



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 16

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Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Wadestown School Community for allowing me to be part of your school over these last 9 months. After retiring in July last year, I always said I would carry on doing some work, Wadestown School has been my first 'carry on', I do not regret it one bit. It has been an experience that has invigorated me and given me a great deal of pleasure.

Wadestown School is a very good school, high on my list are the manners of our students, who also set high standards and strive to do their best with their learning, sport and play; much of this is a reflection of work carried out at home alongside school. Your children come to school wanting to participate and learn, well done Wadestown!

Wadestown School staff are hardworking, knowledgeable and dedicated; they have fun and are a pleasure to work alongside. They do their very best to build learning and are a positive bunch of teachers, thank you every one of you. To the senior staff, Robyn, Nick, Cathrine and Amanda, thanks for sharing your knowledge and support with me. Lynda, Helen, Tani, Derek and all the support staff, you have been a font of information that has helped me navigate how Wadestown works. Thank you.

To the parent community, I have always felt welcome by you all, I have enjoyed our conversations and interactions, you have been up front, questioning, kind and friendly towards me, my only regret is I don't remember the names of everyone I meet. I'm not sure if I'll miss trying to hold a conversation with some of you at the Gum Tree immediately after having walked up from the office. Two minutes' recovery would have helped!!

To the BOT thank you for giving me the opportunity to come on board and work alongside you, to Neil for having the confidence to bring me on board and Mark and the rest of the Board for listening to my thoughts and ideas and having faith in me to do the job. A special thanks to Amy our staff rep, who works very hard in that role.

I shall miss Wadestown a great deal, much more than I expected, the student interactions I have had around learning, have blown me away many times, it has been so enlightening.

I wish you all the very best for the future, there will be a great deal happening at school over the next 12 months, particularly with property initiatives that will require organisation and careful management, an ERO visit is also on the horizon. Some normality for us all with Covid would be a great help.

I wish Amanda all the best in her new job, I have told her often, great students, a great staff and parents who want the best for their children, not a bad environment to come into for a new Principal.

All the best  
Nga mihi nui,

Ian.

## Reminders

- **Working Bee** - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact Malcolm McKee if you can help.
- **Advanced Voting for General Election** – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. (Rose Street Hall)
- **Election Day** - Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. (Rose Street Hall)
- **School Photos** - Term 4: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October (**note change of date**). Information will be sent home the first week of Term 4.

## Teacher Only Day/Holidays

A reminder no school for students tomorrow. Have a great holiday break everyone. Please note I will be working several days in Term 4, alongside Amanda Frater, as part of the transition handover.

## Week 1 of Term 4

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October we will be having a Hannah Playhouse Production at Rose Street at 11.30 am. On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, the Wadestown School Year 4 – 8 Athletics Day will take place at Nairnville Park. For details please check the email sent on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Also, we have Virtual Orange Day for Road Patrollers on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>. A very busy first week back.

## General Election

I remind parents that our Rose Street Hall will be used as a Polling Booth on 17<sup>th</sup> October, Election Day. It will also be used the weekend before on October the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for Advanced Voting. This is the last weekend of the school holidays.

## Working Bee Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Note also our Working Bee is also on the 17<sup>th</sup> October (Election day) however this will not make a difference to the planned work that Malcolm has organised.

Please read the separate email carefully as we still have gaps to fill re: helpers on the day. Please get back to Malcolm [alpamare@gmail.com](mailto:alpamare@gmail.com) if you can help with the working bee or by helping Katy [strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz](mailto:strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz) with the food.

Thanks

Ian / Malcolm and Katy

## Filming of the School Concert

We are hoping to get the school's Concert film clips out to parents tomorrow. Steve Douché has been working very hard on linking the footage so that families can see the Concert with all classes performing. We again thank Steve for his skills and effort in supporting the school. Also, a big thank you to Michelle Crutchley for the photography work she did at the Marae which has been a huge help to the school.

## 2020 Year Book

A big thanks to Victoria and Larissa for all the work they have done in starting the 2020 Yearbook. Hopefully by being ahead of schedule this will ease the workload in Term 4. The whole school photo at Weld Street on Tuesday was a great success and it was good to have the photo with Weld Street School in the back ground.

## Out of Zone Enrolments Ballot

We have placed ballot advertisements in the local Independent Herald online newspaper and the Dominion Post / stuff.co.nz this Saturday. The ballot is for the 2021 year. If you know of any families who are interested in being included in the out of zone ballot process, please give them a heads up. More information is also available from Lynda at the office.

## Year 8 Leavers Dinner on Friday 11 December

The Year 8 Dinner is arranged by the parents of the Year 7 Students each year. We require volunteers from the Year 7 parents to organise this function. If you are interested in volunteering in a large or small capacity or would like more detail about what is required please email Nick Julian [nick@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:nick@wadestown.school.nz) For organisational purposes sooner than later is good. Thanks.

## School Uniform – Shorts/Hoodie

Just a heads-up everyone about school uniform. It has come to my attention that a few students are wearing the 'running' PE shorts to and from school. My understanding is that the "running PE shorts" were to be used for sport only; that is when students are representing the school in outside events. They are not for walking to and from school daily.

The expectation at Wadestown School is that all students will wear full uniform to and from school. I realise that we also have 'Long' light weight PE shorts which are very similar to the normal school uniform shorts; in fact, it is difficult to spot the difference. These long PE shorts are currently not available to Wadestown School. What I would appreciate is that students stop wearing the 'running' PE shorts to and from school. My belief is this does not set the correct uniform standard.

I do not want to make a meal of this; I just feel that the correct uniform should be worn to set the right standards. The BOT are currently looking at this 'shorts issue' and you will be updated when things are clarified, and our options sorted alongside the Uniform Shop.

The other item is the school hoodie. This is now made of a lighter more synthetic material which does not fade as much after being washed. Some parents have noticed it is lighter in weight and have queried this, the reason for the change is the heavy cotton faded.

Thanks for your future support with these matters.

## Activity Fee and other Student Costs

If you are unsure if there are funds owing on your child's Student Statement, please contact the school office. These costs may include activity fees, sports trip buses, lost library books, sports team subs, etc. Please email [office@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:office@wadestown.school.nz) or phone the office Ph: 472 4779. If you leave a voice message overnight, we will be happy to call you the following day.

There are still a few families who have not paid for the Year 7 & 8 Masterton Sports Exchange, overnight stay cost of \$100. Please could these families take care of this.

## 2020 Term 4 Dates

**Please note some of these dates in Term 4 could easily change so they are not set in concrete.**

Thursday 24 September	Last day for students for Term 3
<b>Friday 25 September</b>	<b>Last Day of Term 3 – Teacher Only Day (No students at school)</b>
<b>Saturday and Sunday 10 – 11 October (During Term Break)</b>	<b>School Hall as advanced voting site 10.00 am – 4.00 pm</b>
<b>Monday 12 October</b>	<b>First Day of Term 4. School begins at 8.55 am. We welcome Amanda Frater to Wadestown School.</b>
Monday 12 October	Hannah Playhouse Production at Rose Street 11.30 am
Tuesday 13 October	Year 4 – 8 School Athletics at Nairnville Park
Thursday 15 October	Postponement Date: Year 4 – 8 School Athletics at Nairnville Park (No. 1)
Friday 16 October	Year 6 Road Patrol 'Virtual Orange Day'
Friday 16 October	Postponement Date: Year 4 – 8 School Athletics at Nairnville Park (No. 2)
Saturday 17 October	School Hall used as voting site on General Election Day 9.00 – 7.00 pm
<b>Saturday 17 October</b>	<b>School Working Bee (same day as the General Election)</b>
Monday 19 October	Yr 5 & 6 Mathswell Competition - evening
Tuesday 20 October	Yr 3 Sports Festival at Marsden School
Tuesday 20 October	Yr 7 & 8 Mathswell Competition - evening
<b>Wednesday - Thursday 21 - 22 October</b>	<b>School Photos - over 2 days</b>
Wednesday 21 October	Yr 5 & 6 Camp Info Meeting for Parent Help at Camp 6.00 – 7.00 pm
Wednesday 21 October	Board of Trustees Meeting in Rose Street staffroom 7.00 pm
Thursday 22 October	Postponement Date: Yr 3 Sports Festival at Marsden School
<b>Monday 26 October</b>	<b>LABOUR DAY – School is closed</b>
Tuesday – Friday 27 – 30 October	Year 5 & 6 Camp at El Rancho (Tuesday – Friday)
Tuesday 27 October	Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Karori West School for the next 6 Tuesdays
Wednesday 28 October	Rooms 1 & 2 Trip to Zealandia - Morning
Wednesday 28 October	Board of Trustees Meeting in Rose Street staffroom 7.00 pm
Thursday 29 October	Rooms 0 & 3 Trip to Zealandia - Morning
Thursday 29 October	Newsletter is published today
Friday 6 November	Western Zone Athletics: Yr 4 – 8 at Newtown Park
<b>Monday 9 November</b>	<b>Teacher Only Day (No students at school)</b>
Thursday 12 November	Newsletter is published today
Friday 13 November	Postponement Date: Western Zone Athletics: Yr 4 – 8 at Newtown Park
Wednesday 18 November	Yr 7 & 8 Hosting Tri-Tournament
Thursday 19 November	Yr 8 Girls Attending Wellington Girls College in 2021: Yr 8 Hui at Wellington Girls College – All day
Friday 20 November	All Library Books due back at the school Library today
Tuesday 24 November	PSW Interzone Athletics

Wednesday 25 November	Pre-School Information Morning at Weld Street
Wednesday 25 November	Postponement Date: Yr 7 & 8 Hosting Tri-Tournament
Thursday 26 November	Yr 4 Zoo Overnight stay
Friday 27 November	Yr 4 Zoo trip returns at 10.30 am
Friday 27 November	Yr 7 & 8 Speech Finals
Tuesday 1 December	Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Karori West School – Last session this year
Tuesday 1 December	Regional Athletics
Tuesday 1 December	Yr 8 Gardasil Immunisation - TBC
Wednesday 2 December	Yr 5 & 6 Speech Finals
Thursday 3 December	Yr 5 Road Patrol Training for 2021 - Afternoon
Thursday 3 December	Postponement Date: Regional Athletics
Friday 4 December	Yr 5 Road Patrol Training for 2021 - Afternoon
Monday 7 December	Yr 7 & 8 EOTC Trip
Tuesday 8 December	Yr 7 & 8 EOTC Trip
Wednesday 9 December	Final day for Sushi Lunch orders
Wednesday 9 December	Board of Trustees Meeting in Rose Street staffroom 7.00 pm – Final meeting for the year.
Thursday 10 December	Final day for Pita Pit Lunch Orders
Thursday 10 December	Yr 5 & 6 EOTC Trip to ASB Sports Centre
Thursday 10 December	Newsletter is published today
Friday 11 December	Yr 1 & 2 Picnic
Friday 11 December	Yr 8 Leavers Dinner
Monday 14 December	Trophy Assembly 10.00 am
Monday 14 December	Reports go home to parents
Monday 14 December	Yearbook is distributed to families
Tuesday 15 December	Last Day of Term 4. School closes mid-day.

Regards

**Ian Hastie**

Acting Principal

## Wadestown School on Weds 21st & Thurs 22nd October, 2020

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.

**You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.**

You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pack A \$40.00</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pack B \$35.00</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Packs include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack A: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack B: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, and Class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack C: 1x 5x7 and Class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack D: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, but no Class</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Pack E: Class only</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Complimentary Packs A-D include portrait file voucher. Email the code on the included voucher to us, and we send the file by return. A, B &amp; D include complimentary B&amp;W 5x7's.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pack C \$30.00</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pack D (Portraits) \$20.00</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pack E (Class) \$16.00</b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pack prices</b> (do not pay now)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A = 40.00 B = 35.00 C = 30.00 D = 20.00 E = 16.00</p>
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Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form **MUST** be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.