staff will certainly be working on how we can support everyone in this changed environment once we are all back.

Alert Level 3

Thank you to all families for your support throughout the last 8 days of school while we have been in Alert Level 3. We appreciate the efforts you are all putting in to support teachers and your children, many of you are also very busy working from home, so you will have had your moments juggling work and children.

I have been very impressed with the 25 plus students we have had in school every day. They have been diligent with their distancing and have followed our rules well. It has been a pleasure to have them onsite working in their bubbles.

Most teachers have been working from school by choice and this has worked well. Those working from home will be looking at the government decisions carefully regarding their own wellbeing over the next few days.

Alert Level 2

We have now been given the information of what Alert Level 2 will look like, we await the final decision and confirmation on Monday. It looks highly likely that the first day for all students coming back will be Monday 18th May, given that the Prime Minister said that schools would start at the beginning of a new week. Of course things could change between now and Monday, I suspect very unlikely.

Once we get that decision we will inform you regarding what the run in will look like for starting school. I am aware that for some families the announcement will bring change to your home situation. Should you need to contact me don't hesitate to email, ian@wadestown.school.nz to discuss. We are currently working on our Alert Level 2 Plan to ensure we will be meeting the government requirements, we will ensure that health and safety is our number one priority.

Teacher Only Day Friday 29th May

We will not be having this Teacher Only Day, I have postponed it for obvious reasons. If families have already made plans for the Queen's Birthday long weekend, please continue with them and inform the school in the usual manner if your child is absent on Friday.

Year 8 Girls and Wellington Girls College

A reminder to the families of our Year 8 girls. The normal meet and greet for prospective Year 9 students in 2021 is not happening. An online Zoom Meeting has been organised for Thursday 14th May at 3.30 for Year 8 Wadestown Girls and families. Please ensure that you have the information already sent out by email, regarding accessing that meeting.

Principals Appointment

I am adding this correspondence on behalf of the Board of Trustees regarding the Principal Appointment. This has been put on hold due to the current schooling disruption. The job will be re-advertised. I have agreed to continue in the Acting Principal position until the BOT works through their options and completes the process.

31st March 2020 Tax Receipts

Please note that we are unable to electronically send End of Tax Year Annual Voluntary Donation receipts at this point in time. We are waiting on the suppliers of our student database programme to update the commuter programme. They advise it will be some time after we move to Alert Level 2 before this function will be available. However, our admin team are working on printing out the receipts and posting these via NZ Post as time allows.

Kind regards

Ian Hastie

Acting Principal