



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 19

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Thursday 12 November 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

*A warm welcome to the following new student and their family who have joined us recently at Wadestown School: Freddie Tietjens Rm1.*

It has been another busy fortnight both inside and outside of the classroom. The students and teachers continue to work hard across the school. Once again there is much to celebrate and acknowledge.

Thank you all for your support on Monday with **Teacher Only Day**. The teachers appreciated having the additional time to focus on assessment and report writing. These days were introduced through the Accord which was an agreement reached by the Ministry of Education and NZEI (the teacher's union) to provide teachers with additional days. As per the Accord, the focus of our day was on "strengthening teacher's understanding of assessment tools for learning and teaching".

I have had stunning reports from the teachers who accompanied our students to the **Western Zones Athletics** last Friday. We are extremely proud of every student who attended and the results that were achieved on the day (further information provided below). I know our students were hugely focused and gave it their absolute all! Furthermore, what stood out to the teachers who accompanied our students was the conduct of our students on the day and the way they represented Wadestown School. We had senior students who took the initiative to help out younger students from other schools in between events.

Our **Kapa Haka** continues to go from strength to strength and I have spent some time today and last Thursday with Matua Hemi as he worked with our Year 3-8 students. The quality of his programmes are outstanding and the rich learning that our students receive is some of the best I have seen. We have some talented singers and leaders who willingly share their skills with the rest of the group.

I observed the **Kiss and Drop system at Weld Street** and was impressed with the way in which the students independently arrived at school and the efficiency of this system which is supported by the parents. I also enjoyed getting to meet the parents and grandparents who had walked their children and grandchildren to school.

**Sally's farewell** at Parliament is set down for November 21. I know that there have been a number of attempts to make this happen and so it will be special to see this event go ahead.

At our most recent **staff meeting** the teachers brainstormed and discussed the variety of ways in which 'Wadestown School is a Highly Effective School'. We had rich conversations about what we offer as a school and the experiences and opportunities that are students are fortunate to receive. What stood out to me was the passion, dedication and commitment of our teachers coupled with the high expectations and support that is extended to our students by of our staff, parents and community.

Ngā mihi nui,

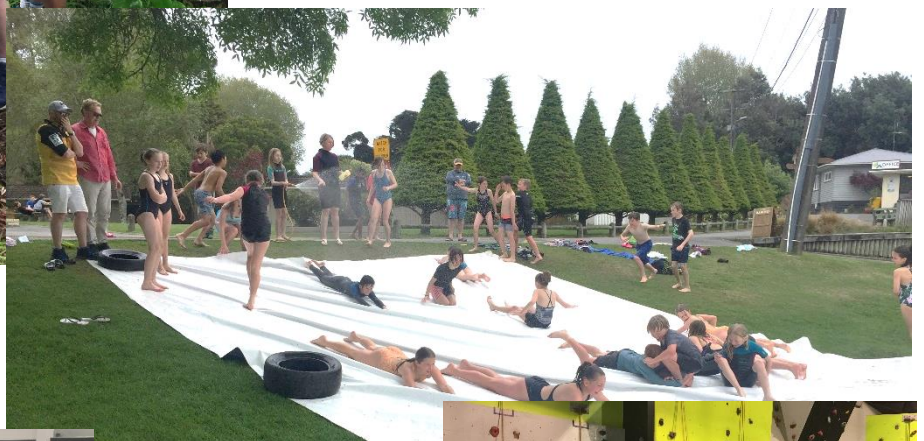
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## Year 5 & 6 Camp – 27 – 30 October:

This year's Year 5 and 6 Camp was at El Rancho, Waikanae. Parents were emailed an update each day of some of the exciting experiences the students enjoyed. We thank those parents who volunteered their time to make this camp happen. By all accounts, it was a huge success.



**Farewells:**



**Nicki Greer** leaves us at the end of this year to take up an exciting opportunity. Nicki is returning to her hometown of Christchurch to be with her family. Although we will be sad to see her go, we are very excited that she has won a Syndicate Leader at Lincoln Primary school for 2021 and will be leading the Year 7 and 8 Syndicate. We are confident that she will draw on the experiences she has had at Wadestown School and will lead their syndicate with the same commitment and expertise that she has shown at Wadestown School. I know that Nicki has contributed much to the wider life of the school and we acknowledge her efforts in leading the Arts and Te Reo.

**Christine Wrenn** leaves us at the end of the year but has agreed to keep in touch with the school by continuing on as a day-to-day reliever; something we are very pleased about. Christine has been a great member of the Pohutukawa Team and we know that the students in her class have thrived under her guidance.

Both teachers have been hard working, committed and loyal members of staff. We wish them both well in their next endeavours.

## **Class Organisation for 2021:**

Planning for 2021 is well underway and further information will be shared shortly in regard to schoolwide organisation. While there are a few changes we are confident that we will have a strong teaching staff for 2021.

## **Preparation for the Year 8 Leavers:**

Thank you to the group of parents who are working behind the scenes to prepare for both the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner and the Year Book. We are very grateful to you.

### **Photos for the Year Book: Year 8s**

We are seeking a photo of every Year 8 at 5 years old. If you have not already submitted a photo of your child please do this as soon as possible. It is now becoming a pressing matter.

## **School Choir for 2021:**

Preparations are underway for the development of a school choir, beginning in 2021. This choir will be open to all students across the school so long as interested members commit to attending on a regular basis. Andrea Cochrane with the support of Liz Chater will work together on this. The choir will happen at lunchtimes on a separate day to the orchestra so students can participate in both. More information to follow.

## **Lost Property update:**

There has been a noticeable reduction in the amount of lost property around the school which is wonderful to see! Please remember to name your child's clothing so that it can easily be returned to them. Water Proof Clothing Pens are available for purchase from the School Office for this purpose (\$8.00 each).

## **Traffic awareness – Purakau Avenue:**

I am aware that Purakau Avenue can become congested at times and that students need to be alert to what is happening around them. Please remind your children to take extra care when crossing the street and moving around cars.

## **Western Zone Athletics – Results:**

Wadestown School experienced a very successful day at the Western Zone Athletics, achieving great recognition in the Relays.

Name of Event	Placing	Name of Event	Placing
Yr 8 Girls 4 x 100m Relay	First	Yr 8 Boys 4 x 100m Relay	Second
Yr 7 Girls 4 x 100m Relay	First	Yr 7 Boys 4 x 100m Relay	First
Yr 6 Girls 4 x 100m Relay	Third	Yr 6 Boys 4 x 100m Relay	First
Yr 5 Girls 4 x 100m Relay	Second	Yr 5 Boys 4 x 100m Relay	First
Yr 5 Girls 4 x 100m Relay	First	Yr 5 Boys 4 x 100m Relay	First
Yr 4 Girls 4 x 100m Relay	First	Yr 4 Boys 4 x 100m Relay	Second

The following 34 students competed in the Western Zone Athletics and were placed in the first 3 positions in their events. They will be competing at the Inter Zone Athletics on Tuesday 17 November (postponement date 19 November)

Alex McKeown Berta Greulich Blake Carden Briar Nicholson Charlie Cowan Charlotte Robinson Emma Ward Gigi Freeman Harriet Dreyer Iris Edwards Isaac Thompson Izzy Ismail-Sanders	Jackson Chin Jess Haldane Joe Hopkinson Josh Nicholson Luke Steele Marley Thompson Maya Carden Ned Thursby Olivia von Dadelszen Ollie Lindsay Sam Bulbulia Smart Samuel Beardmore	Sienna Candy Sophia Paviour-Smith Sophie Jones Thomas Nischalke Victoria George William McKee Zach Lindsay Zak Ismail-Sanders Zara Delahunty Zion Elliott
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## Year 8 Visit to Government House:



## PTA Baking List / Classroom Coordinator for 2021:

Esther Goldberg-Contreras is in the process of updating the baking list for next year and organising a new crew to be in charge of baking/food for Parent-Teacher Conferences and other school events. This will be the team that the school can ask help from to send baked goods.

If you would like to volunteer to be on the Baking List or are interested in finding out more information about being a Classroom Parent Coordinator for 2021 please contact Esther. [esthergc@gmail.com](mailto:esthergc@gmail.com)

## **Weld Street - Property Modifications – Going ahead Saturday 14 November**

The planned work at Weld Street had to be postponed due to bad weather but we are pleased that the work to remediate the Weld Street fence is going ahead this weekend. Thank you to Dom O'Neill and his team for his work on this.

### **"Adventure"**

**Written by William, Room 11**

**Hiking up sloped steep mountains,  
gliding down rapid rivers.**

**All memories of fun.**

**Trying new scary  
things.**

**Camping in a tiny tent  
like huddling in a  
corner far far  
away from  
home.**

**The wet oozing sweat drips  
down your burning  
face after sleeping  
in your sizzling  
tent.**

**Jump in  
the river  
to cool down.**

**Slimy mud sticks  
to your feet like glue  
and mosquitos come to suck your blood**

## 2020 Term 4 Dates

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

Friday 13 November	Room 11 & 12 Trip to Zealandia
Tuesday 17 November	Inter Zone Athletics
Wednesday 18 November	Yr 7 & 8 Hosting Tri-Tournament
Wednesday 18 November	Board of Trustees Meeting in Rose Street staffroom 7.00 pm
Thursday 19 November	Yr 8 Girls Attending Wellington Girls College in 2021: Yr 8 Hui at Wellington Girls College – All day
Thursday 19 November	Postponement Date: Inter Zone Athletics
Friday 20 November	All Library Books due back at the school Library today
Saturday 21 November	Sallybration Cocktail Event
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. Students are dropped off at the Zoo at 7.00 pm
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 2: Carols in the Park 5.30 pm
Wednesday 2 December	Weld Street students go to Rose Street to see the Orchestra 12.30 pm
Wednesday 2 December	Yr 5 & 6 Speech Finals
Thursday 3 December	Yr 5 Road Patrol Training for 2021: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Thursday 3 December	Postponement Date: Regional Athletics
Friday 4 December	Rose Street: House Day 11.00 – 3.00 pm
Friday 4 December	Yr 5 Road Patrol Training for 2021: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Monday 7 December	Yr 7 & 8 EOTC Trip – walk to Mt Kaukau / Swim at Khandallah Park Pool
Tuesday 8 December	Yr 7 & 8 EOTC Trip – Adrenalin Forest
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 0, 1 & 2 Christmas Picnic
Friday 11 December	Yr 8 Leavers Dinner - Evening
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

**Amanda Frater**

Principal

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# Community Notices

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## Conspire with us

and make Christmas more meaningful (again)



Worship Fully



Spend Less



Give More



Love All

Does Christmas fill you with dread instead of joy because of all the stress, spending and busyness? Join our 4 week video and discussion group to enjoy a more mindful, sustainable and meaningful Christmas.

**Tuesdays, 3/10/17/24 November**

**7:00 - 8:30pm**

**Church Hall, Hanover Street**

**ph: 499 7224 for more info**

**Wadestown Presbyterian Church**



## El Rancho Summer Kids Camp



### Save the date!

Our 'Under the Sea' themed SUMMER KIDS CAMP is on from:

4pm, Monday 11th - 11am, Friday 15th January.

We're not quite ready to launch registrations yet but we will give you a heads up when we are....if you don't already....follow us on Facebook for updates:

**<https://www.facebook.com/elranchonz>**

## Wadestown Residents Association 50th AGM

Meeting Announced:

Venue: St Luke's Hall, 34 Pitt Street, Wadestown

Date: Sunday 15th November

Time: 4.00 pm

Guest Speaker: Andy Foster, Mayor

## Online Safety Information Evening

Wednesday 25 November, 7pm – 8.30pm, Samuel Marsden Collegiate School, entry free. Enter the building at the Main Reception in the middle of the school.

You are invited to attend an information evening designed for adults with children in their lives to gain an understanding of some of the harms children face in the online world. Presented by Rob and Zareen Cope makers of the documentary *Our Kids online: Porn, Predators and How to Keep Them Safe*, this evening offers advice and resources to be able to approach these topics with your children at different ages. Please see [attached information sheet](#) and RSVP by 24 November to [RSVP@marsden.school.nz](mailto:RSVP@marsden.school.nz) with your "name" and "on-line safety evening" as reference.



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Tuesday 1st of December, Khandallah Town Hall

6.30 pm complementary arrival drink

7pm Presentation

Refreshments & gardening gifts for sale

Cash or internet banking accepted



WADESTOWN COMMUNITY

# CAROLS IN THE PARK

TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER

@5:30 PM

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