



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

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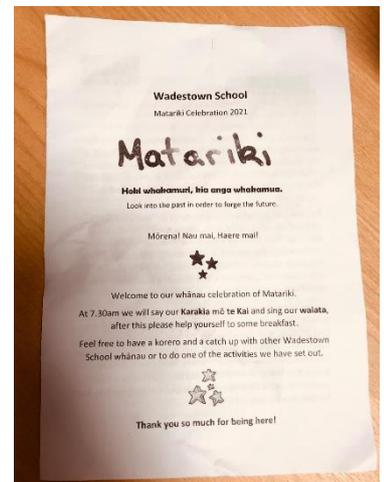
Thursday 29 July 2021

Kia ora koutou,

I hope this finds you all well as we enter into the beginning of Term 3. We were unable to do our normal 'end of term special newsletter' at the end of Term 2, so I am providing you with an extended update to cover the news I would have otherwise shared with you at that time.

In the final weeks of term 2, Wadestown School was buzzing once again! Not only were teachers finalising and distributing reports, but they were also meeting with parents and students to discuss individual progress and academic achievement as part of our Parent Teacher Conferences. Once again, we extended a welcome to students to attend these conferences and I was pleased that this offer was taken up by a good number of families. We know as educators that when students are able to articulate what they are learning and reflect on why they are learning a particular skill or concept, that we see greater gains in their academic achievement. Moving forward, it is our intention to continue to keep this option open to parents and students at future conferences. Thank you to you all for showing, once again, such strong commitment to our students' learning at school.

Matariki also fell at this time, and to celebrate this fact, we had our first ever Matariki Breakfast in the Wadestown School hall. This celebration was expertly led by Amber Pullin and Elizabeth Chater; our Te Reo and Whānau Engagement leaders. A real highlight for me was seeing our teachers, students and parents come together at the start of the day as one large community group. A huge thank you to Michelle Crutchley and her extensive team of helpers for making the event the success that it was. Everyone was well fed and used the opportunity to connect with others. Feedback from parents was that they really enjoyed having a whole school event at the start of the day as it meant that working parents could participate ahead of setting off for work.



Term Three brings with it a focus on the Arts at Wadestown School. At the beginning of the year, teachers were able to put in applications for Leadership Roles and I was delighted when Jessica Keetley and Lydia Hannah put forward a joint application to lead the Arts across the school.

Lydia and Jess both have extensive experience and knowledge of the Arts and I am certain that they will bring this to the work that they are undertaking this Term which has a focus specifically on the Arts curriculum. Thank you to those parents who have already offered their time and assistance to support the upcoming Cultural Arts Week. This is a new opportunity for our students at Wadestown. The purpose of this event is to encourage students to explore a range of different cultures through the Arts, while also working across the school with different students.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amanda Frater

Principal

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Employment News: New Teachers for Room 16

Welcome Loren and Rebecca

We are delighted to have Loren Kennedy and Rebecca Kelynack working together in Room 16 for the rest of the year. Loren will be working four days a week in Room 16 with Rebecca taking the class on a Friday. Our employment process was an extended one this time around, but we are pleased to have secured a good teaching team to continue on with the work that Tim started in Terms 1 and 2.

Loren is an experienced teacher who has worked at Kelburn Normal, Raumati and Eastern Hutt Schools. She has also had time working as an educator at Capital E. Loren is very pleased to be working as part of the Kōwhai team and we wish her well. She brings strong experience in Literacy and also in weaving IT through the curriculum.

Rebecca has worked at Wadestown on an ongoing basis as a regular part time teacher in Kōwhai and Rimu teams. She is well known to the staff and will work well as part of the Kōwhai team.

We are very aware that a job share is a new approach, but I am confident that we have the systems and process in place to support this. Kōwhai, under Cathrine's Leadership, work in a collaborative way and this team have always been committed to preparing our most senior students for College, by encouraging them to work with both different teachers and students.

Farewell to Tim Whimster and Christine Ralph

At the end of Term 2, staff and students reluctantly said their goodbyes to Tim and Christine and wished them well on their journey back to the UK. We had a wonderful send off for Tim prepared by the students of the Kōwhai team. This was an opportunity for staff and students to express their thanks to Tim for his contributions over the past year and a half; firstly as a teacher in Rimu Team and then as a Teacher in Kōwhai. We wish both Tim and Christine a wonderful future together in Scotland which is where they intend to be for the foreseeable future.

Curriculum Refresh - PLD for Principals

As you may well be aware, a curriculum refresh of the New Zealand Curriculum is underway. This is both an exciting and daunting time for teachers and leaders as they came to understand what the changes will mean. Already, the New Zealand Histories Curriculum is in draft form, and I know that other curriculum areas are also being reviewed at this present time.

Robyn attended a hui presented by Perry Rush, president of the New Zealand Principals' Federation on Tuesday. My sense is that there will be continued opportunities for schools to engage in these conversations and it is our intention to stay up-to-date with the new developments.

Upcoming Teacher Only Day - Monday 30 August

As per previous communication to our school, all schools were given an allocated number of Teacher Only Days (ToDs) to use for teacher professional development. Please note that there is an upcoming ToDs in Term 3. The school will be closed for normal instruction.

Thank you Baker's Group: Parent Teacher Conference Afternoon Teas

With the parent teacher conferences in the final week of term, the spectacular afternoon teas provided for the teachers by the Baker's group, was gratefully received. Teachers work especially hard during both report writing and Parent Teacher Conference time, so the additional thought that was expressed through these afternoon teas hit just the right note. Thank you to Amanda Martin for her calm, and professional organisation behind the scenes.

Weld Street Cross Country

The Weld Street Cross Country was yet another fun and successful sporting event for our students. Held at Weld Street on the last day of term, this Cross Country was supported by our Year 8 Sports Leaders, our parents, the Weld Street teachers and the Senior Leadership team.

Our youngest students were determined in this event and there are some clear 'up and comers'. In a speech to the Year 1 and 2 students, Cathrine Wilkinson encouraged the students to embrace a love of running and to continue to practice this through the holidays.

A big thank you to Amanda Lambie and her team for putting on this event.

As a slightly unusual request, there was a glitch in our systems which resulted in no photos of this event. If anyone is willing to share theirs with us, we would be most grateful. Please send them to Robyn at: robyn@wadestown.school.nz

Wadestown School Working Bee - Saturday 25 September

“First Impressions Count”

Thank you to those who have already reached out to Malcolm McKee to sign up for the Working Bee. Much appreciated. Numbers are building really well, and the planning is coming together. Please continue to drop Malcolm an e-mail at alpamare@gmail.com if you can make it. Getting a list of people early helps with planning.

At this stage he is still looking for more painters, stainers and gardeners.

Also, a reminder that contributing food is a big help if you can't make it on the day. For these contributions, please reach out to Michelle Crutchley at mishjacobson@gmail.com

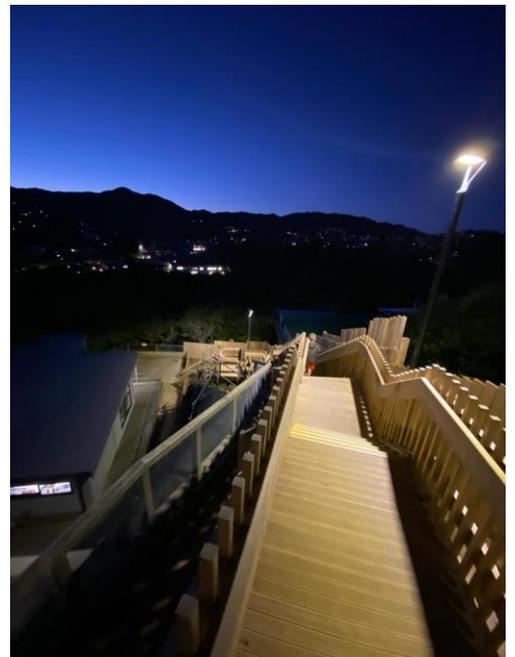
Thanks,

Malcolm McKee and the Wadestown School PTA

Property Update: Stairway Project:

If you have been walking through the Rose Street site, you might have noticed the new lighting along our new staircase. Despite unexpected delays due to supply issues, we are very pleased that they are now operational; in time for the darker mornings and evenings.

Planting has begun around this area but was heavily impacted by the severe weather bomb a few weekends back. This work is being undertaken by Aspen so we know that it will be completed to their normal high standards.



Thank you to Tani: Post storm Clear Up

I want to extend my thanks to our wonderful caretaker Tani, for his work immediately after the storm. Tani worked in the second week of the holidays to ensure that our grounds were both clear and safe for our students' return.

Year 8 Leavers' Function for 2021

A friendly reminder that Cathrine and the Kōwhai Team are looking to put together this year's Year 7 parental organisation team for the end of year, Year 8 Leavers' function. In keeping with tradition, we are seeking parents of students in Year 7 to offer their time to prepare this year's event. Last year's function was just stunning and I know that the 2020 team will have many tricks and tips to pass onto this year's group of parents. Any offer of help will be grateful received, and as we experienced with the Matariki Breakfast, many hands make for light work!

Kōwhai Science Fair

The Kowhai students spent several weeks last term preparing, investigating, researching and analysing an array of scientific investigations. Individual research questions focused on a range of passions, interests and wonders. Many hours have been dedicated to the scientific process and presentation of findings.

This week has seen the culmination of the students' hard work come together; the school hall is currently home to nearly 100 exhibits waiting for results, feedback and viewing.

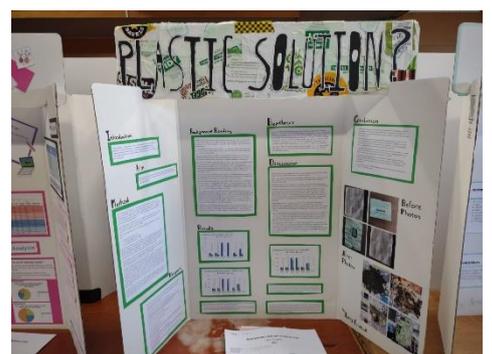
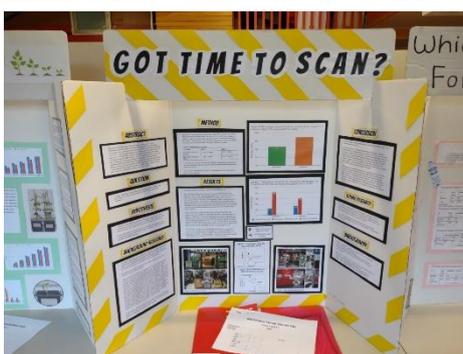
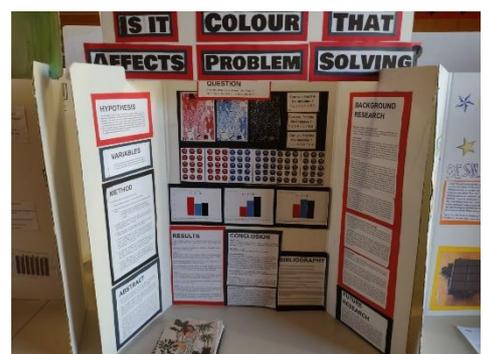
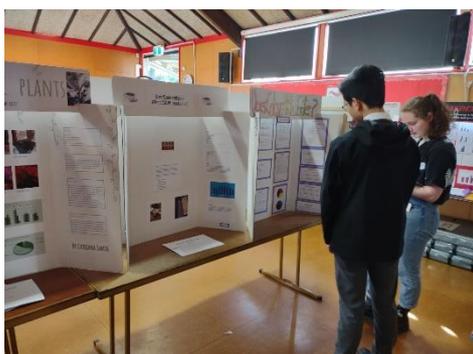
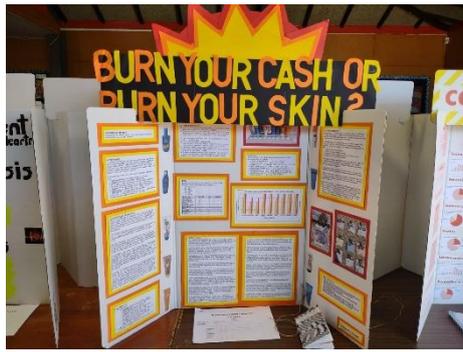
Wednesday, the judging day, saw a group of 13 senior secondary students with a passion for science volunteering their time to assist with the judging and give back to the next generation of learners.

This new initiative, connecting with the contributing colleges, has been possible due to the outstanding effort from our Wadestown School parent Pete McLellan. He has spent endless hours coordinating, organising sponsorship from Corporate Cabs and providing meals for the judges. We are extremely grateful for the energy, knowledge and expertise Pete has dedicated to supporting the science programmes at Wadestown School. Thank you Pete.

The school hall will be open for public viewing on:

Friday 30 July (3.00 pm - 4.15 pm)

Monday 2 August (8.15 am – 4.15 pm)



Plastic Free July®

A reminder that Wadestown School is currently supporting Plastic Free July®. This is an initiative that promotes choosing to refuse single-use plastic. It is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution, so we can have cleaner streets, oceans and beautiful communities.



Our Environment team is working hard to inspire our school to make a difference with solutions to single-use plastic. Each student has a weekly card to tick off the days they have had no single-use plastic in their lunchboxes. Making a small change to our routines can make a big difference to our environment.

2021 Term Dates

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

Friday, 30 July	Yr 7 & 8 Science Fair Viewing to the public 3.00 – 4.15 pm, Rose Street Hall
Monday, 2 August	Yr 7 & 8 Science Fair Viewing to the public 8.15 – 4.15 pm, Rose Street Hall
Monday, 2 August	Yr 5 – 8 Trip to WC/WGC Cultural Extravaganza
Thursday, 5 August	Environment Green Team Meeting at Weld Street
Friday, 6 August	Team Newsletters are published
Wednesday, 11 August	Board of Trustees Meeting 7.00 pm Rose Street staff room
Monday, 16 August	ICAS English Exam
Tuesday, 17 August	WZ Netball (Yr 5 – 8) at Hataitai Netball Courts
Wednesday – Friday, 18 – 20 August	Cultural Arts Week
Thursday, 19 August	Yr 5 & 6 Mathswell Competition at Karori West School, 6.30 pm
Thursday, 19 August	Postponement date: WZ Netball (Yr 5 – 8) at Hataitai Netball Courts
Tuesday, 24 August	Yr 7 & 8 Technology at Karori West Normal School. Weekly for the rest of Term 3. Buses leave at 8.40 am please arrive at school early.
Wednesday, 25 August	Yr 7 & 8 Mathswell Competition at 6.30 pm, Venue: TBC
Thursday, 26 August	ICAS Science Exam
Monday, 30 August	NZEI – Teacher Only Day
Wednesday – Thursday 1 – 2 September	School Photos over 2 days
Friday, 3 September	ICAS Maths Exam - note new date. Moved to Friday due to School Photos.
Rāhina - Rāmere, 13 – 17 Mahuru	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
Tuesday, 14 September	WZ Hockey Yr 5 - 8
Thursday, 16 September	Postponement date: WZ Hockey Yr 5 - 8
Friday, 17 September	DanceSplash Performance
Saturday, 25 September	School Working Bee
Thursday, 30 September	Inter-Regional Cross Country

Community Notices

Disclaimer: Please note that the inclusion of these notices does not necessarily imply endorsement by Wadestown School.

WADESTOWN SCOUTS GROUP



Wadestown Cubs, Scouts and Keas are looking for new members. We have an exciting programme for the rest of the year, with the opportunity to get outside and have an adventure or two.

We currently have spaces available for Keas (age 5 ½ -7) and Scouts (age 10 ½ -14).

If you are interested in developing your leadership skill, we are looking for new leaders for cubs. Full training and support is available.

Like to know more? email wadestown@group.scouts.nz for more information.

GirlGuiding for girls 5-6 years

Do you want your daughter to have fun trying new things, making new friends, learning leadership skills, having fun outdoors and much more?

GirlGuiding NZ has spaces available in your local Pippin group. We meet on Wednesdays in Wadestown from 5:30 until 6:45pm.

Email Inge at inge.little.girlguiding@gmail.com for more information.



Club Open day

Come along and try out a
Rhythmic Gymnastics class!

Saturday 31 July

Sessions:

- 10am–11 am School age
- 11.30am–12 noon Preschool age
- 2pm–3pm School age

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!

To book: Email info@rhythmicgym.nz with

- Child's name and age
- Your name and contact email
- Details of any previous dance or gymnastics experience

Sessions will be held in the Chinese Anglican Mission Hall, 30 Glenmore Street, Thorndon.



**KELLY SPORTS TERM 3
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YEARS 2-4 ROSE STREET

Come and try Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee, Football and Dodgeball!

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YEARS 0-2 WELD STREET

A great way to challenge and improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment.

We aim to develop and enhance ball skills, catching, kicking, throwing, co-operative skills and teamwork while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye co-ordination and spatial awareness.

It's the best way to learn, is challenging and FUN!

**Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm
Sessions Start - Thurs 5 August 2021!**

Book online at www.kellysports.co.nz and put "Wadestown" in the School Box.

Winter Illness and RSV

Information for parents and caregivers

Update – 26 July 2021

General information on RSV

Colds, flu and other respiratory viruses including respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) are more common at this time of year in schools, early learning centres and homes. These winter illnesses can be easily spread by sneezes or cough droplets. For most adults and older children an RSV infection will be like a cold. Most people take about 10 days to recover and will get better on their own. Very young children and babies can become seriously ill and require urgent medical care and hospitalisation.

RSV infections may progress to cause pneumonia and bronchiolitis, especially in infants.

To stop the spread of RSV and other viruses, everyone should maintain good hand hygiene and stay home if they have any cold or flu symptoms.

Symptoms

If you or your child has RSV, the most common symptoms are:

- a runny nose
- coughing or sneezing
- fever
- wheezing and difficulty breathing
- loss of appetite, or
- difficulty feeding due to breathlessness.

Shortness of breath or abnormally rapid breathing always requires immediate medical attention. In very young infants, the symptoms may be subtle: irritability or decreased activity may be the only signs your child is unwell. Breathing difficulties indicate there is inflammation in the airways caused by a viral infection.

When do I need to see a doctor if my baby or child has respiratory symptoms?

- is under 3 months old
- is breathing fast, has noisy breathing and is having to use extra effort to breathe
- looks pale and unwell
- is taking less than half of their normal feeds
- is vomiting
- has not had a wet nappy for more than six hours.

Even if you've already seen your doctor, if your child's breathing gets worse or you are worried, take your child back to the doctor.

When should I dial 111?

Dial 111 and ask for urgent medical help if your baby or young child:

- has blue lips and tongue
- has severe difficulty breathing
- breathing that is not regular, or pauses in breathing
- is becoming very sleepy and not easy to wake up
- is very pale or floppy.

Additional information for parents and caregivers

- anyone who is unwell should stay at home until they are symptom free and feeling well. Your child should not return to childcare, school or work until 24 hours after their symptoms(cough, runny nose) have gone
- inform a member of staff at your childcare centre if your child has an illness
- make sure you are aware of your centre's illness policy and ensure your centre has your contact details should they need to contact you
- a medical certificate from your GP is not required before your child returns to early childhood education (ECE), childcare, kindergarten, or school after they have been unwell, unless they are not fully recovered
- the following links have some good tips for looking after children with winter illnesses:
 - www.kidshealth.org.nz/respiratory-syncytial-virus-rsv-infection
 - www.kidshealth.org.nz/flu-influenza
 - www.kidshealth.org.nz/cough-children
 - www.kidshealth.org.nz/bronchiolitis

RSV prevention poster

Accessible at www.healthnavigator.org.nz/media/14170/preventing-the-spread-of-rsv.pdf

Help prevent the spread of RSV

Stay home when you are sick.



Limit the time children spend in childcare.

Cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your mouth and nose with a tissue.



Wash your hands with soap and water often.



Wash solid toys and consider getting rid of soft ones.



Clean surfaces such as doorknobs and mobile phones often.



Avoid close contact with others.



Health Navigator
NEW ZEALAND

For more info,
visit hn.org.nz/rsv

Wellington City Libraries, National Library of New Zealand & Graphic Comic Store are celebrating
International Free Comic Book Day!

COMICFEST 2021

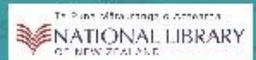
Saturday 21 August
National Library of New Zealand
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Free Entry

For full programme visit
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