



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 15

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Kia ora koutou,

It was magical seeing all the students returning to school this morning and a number of them expressed how pleased they were to be back. Walking around the classrooms this morning it was wonderful to see how quickly our students have re-engaged with not only one another, but with their teachers too.

I continue to reflect on this experience and what we have managed to achieve together as a community. This lockdown was, as promised, swift and sharp which provided some element of challenge. Although, I recall how impressed I was by the immediate response from our students, teachers, and parents. We knew we had been here before and thankfully we had those previous experiences to draw on. I have to thank and acknowledge Ian Hastie for the work that he did to lead the school in 2020 as it paved the way for our 2021 response.

Being able to mobilise our school wide class meetings first off was a deliberate move by us. We felt that it was important to maintain routines and sustain the strong connections that our teachers have with our students. I was able to join some of these class meetings and was encouraged by the engagement of students and their ability to quickly adapt to the new norms and protocols of online meetings.

In situations such as these, it can be a true test of teamwork and the ability of an organisation or school to pull together. I have witnessed multiple examples of our teachers and wider staff coming together for our students. There were many people who went 'above and beyond' over this lockdown period; delivering devices to families, collating readers for our Pohutukawa students, assisting with cleaning as some such examples. I also have to commend the flexibility and hard work that so many people demonstrated over this period. There was genuine care not only for our students and families by teachers, but of our families towards our staff. A testament to the strong support and partnerships that have been established.

For some students they may have some concerns about returning to school. Keeping your messaging positive about the return to school will help with this. Please contact Robyn Grover (SENCo) if your child is demonstrating any anxiety or resistance to returning to school. We appreciate that this could be challenging for some students.

If your family situation has changed over lockdown or you have questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to speak with either your child's teacher or myself. We are all here to support you and your children.

Our focus is now on resuming where we left off and enjoying being back together as a whole school.

Take care,

**Amanda Frater**

Tumuaki/Principal

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## **Wearing of Face Masks at School**

Face coverings are not mandated for primary schools however, students over 12 years of age are strongly encouraged to wear masks.

If you wish your younger child/ren to wear a face mask we will support them to do this.

The students will see some teachers and staff members around the school in masks and this will help to normalise the wearing of masks at school.

## **Moist Breath Zone**

One of the things that teachers will be talking to their students about, is keeping out of other people's 'moist breath zone'.

There is a link contained below that takes you to a song aimed at students returning to school.

It might be helpful to watch and discuss this together as a family: [Moist Breath Zone](#)

## **Guidelines for Visitors to School**

At Delta Level 2, to ensure the safety of everyone, we ask that parents do not enter the school premises. Students should enter and exit the school without their parents. This is a good opportunity to help build your child's confidence and independence.

If a situation arises in which you do need to enter the school premises, we require all visitors to Rose or Weld to:

1. Sign into the record books.
  - a. At Rose Street, this is located at the office.
  - b. At Weld Street, this is located outside Room 1.
2. Scan in using the QR codes
3. Wear a mask
4. Socially distance

Please note that we are required to keep a written record of who comes on site. This information is for our own record keeping and is separate to the information collected through QR Codes (which is only held on your personal mobile).

I also ask that all visitors to school keep their visits as short as possible.

## **Wadestown School Working Bee - UPDATE**

### **A message from the organisers of the Working Bee at Weld Street:**

Today we've made the decision to move the annual working bee from 25 September to 13 November. This is due to the current uncertainty around whether we will be in Level 1 by 25 September and also because of some building supply issues with Placemakers. We have decided that it would prove too difficult to try and run this under Level 2 conditions. We are hopeful that by moving to Term 4 we can be well past this current outbreak.

Thank you so much to those of you who have reached out to us in regard to assisting on the day. We would find it helpful if those that have already indicated they could assist in September, could re-confirm with us that the November date will also work for you.

For those of you, who haven't dropped us an email yet and are keen to help, please take a moment to reach out. You can email Malcolm at [alpamare@gmail.com](mailto:alpamare@gmail.com) and Michelle at [mishjacobson@gmail.com](mailto:mishjacobson@gmail.com)

Many thanks,  
Malcolm McKee and Michelle Jacobson

## **Distance Learning - Parental Survey**

We are seeking parental feedback on how effective our Distance Learning programmes were during Levels 3 and 4. It is always helpful to have insight into how things worked for both our students and our families. To assist us in this, I would invite you to complete the link to our google form.

<https://forms.gle/RjE9GXeyTmxDJPGf9>

The survey will remain open until the end of the term.

## **PTA Fundraiser - Bamboo Kitchen Towels**

We are really pleased that our fundraiser could continue under Levels 3 and 4 and that we were able to sell 267 rolls. This amount equated to a profit of \$534.00.

We are in the process of making arrangements for distribution of these. More information about this will be sent to the relevant families. You can expect to receive these next week.

A huge thank you to Andrea Davidson for coordinating this event.

## **Device Returns**

Thank you to those of you who were able to return your devices to school yesterday. We have been really pleased with the number of devices that have already been returned to school. There are only a small number of families who have devices and power packs to return. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

Devices need to be returned to the school office so we can sanitise these and prepare them for return to the classroom.

Our aim is to have the devices back in circulation early next week. In the meantime, some of our teachers have seen an opportunity to provide our students with a break from screens.

A huge thank you to Helen Dammer who has been processing these back at school and cleaning each and every one.

## **Board Meeting**

The Board Meeting scheduled to meet on 8 September has been pushed out by a week and will now take place on Wednesday 15 September at 7pm. This meeting has been moved to an online meeting.

## Te Wiki o te Reo and Reo-a-Thon

Te Wiki o te Reo will continue to be celebrated next week but sadly we have had to adapt some of our original plans for this week. An acknowledgement to Amber Pullin and Elizabeth Chater for all their work and preparation for this event.

Please also keep an eye out for information about our upcoming Reo-a-thon. This is an exciting opportunity for students and families to increase their reo knowledge. This event is being supported by the PTA and we are grateful for their 'behind the scenes' work.

This event is also one of our school wide fundraisers for the year. We encourage and thank you for getting in behind your child and supporting them with this.

## Art Events for Term 3

We have had to make the hard decision to cancel this term's planned Art Exhibition which was due to happen in the week of 27 September to 1 October. I do need to acknowledge the planning and preparation that Lydia Hannah and Jessica Keetley had put into this and thank them for their understanding in this matter.

We are however hoping to reschedule our Cultural Week which was due to happen in the week of 16 August. Further details about this will be shared in due course.

Today we were informed that DanceSplash has had to be cancelled. We appreciate that this is a disappointing decision as students have been working hard in preparation. Thank you to Jessica Keetley and Cathrine Wilkinson for the time they have invested in this.

We are pleased that Calendar Art will also go ahead. Teachers are working with their students to have this completed by the end of the term. A thank you to Michelle Crutchley for her support of this event.

## 2021 Term Dates

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

Rāhina - Rāmere, 13 – 17 Mahuru	Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
Wednesday, 15 September	Board Meeting online 7.00 pm <a href="https://meet.google.com/xcc-hehf-cry">https://meet.google.com/xcc-hehf-cry</a>
Tuesday, 21 September	Year 7 & 8 Technology KWNS
Thursday, 23 September	School Community Newsletter is published
Tuesday, 28 September	Year 7 & 8 Technology KWNS
Thursday, 30 September	Inter-Regional Cross Country - TBC
Friday, 1 October	End of Term 3 – School Closes at 3.00 pm
Monday, 18 October	Beginning of Term 4 – School opens at 8.55 am
Tuesday, 19 October	Year 7 & 8 Technology KWNS – Final session for 2021
Monday, October	Labour Day – School Closed
Tuesday – Friday 26 – 29 October	Yr 5 & 6 Camp at Forest Lakes
Saturday, 13 November	School Working Bee

# Community Notices

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

## **A Message from Wadestown Community Centre and Library**

I am delighted to let you know that **Wadestown Community Centre and Wadestown library will re-open on Thursday 9 September.**

As you know, there are new restrictions in place for this Level Delta 2 and staff have been busy planning how to run the centre and library in a way that keeps us all safe. **The key restrictions for the Community Centre** are:

All centre users must sign in using the Covid-19 app on your smart phone, or by filling out a contact tracing slip in the foyer.

1. All centre users (and staff) must wear a face-mask while inside the centre.
2. Customers must stay a minimum of 2 metres apart while inside the centre.
3. A maximum of 10 people may use the centre at any one time.

### **Ventilation:**

We now know that this is one of the most effective defences against virus transmission. Ventilating spaces between groups where possible by opening the windows and doors during and after your sessions is encouraged.

### **Groups:**

**Before you restart your group/s it would be good to agree on a plan to understand how you will be managing the restrictions.**

Please email me when you can, to confirm:

- Preferred start date
- Anticipated numbers in your group
- Any special challenges/ issues you might have regarding access or usage during Delta Level 2.

I realise that some groups will choose **not to run sessions** under the current Level 2 restrictions. If this is the case for your group, please let me know so that other individual or groups may be able to use the space instead.

As well as the above restrictions, we have made some other small changes to the way the centre will operate under this new Delta Level 2:

- Please arrive at the time that your session is scheduled to start, or wait outside until this time, to minimise contact between different groups. This also means ensuring the room is vacated by the correct time.

- Please bring your own tea and coffee supplies and disposable cups for the next few weeks till things settle. Masks may be removed of course for eating and drinking but must be worn at all other times as per the government guidelines.
- Although normal commercial cleaning routines will restart, please wipe down any surfaces your group has had contact with during your session. Paper towels and hand sanitiser / disinfectant spray will be provided in each space for this purpose.
- If you have children in your group who are unable to sign-in, please keep a careful record of attendance.

### **Wadestown Library**

For this week Wadestown Library will be open but with slightly reduced hours:

**Thu/Fri: 10am-5.30pm (no late night or movie on Thursday night)**

**Sat: 10am-12pm**

Your friendly Wadestown library staff will be on site and available to assist with any queries you might have about Health and Safety protocols or library resources.

I may receive further instructions from Wellington City Council in the next few days as to our operations under Level D2 and will be in touch as soon as I can with this information. In the meantime, feel free to share this email through your own networks or social media.

Looking forward to seeing some of you in person soon! Please don't hesitate to get in touch (by email if possible so I can keep track!) if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi, warm regards,

### **Louise Davies**

Community Centre Coordinator  
Arts, Culture & Community Services  
Wellington City Council





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R1: Sun 5 Sept *R1: Cancelled* Waiu Trail Park, Wainuiomata

R2: Sun 19 Sept Te Rangituhi, Porirua

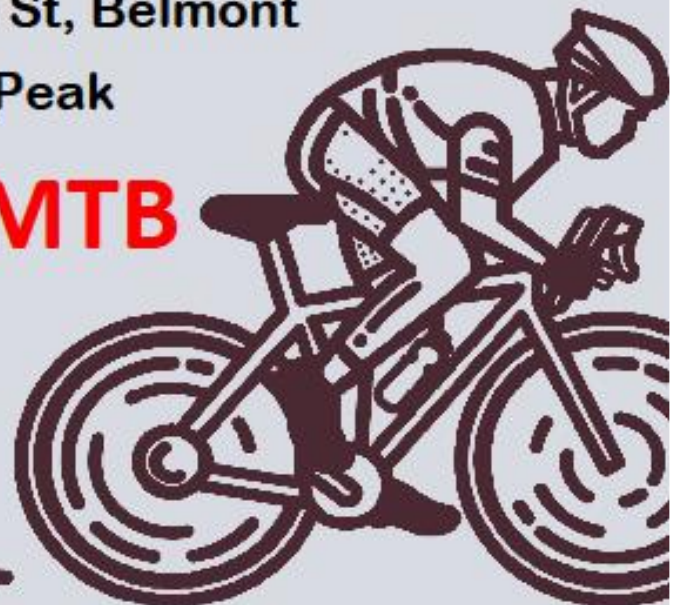
R3: Sun 3 Oct Waiu Trail Park, Wainuiomata

R4: Sun 31 Oct Stratton St, Belmont

R5: Sun 14 Nov Makara Peak

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For more information  
and to Enter





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# LEARN TO SEW

Have a creative child who would love to learn to sew these school holidays?

Wellington's newest boutique sewing classes are designed specifically for kids 8-13yrs. All sewing abilities are welcome.

All materials and machinery are included, simply turn up.

Learn from Anna, a 23-year-old qualified fashion designer and World of Wearable Arts finalist.



Make a hooded jumper!



**Location: Northland, Wellington**

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## **Fundraiser!**

**Buy delicious heat and eat pasta meals**



**Gluten Free and Vegan available**

- **Order online:**  
<http://www.pastavera.co.nz/FROrder.aspx?Organisation=WadestownToyLibrary>
- **After you order online, check your email for instructions**
- **Orders close on Monday 13 September**
- A percentage of profit goes to the Wadestown Toy Library

Thank you for your support!



# St Luke's Spring Fair

*A day of family fun for  
the community*

**Event Postponed**  
watch this space for the new date

10am – 3pm  
St Luke's Anglican Church  
34 Pitt Street

