



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

*Living to Learn - Learning to Live*



21 October 2020

## **Pohutukawa Team Newsletter Term 4**

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

“Haere mai” and welcome to the new students who have started in Pohutukawa Syndicate this term:

Room 1 – Claudie Wakelin and Emerson Cunningham.

Room 3 – Luca Cunningham

And to Freddie Tietjens and Carly Joyce who are due to start in Room 1 in November.

Students are enjoying the bright, newly painted playground markings and having fun outside with them.

### **Reminder – Sunhats and Sunscreen**

This term all children need to have a named sunhat at school. Students should come to school having already applied their sunscreen at home.

### **Term 4 *Reaching Out to Nature***

Next week classes will be visiting our local Zealandia where students will be participating in a “Nature and Nurture” programme. Following on from the trip we have booked two Zealandia educators to come into school for a visit. Students will be able to identify some local bird species and understand how predators are a threat to our local birds. We will introduce the concept of “*Kaitiakitanga*” and that being a *kaitiaki* involves looking after and protecting our land, animals and plants.

Art will be integrated with this inquiry topic and students will get to make a clay bird pinch pot. Local Wellington Potters have offered to fire the pots for us.

### **Physical Education (P.E).**

During the week of Monday 16 November to Friday 20 November Wadestown Tennis Club are loaning us some nets. Teachers will be coaching basic skills; this follows on from the sessions we recently had at ASB. Thereafter we will be teaching the game of T- ball.

### **December Festivities**

Students will decorate a “Sending Love” Christmas card which will be delivered to a lonely or shut-in person in the Wellington suburbs. We are supporting this local initiative because it is **kind** and supports our “*Whanaungatanga*” – belonging and caring focus. Our Year 2 choir led by Sarah Bruce has been practicing on Tuesday lunchtimes (all year) and will showcase carols at the local “Carols in the Park” event on 1 December.

More details will follow but please mark your diary and come and support this event.

### **Upcoming events**

- Labour Day School closed, Monday 27 October
- Zealandia Trip for Rooms 1 & 2, 29 October
- Zealandia Trip for Rooms 3 & 0, 30 October
- Netball prize-giving & shared lunch 4 November
- Teacher Only Day on Monday 9 November
- Pre-school Morning Tea on Wed 25 November
- *Carols in the Park* with our Year 2 choir singing, Tuesday 1 Dec 5:30 pm
- Orchestra visit to Rose Street Wednesday 2 December, parents welcome (details to be advised)
- Big Buddy morning visit to Rose Street Tuesday 8 December
- Family Picnic at Otari Friday 11 December
- Reports go home on Monday 14 December
- School closes at 12:30 noon on Tuesday 15 December

### **Term 4 Activity Fee**

Activity	Cost
Hannah Playhouse	\$ 5.00
Zealandia Trip (include entry and return bus fare)	\$15.00
Clay pinch bird (includes firing and painting)	\$6.00
Christmas bead craft	\$5:00
Otari Christmas Picnic (return bus fare)	\$4:00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>

Pohutukawa Team teachers look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.

Ngā mihi nui

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