



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

*Living to Learn - Learning to Live*

February 2021

**Pohutukawa Team Newsletter**



Kia ora koutou parents, whānau and caregivers

Welcome back to school for 20121 at Weld St. A special welcome to our new students and whānau

**Room 1:** Lachlan Kerr, Maria Mulholland, Stella Sanders and Tom Martin.

**Room 3:** Anya Munro and Ollie Counihan.

**Room 0:** Olly Prins.

We also welcome back to Weld St, Mrs Henderson who was most recently teaching in Rata Team.

Our 2021 school theme is the Power of Diversity - **Rerekētanga** and the context for Term 1 is "Understanding Diversity" within our own community. Students will be encouraged to share special celebrations in their family. Classes have been learning about The Treaty of Waitangi and this week Chinese New Year and we thank the parents who have been helping us with this.

A "**Growth Mindset**" focus will be developed so that students will learn to use the word "yet" when talking about their learning eg "I don't know it YET" or "I haven't learnt to do this YET". They will develop a willingness to engage with new learning and see mistakes as an opportunity for learning.

## Literacy

Literacy forms a significant part of the school day. Students are taught handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar. Phonics supports literacy learning. On Tuesday afternoons Mr Derek Piper, our School Librarian, takes a "Library Skills" session for all the Weld Street students. Our aim is to develop in our students a love for literacy.

## Numeracy

Students will be encouraged to think mathematically, solve problems in a meaningful context and model their answers using materials. They will learn to communicate their solutions using words, pictures and simple equations. We have a key focus on developing number knowledge such as counting forwards and backwards, identifying and grouping numbers. This is the foundation to understanding place value. Students will also look at Statistics, Geometry and Measurement.

## Visual Art

Wadestown School provided flower-themed art for the recent Wilton 103rd Horticultural Show at St Lukes

Centre on Saturday. Congratulations to the three prize winners, one from each class.



## Te Reo Māori

Hemi is our school-wide kaiako for teaching Kapa Haka. He teaches our students here at Weld on a Thursday.

## P.E.

Students are practicing relay skills for the upcoming Sports Day. Please come along and support this fun event and get to know the new families at school.

Later this term we will have a skill-based session teaching Rugby skills, which will be led by trained coaches from West Rugby Club.

## Reminders – Drop-off and Pick-up

### **School is open from 8:30 am each morning.**

If students have not tried "**Kiss and Drop**" in the morning, then teachers will be encouraging students to give it a go! This helps alleviate traffic congestion and frees up car parks for parents of new children to school.

**Movin March** is coming soon; it is a Wellington Regional Council themed promotion to encourage active travel to school. The students have a 10 sticker passport held by the teachers at school and if they walk to school each day (x10) then they earn a "**Movin March**" reward.



## Summer

It is important that children have a named sunhat and sunscreen is applied at home before school. Students can also reapply sunscreen during lunchtime and will need to have a named roll-on sunscreen in their bag for this.

After school some parents pick their child up from the bottom of the Weld Street steps, opposite the Wadestown Kitchen. A duty parent keeps the children safe behind the Wellington City Council gate.

We need a parent to take responsibility for this roster and if you are able to help with please email Amanda Lamble if you could oversee this: [amanda@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:amanda@wadestown.school.nz)

## Upcoming events

- 22 Feb: *Parent Info Evening 5:30 – 6:30pm*
- 1 March: *Weld St Parent Conferences*
- 4 March: *Weld St Parent Conferences*
- 5 March: *Sports Day* at Wilton Park
- 10 March: *Puppet Show* at Rose Street  
*“The Boy With Wings”*
- 16/17 March: *Visit to City Gallery* -details to follow
- 24 March: *Pre-school Information Morning*
- 2 April: *Good Friday*
- 5 April: *Easter Monday*
- 16 April: *Last day of Term 1*

## Activity Fees

Term 1 Activity Fees	
Sports Day at Wilton Park bus fare (return)	\$ 6.00
“The Boy With Wings” Puppet Show at Rose Street	\$4.00
City Gallery visit & puppet-making	\$3.00 \$7.00
Bus fare (return)	
	<b>TOTAL: \$20.00</b>

## Year 2 Choir

Sarah Bruce will be running the Year 2 Choir again this year. Choir practice will be once a week for half of lunchtime. There will be a notice going home with further information on it for you to sign if your child is interested in joining.

Pohutukawa Team teachers look forward to working in partnership with you and your child. If you have any concern regarding your child at school, please email your classroom teacher to make a suitable time for you to discuss it.

Tēnei te mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.  
Nāku te raurau, nāu te raurau,  
ka ako ai ngā ākonga.

Thank you all for your support.  
With your basket and my basket,  
the students will learn.

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Information Evening on Monday evening 5:30 pm.

Ngā mihi

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