

WADESTOWN SCHOOL Community Newsletter No 12

Acting Principal: Ian Hastie Website: www.wadestown.school.nz Thursday 6th August 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

School is very busy with a great deal on, however all is good and students are coping and getting on with it. The concert is the big challenge for teachers with practices requiring lots of planning. I'm sure the two nights at Pipitea Marae will be great in four weeks' time.

Our cross country runners put in stellar efforts at Karori last week, to have 26 make through to the next stage is a terrific effort. We wish them all the best for the Granada North leg later this month.

We also wish the netball girls every success for the upcoming Western Zone Year 5-8 netball tournament.

The two visiting authors James Guthrie and Paul Beavis were very impressed with our students and the way they engaged with them and asked questions. I also was impressed with the quality of the questions asked by all students.

BOT Meet the Candidates Meeting Monday 7.00pm - Rose Street Hall

Thank you to the five parents who have put their names forward for the vacant BOT position, greatly appreciated by the staff and current board.

The candidates will speak briefly at the meeting next Monday night. If you are interested in hearing what they have to say come along. Each candidate will speak for a few minutes and there will be an opportunity for questions. John Palmer will be our MC for the evening.

We will also be joined by our Declared Candidates for Parliament for the Ohariu Electorate, who will be putting their case to be our local MP. So it should be an enjoyable and entertaining night.

BOT Candidates and order of speaking:

- 1. Matthew Gan
- 2. Chris Gray
- 3. Beth Mallard
- 4. Alistair Rumball-Smith
- 5. Tania Williams

Book Week & Fancy Dress Parade

The weather is not flash, but better than originally forecast for tomorrow with probably showers and wind predicted. The parade will still happen however it may be moved to the hall if things are too rough.

A huge thank you to Derek Piper, our librarian for all the work he has done to make Book Week a success. The authors James Guthrie and Paul Beavis were outstanding talking to our students and were very impressed with their interactions with students.



Author James Guthrie and Derek Piper speaking to students on Monday

Author and Illustrator Paul Beavis visited today to speak to the Year 1-4 students. As well as sharing about his childhood writing and drawing experiences he led the students through step by step instructions on how to draw his monster character.







Book Fair in Room 7

Thank you to all the parents and families who have supported the Book Fair, greatly appreciated. There is a wonderful selection of books to look over and maybe purchase. A big thank you to Derek Piper for all the work he has done in organizing the books, through The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie.

ICAS Assessments

Thank you to the parents who have registered their child for these assessments. They closed off yesterday. Further information will follow in regard to when the assessments are taken.

Principal Position

The Principal position has closed and the BOT are working through the process of appointing a new Principal. They are hopeful of completing the process in the very near future.

Reminders

- Book Week Book Character Parade: Friday 7 August starting just after 9.15 am: Parents are welcome
- School Concert Thursday 3 & Friday 4 September (Save the date)
- Working Bee Saturday 17th October (Save the date)
- School Photos Term 4 Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 October

School Concert 'Journey Through Space'

This takes place at Pipitea Marae on Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September, it will no doubt be two very good nights for families to enjoy. Please note the dates and more information will be out shortly regarding tickets, times etc.

PPP Party - Wilton Bowling Club

On behalf of the staff and Board I would like to thank Steve McHardy, Tim Bennett, Paul Fuge, Dave Dick and Jeff Marshall on organizing a great community event that will benefit Wadestown School. It was a fun night enjoyed by everyone and the costumes certainly added to the night. Well done organisers and attendees, the Acting Principal was impressed with the evening!!

A special thanks to our sponsors for the evening:

Our Major Sponsor was Jane Higgie at Tommy's Real Estate, as well as the following secondary sponsors- Wall St Designs, Money Box, Thorndon New World, The Shepherd's Arms Hotel, Zeal Hair Studio, Solid Technology Systems, Kauri Lodge, Panhead, Danger Danger, Counterculture Board Game Café & Bar, Victoria Smith Designs, Wadestown Skin & Beauty

The prizes from our sponsors were a big hit with the chosen costume winners.

Trainee Teachers from Victoria University

We are pleased to welcome two trainee teachers into school, Alexandra Clearwater will be working alongside Christine Wrenn in Room 0 and Nick Ballantyne will be working with Nicki Greer in Room 17. The trainees will be in school from Monday 10th August.

Western Zone School Cross Country

On 27 July Wadestown School took part in the Western Zone Inter School Cross Country at Karori Park. Congratulations to our students who placed in the top 10 positions of each race. These students will compete in the Wellington Inter Zone School Cross Country event scheduled to take place on 18th August at Grenada North.

Name	Race Competed in at Western Zones	Place Achieved in Race
Leo Smith	Year 4 Boys	3 rd
Duncan Freeman	Year 4 Boys	7 th
Zara Delahunty	Year 4 Girls	1 st
Harriet Dreyer	Year 4 Girls	3 rd
Alice Simpson	Year 4 Girls	6 th
Charlotte Robinson	Year 4 Girls	9 th
Isaac Thompson	Year 5 Boys	3 rd
William McKee	Year 5 Boys	9 th
Victoria George	Year 5 Girls	5 th
Florence George	Year 5 Girls	8 th

Sammy Bulbulia Smart	Year 6 Boys	2 nd	
Elsie Rumball-Smith	Year 6 Girls	5 th	
Alexandra Dreyer	Year 6 Girls	9 th	
Tom Healy	Year 7 Boys	6 th	
Ben Smith	Year 7 Boys	8 th	
Zach Lindsay	Year 7 Boys	9 th	
Max Delahunty	Year 7 Boys	10 th	
Jess Haldane	Year 7 Girls	3 rd	
Sophia Paviour-Smith	Year 7 Girls	4 th	
Maia McKee	Year 7 Girls	9 th	
Samuel Beardmore	Year 8 Boys	3 rd	
Abby Morton	Year 8 Girls	4 th	
Maya Bulbulia Smart	Year 8 Girls	5 th	
Sophie Jones	Year 8 Girls	6 th	
Maya Carden	Year 8 Girls	7 th	
Gigi Freeman	Year 8 Girls	8 th	

Wadestown School Working Bee – Saturday 17 October



A reminder that this year's Schools Working Bee will be held on Saturday 17 October.

The working bee contributes to the school's maintenance programme, maintaining the gardens, grounds, fencing and general maintenance items. It's a great way to meet and catch up with other parents.

We have a number of projects including tidying up the grounds, gardening, pruning, planting, building, painting, staining and water blasting. One particular focus this year will be to make a good start on the new science garden, which is part of the school ground master plan (see the plan by the gum tree). There is something for everyone!

Thank you to those that have already e-mailed Malcolm and Katy offering your assistance with the day. If you can spare some time on the day please drop a quick e-mail to Malcolm McKee at alpamare@gmail.com. If you are able to supply food and/or help on the day to feed the workers, please e-mail Katy Pearce on strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz

Getting an indication of numbers this early helps immensely with how many projects can be achieved on the day.

Thanks,

Malcolm, Katy and the Wadestown School PTA

2020 Term 3 Dates

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Regards

Ian Hastie

Acting Principal

Community Notices

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

Northland Cubs, Scouts and Keas are looking for new members. Coming out of lockdown we have an exciting programme for the rest of the year, with the opportunity to get outside and have an adventure or two. We have spaces available for Keas (age 5-7), Cubs (age 8-10) or Scouts (age 11-14). Interested in developing your leadership skills, we are looking for new leaders for keas and cubs. Full training and support are available. Like to know more? Check us out at www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts or email Northland.Scouts@gmail.com for more information.



Circus classes for all ages!

The Circus Hub in Wellington offer circus classes that are fun, exciting and challenging! Skills taught include aerial silks, trapeze, acrobatics, juggling and more! A great activity to develop coordination, perseverance, creativity and confidence. Available for all ages from 3yrs. We also have a school holiday programme and offer birthday parties. Enrol today at **www.circus.org.nz**

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

WINTER HOLIDAYS AT SOUTH WELLINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL (BERHAMPORE) AND OTARI SCHOOL (WILTON)

28th SEP- 9th OCT 2020 from 7.00am-6pm daily. Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking, Keep Fit Karapu Fitness, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Teas.

One-on-one care and shuttle services available. Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$243 per cub/week or \$453 for two or more siblings/week. WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.pridelands.org.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

NB: Our Home Support Service (Pride in Action) is also available per family at \$26/hr anywhere across Wellington Region.

Rail Safety Week 10-16 August

Cross with Care | Kia tūpato te whakawhiti

Rail Safety Week aims to reduce near miss collisions on level crossings. Every near miss is a traumatic event and has a very real impact on the locomotive engineers, the witnesses involved and on those who nearly lost their lives.

- Never cross when bells or lights are activated.
- Always look carefully in both directions before crossing.
- Be especially careful to look for a second train.
- If one train has stopped at a station another one could be coming.

For those families interested, have a look at this <u>Rail Safety Virtual Field trip</u> information that was shared with participating schools in 2019. Visit the <u>Tracksafe website</u> for more information.