



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Pohutukawa Team Newsletter Term 2, 2021



Kia ora Parents, Whānau and Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 2 with a special welcome to all the new students in Room 1: Tredan Atutolu Lee Chan Matt, Iyla Daya, Evie Jenks, Alex Boyce, Mia Schwoerer, Isobel Kidd and Jamie Whyte. Next week Gus Wright and Melody Xie will join Room 1.

**Our Term 2 Inquiry is focused on 'Exploring Diversity'.** This will be in the context of our **Environment**, in particular recognising that plants have different properties and uses. We want to develop an understanding of the need for conservation and sustainable use of plant material. On Friday 21 May we have a visit to Otari Wilton Bush. We have booked into a new education programme that focuses on plants and their uses in construction. The sessions are 2 hours, and we have a morning session booked for Rooms 1 and 3 and an afternoon session booked for Room 0. Students will participate in 3 different activities led by Otari tutors. **Please email your child's teacher if you can be a Parent Helper on the trip.**

### P.E. and Health

**Challenges and Triumphs** As part of having a "Growth Mindset", students learn to face challenges with a positive attitude. There will be plenty of opportunities for students to challenge themselves in our Cross-Country Race and in PMP (The Perceptual Motor Programme develops left and right sides of the brain and gross motor skills, using specially designed equipment). More details to follow.

Practicing for our Cross-country Fun Run will start after Queen's Birthday Weekend. Students should come to school in shoes that they can run in.

The Life Education Caravan will visit Wadestown School 14 – 18 June. Our students walk over to Rose Street to participate in the sessions on offer.

### Te Reo

We are learning kupu related to kai (food). Our students will participate in a **Whakatau**, on 11 June and they have been learning waiata for this special occasion. **Matariki** will be celebrated at the start of July and shared kai will be a part of the celebration.

### Mathematics

This term's focus will be on Basic Facts to 10 and 20 (addition and subtraction) along with a working knowledge of doubles to 10 and 20.

There will also be a focus on Measurement – telling the time to the hour and half hour and in Geometry students will learn to follow and give instructions

related to movement and position. Developing positional vocabulary is a valuable skill across the curriculum and is the first skill in coding.

### Marvellous Mondays

We have 3 "Marvellous Monday" sessions planned: 10, 17 and 24 May for 45 minutes prior to morning tea. Students are cross grouped across the 3 classes and they get to try a different fun activity each Monday. In Room 1 there is "Gloop" making, in Room 3 students work with salt-dough and in Room 0 they finger-paint a plant or flower. Providing an experience is always a wonderful stimulus for great writing.

### Marvellous Monday 10 May

Hands in Gloop



Salt dough creations



Finger Painting Flowers

## Upcoming events

- **17 & 24 May** “Marvellous Mondays”
- **21 May** Pink Shirt Day
- **24 – 28 May** Book Week
- **28 May** Book Character Dress-up Parade  
**Hannah Playhouse Performance**  
– pick-up from **Rose Street at 3pm**
- **4 June** Teacher Only Day
- **7 June** Queen’s Birthday Monday
- **11 June** Whakatau to welcome new whānau
- **25 June** Cross-Country Race 12 noon
- **2 July** Matariki Celebration
- **2 July** Reports go home
- **6 & 8 July** Parent Teacher Conferences

## Reminders

### Winter

It is important that children have a rain jacket in their bag in case the weather changes during the day.

### 3.00 pm Pick-up Time

If students are being picked up from school, then teachers request it is at 3pm and not prior (this does not apply to the newest students in Room 1). Thank you for your consideration.

Pohutukawa Team teachers look forward to a great term of learning ahead with your child.

*Ngā mihi*

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Activity Fees Charged to Student Statement	\$90.00
Less	
<b>Term 1 Costs</b>	<b>14.00</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	
Otari Wilton Bush Trip Bus (return)	12.00
NZ Playhouse Performance of <i>Rumpelstiltskin</i>	5.00
Life Education Booklet	6.00
<b>Total Activity Fees Spent</b>	<b>53.00</b>