



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Special Community Newsletter No 21

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I write this additional, one-off newsletter to keep you informed of further developments and goings-on.

### Staffing for 2021:

Further to the information that was shared in our most recent newsletter, I have some additional information to share.

- **Joy Henderson** joins the Pohutukawa Syndicate for 2021. Joy has taught in this area of the school in previous years alongside Amanda Lamble and brings an additional wealth of junior school teaching.
- We welcome **Alex Clearwater** to the staff for 2021. Alex had a teacher trainee placement with Christine Wrenn earlier this year and after graduating, is delighted to be back at Wadestown School for next year. Alex will be known to a number of Year 2 students from this year and will likely help with their transition to Rose Street.
- **Jo Hamid** joins our staff for 2021 and will work alongside Amy Maddock and Jessica Keetley. Jo attended Wadestown School as a child and is well known to the staff and students having worked here as reliever in recent years. Now that her children are older, Jo is able to return to full time teaching again.
- **Jessica Keetly** joins Year 5 and 6 next year so will be able to support the transition of the Year 4 cohort as they move up into Rimu syndicate. Jess' enthusiasm and passion for ICT and sport will be especially valuable in this area of the school.
- **Tim Whimster** joins the Year 7 and 8 Syndicate next year, and like Jess will be able to support the transition of the Year 6 cohort in Kowhai Syndicate.

Tim has indicated that he will be with us for only part of next year as he is looking to return to Scotland in May. We will advertise for Tim's position early next year.

To help with this transition, Tim will be teaching in the adjoining classroom to Cathrine Wilkinson (Syndicate Leader of Kowhai).

- **Amber Pullin** returns to teaching in the senior school again for 2021 and will be the fourth syndicate member of Kowhai Syndicate (Year 7 and 8). Catherine and Amber have worked together in Rimu syndicate in previous years and are looking forward to teaching in the same syndicate again.

## Wadestown School Organisation for 2021:

Syndicate/Year Level	Teacher	Room
<b>Pohutukawa Syndicate - Years 0 - 2</b>		
New Entrants	<b>Amanda Lamble Syndicate Leader</b>	1
Year 1 and 2	Sarah Bruce	3
Year 1 and 2	Joy Henderson	0
<b>Rata Syndicate - Years 3 and 4</b>		
Year 3 and 4	<b>Liz Chater Syndicate Leader</b>	11
Year 3 and 4	Alex Clearwater	12
Year 3 and 4	Lydia Hannah	9
Years 1 - 4	Robyn Grover Deputy Principal (Years 1-4)	
<b>Rimu Syndicate - Years 5 and 6</b>		
Year 5 and 6	<b>Amy Maddock Syndicate Leader</b>	4
Year 5 and 6	Jess Keetley	5
Year 5 and 6	Jo Hamid	6
<b>Kowhai Syndicate - Years 7 and 8</b>		
Year 7 and 8	<b>Cathrine Wilkinson Syndicate Leader</b>	17
Year 7 and 8	Tim Whimster	16
Year 7 and 8	Amber Pullin	14
Year 7 and 8	James Shelton	13
Years 5 - 8	Cathrine Wilkinson Deputy Principal (Years 5-8)	

## **Leadership roles for teachers:**

We are in the process of working through the additional leadership roles available to staff for 2021. I feel lucky that we have such a range of talented staff members who are eager to share their expertise and to take on additional leadership roles.

This will mean that big pieces of work, such as ICT and Te Reo can be led schoolwide by a teacher with the specific knowledge, interest and skills.

I will share more about this early next year.

## **Activity Fees, EOTC Week:**

On 1<sup>st</sup> December we emailed out the Student Statements. A friendly reminder to please check that you are up to date with all your child's student costs for 2021, and especially to those of you with Year 8 students or those of you who are leaving Wadestown School in December 2020.

We are aware that there are some outstanding costs across the school and respectfully ask all families to check that they have paid any outstanding costs.

Please feel free to approach me directly if you wish to make confidential alternative arrangements.

## **Dedication of the Library to Sally:**

This is happening as part of the Trophy Assembly on Monday 14 December and will include the unveiling of the specially designed, pounamu plaque.

## **Nick Julian's Farewell - Monday 7 December 3.30 pm**

Thank you to those of you who have already RSVP'd to this event by emailing the office. [office@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:office@wadestown.school.nz) For catering purposes, please let us know if you are coming by Friday 4 December.

For those of you who cannot attend, we have a book in the office for parents and ex-students to sign. This will be made available again for people to sign on Monday.

I would like to thank Kirsty Bennett for her assistance in planning this event and also the PTA Parent Bakers for their contributions.

**And lastly, a thank you to you all for your continued support of the school. There is much happening across the school in these final weeks, but it is wonderful to see the ongoing parental and community support and involvement, at this time of the year. The teachers really could not do it without your assistance.**

Nga mihi nui,

**Amanda Frater**

Principal