



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou,

This term sees the teachers writing their end of year reports. I have been hearing positive feedback from teachers about the gains our students have made and the effort that the students have been applying to their learning. As always, our teachers work hard to provide a wide range of learning experiences and contexts. Writing these final reports always provides an opportunity for teachers and students to reflect on just how far each individual student has progressed. The student voice component of the report provides a key insight into what our students have most enjoyed and engaged in over the course of the year which in turn, provides the teachers and Leadership Team with useful 'feedback' about our learning programmes.

We are now in a position in which we can provide additional learning opportunities outside of the classroom and I know that these trips really enhance the students' learning. A recent trip for our Rata students saw them return from the Wellington City Gallery with the most eye-catching sculptures. They are stunning to look at and I know that they will take pride of place at home once they are ready to leave the classroom.

Preparations are also underway to farewell our Year 8 students. This year's Year 8 Leavers' dinner will look different to other years but we are thrilled that we still have this opportunity to be able to acknowledge this cohort of students and the contributions they have made in their time at Wadestown School. I want to acknowledge this year's organising team for the additional thought and consideration that they have been applying to this student-only event. This has added another complexity to this event but I know that Sarah Mann and her team have become very good at being agile and flexible in their planning with a continued focus on keeping all our students safe and well!

This newsletter is a bit of a 'bumper issue' so I encourage you to find some extra time to sit down and read it at your leisure. There are plenty of student celebrations and important notices from the PTA.

Nga mihi nui,

Amanda Frater

Principal

Wadestown School

Farewell to Margaret Burwood from Weld Street

On Monday afternoon a number of staff attended a special farewell to Margaret Burwood who has been the cleaner (and overseer of all) at Weld Street for almost 13 years. Many of you will be familiar with Margaret's great sense of humour and her genuine care of the students and teachers of Weld Street. She has been a true institution at that part of our school for many years now and I know that the teachers and other staff will sincerely miss her presence.



Margaret’s farewell included her sister Olive, and Sally and Bill Barrett as her guests of honour. The menu was created to Margaret’s wishes and we all enjoyed hearing a few stories about Margaret’s time at Weld.

We wish Margaret all the very best for her retirement.

Ana, our new cleaner has begun working at Weld Street and is swiftly learning the ropes. We are very grateful that she has been able to pick up this role until the end of the year, allowing us time to appoint permanently.

Vaccination Requirements for Parents Coming Onsite

The most recent information provided to schools by the Secretary of Education from the Leaders’ Bulletin (16 November) is included below. It may answer some of your questions in regards to the current guidelines.

Ministry of Education Guidance:

Parents or caregivers who are dropping off, picking up or settling their children, or who are attending meetings or events on site are still permitted to attend on site whether they are vaccinated or not.

This vaccination requirement also does not apply to those who are performing services remotely or who are onsite only when children and students are not present.

The requirement to be vaccinated is only for those people who are working for the school, which may be unpaid work such as volunteering. The table below will clarify.

A reminder that at Alert Level 3, there should be no non-essential visitors on site regardless of vaccination status.

Type of role	Are they required to be vaccinated under the Public Health Order?
Parents or caregivers dropping off, picking up, or settling children at a school or kura	No. The Order does not apply to people who are visiting the school.
Parents or caregivers attending meetings or events on site (e.g. for parent-teacher interviews)	No. The Order does not apply to people who are visiting the school.

Parents, caregivers or volunteers at an EOTC or LEOTC programme or excursion	Yes. These people are required to be vaccinated because they are carrying out work (unpaid) at or for a school or hostel and they may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present.
Parents, caregivers and members of the community who are volunteers at a school, kura or hostel	Yes. These people are required to be vaccinated because they are carrying out work (unpaid) at or for a school or hostel and they may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present. If the volunteer is working offsite and will not have any contact with children or students as part of their role, then they are not required to be vaccinated.

I would like to thank our schooling community for your overwhelming support and cooperation around this changing landscape. It is not always easy or straightforward to adapt so quickly but my sense is that our parents continue to take a considered approach to these changes for the benefit of all our students.

Some of our recent events inclusive of the Year 8 Leavers' dinner and the most recent PTA parent events have had to be modified to comply with the guidance. I appreciate that this has been disappointing for many of you but once again, I would like to thank you all for your understanding in this matter.

School Organisation for 2022

The Senior Leadership team and I are continuing to work through the final pieces of the organisation for 2022. For reasons outside of our control this process has taken longer than we had anticipated or hoped. From time to time this does happen but in partnership with the Board, we remain committed to getting the right teachers for our School.

At this stage, I can share the following information in regards to our school teams:

The Pohutukawa team will be led by Amanda Lambie who will continue to teach our new entrant class. In addition to Amanda's class there will be two Year 1 and 2 classes at Weld Street.

The Rata team will be led by Elizabeth Chater. There will be three Year 3 and 4 classes.

The Rimu team will be led by Amy Maddock. There will be four Year 5 and 6 classes for 2022.

And finally, the Kōwhai team will be led by Cathrine Wilkinson and will have three Year 7 and 8 classes.

Cathrine Wilkinson and Robyn Grover will continue in their roles as Deputy Principals.

The Rata building project is due to begin in 2022 and will impact on additional available space at Rose Street. Some classes will need to be relocated to accommodate this building work. We will provide further details of this as the project progresses. We are fortunate to have Rooms 7 and 8 to be able to use during this time.

Staff Changes:

After 5 years at Wadestown School, Amber Pullin will leave us to take up a teaching position in Tauranga. In moving up north, Amber and her partner will be closer to family and the possibility of purchasing a house.

Jessica Keetley is moving to Christchurch where she and her partner have recently purchased their first house. Jess is currently looking at options for teaching positions in Christchurch.

Jo Hamid will finish teaching full time at the end of the year and hopes to be able to spend more time with her family.

Loren Kennedy is also concluding her time teaching at Wadestown at the end of this year.

And finally, Lydia Hannah is taking maternity leave for 2022. We are all delighted for her and her husband and know that they will make wonderful parents.

We wish Amber, Jess, Jo, Loren and Lydia all the very best for their future endeavours. While it can be sad seeing well respected teachers depart a school, I always think it is important to recognise their contributions and to support them in their future moves. I will share more about each of these teachers in an upcoming newsletter.

Once our final appointment process has been completed, I will be able to share further updates in regards to our new appointments and the teaching teams for 2022.

Student Placements for 2022

The placement of students into classes for next year involves a considerable amount of thought and consideration.

When looking at classes we weigh up a number of different factors, while also applying our own professional judgement.

As some examples we need to balance the following:

1. The social needs of students
2. The academic needs of students
3. Student interests
4. Teacher strengths and teaching approaches
5. Number of students in each year level

The current classroom teacher also provides information for the next year's teacher and this information is used to inform class placement. Teams have discussions amongst themselves and then across teams so we are building on previous knowledge of our learners.

I would kindly ask that parents do not approach teachers about their preferences for teachers next year as these requests often become difficult to deliver.

PTA News

New PTA Secretary

The PTA's secretary, Sarah Kavanagh, is passing along her role to another caregiver of Wadestown, and thus we are on the hunt for a new secretary. Sarah has been an invaluable asset to our community, and a joy to work alongside. She welcomed the new PTA members with open arms, allowing us to seamlessly join the team without a hitch.

Your presence will be missed Sarah!

If you would like to find out more information on the role, or are interested in taking it on, please email me at mishjacobson@gmail.com.

Sarah will be at the last meeting for the year, on Tuesday 7 December, and can run through the duties involved.

PTA Class Coordinators for 2022

A huge thank you to this year's class coordinators who have managed to organise some great events despite the challenges covid presented.

We are looking for class coordinators for next year. This works well if there are two parents from each year group. The main purpose of a class coordinator is to:

- welcome new families to the school from your year group
- organise social functions
- attend PTA meetings where possible

If you are interested in taking up one of these positions or wish to find out more, please contact Heidi Loudon at pta.coordinator@wadestown.school.nz

Netball Prize giving at Weld Street

Our Pohutukawa students were excited to have additional visitors at their most recent weekly Assembly. Cathrine Wilkinson came with the Year 8 Netball coaches to present certificates and acknowledge the efforts of our Year 1 and 2 students this year.

Many comments were made about Ms Wilkinson's height and there was great interest from the students in taking up netball in 2022.

End of Season Netball Prize Giving



Year 7 Wadestown Storm
Coach - Dale Beardmore
Manager - Katy Pearce



Year 5 & 6 Wadestown Lightning
Coach: Deb Bowler
Manager: Charlotte McCallum-Mallard



Year 5 & 6 Wadestown Thunder
Coach: Linda Christensen
Manager: Charlotte McCallum-Mallard



Year 4 Wadestown Ice
Coaches: Toni Hingston and Jane Beagley



Year 3 Wadestown Blizzard
Coach: Karen Batt
Manager: Sally Latham



Year 1 and 2 Future Ferns
Student coaches: Eva van der Zouwe, Maia McKee,
Chloe Newton, Maisie Small, Lucy Turnbull

The Wadestown School Netball end of year prize giving took place this year in a different format, in keeping with Covid restrictions. The students received individual certificates acknowledging their dedication to developing new netball skills and their commitment to building teamwork and relationships.

In their absence, special thanks was given to the wonderful support and guidance of the parent coaches and managers. The players are truly grateful and expressed their appreciation for the time and commitment given by their coaches, giving them the opportunity to experience the wonderful game of netball.

Another special thank you was given to Katy Pearce, our parent netball coordinator, who as always, works tirelessly behind the scenes completely administrative tasks and attending meetings. We are extremely grateful for Katy's commitment and dedication to growing netball at Wadestown School. The players are already looking forward to next season!

And some comments from the 'sideline':

"I like how our coaches encouraged us" - Lucy

"I like the joy of not always having to win but being able to participate" - Odette

"Our parents get to come and watch us play" - Eve

"I like playing with other people" - Amaani

"I get to socialise with other people and other schools" - Poppy

"I like it because I get to play with my friends" - Chloe

"You make new friends when you are attacking and the defence have the ball" - Millie

"I enjoy the teamwork" - Simone

"It is fun scoring lots of goals" - Olivia

"I like playing other teams" - Breana

"Learning new skills from the coaches" - Zara

EPro8 Challenge

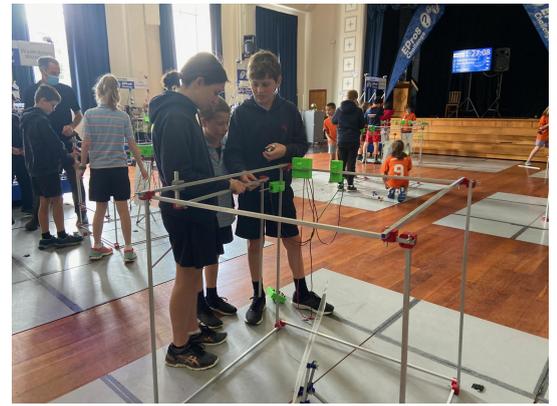


The EPro8 Challenge is an inter-school science and engineering competition. This year Wadestown School had the opportunity to send two teams from Year 5 and 6 and two teams from Year 7 and 8 to compete in the Challenge Series. The teams got to test out all the gear, including new electrical equipment, and learn about engineering, problem solving and the processes needed for constructing moving models. To make it even more challenging the teams have to work under time pressure as well.

It was an experience that no one will forget.

The Wadestown Wonders Year 7 and 8 team consisted of Eva van der Zouwe, Matty Prebble, Iris Edwards and Leo McLachlan. The Wadestown Wasps featured Maisie Small, Catriona Smith, Thomas Nischalke and Hauraki Kawharu-Wells.

The Year 5 and 6 Wadestown Wonders team comprised of Giorgia Whyte, Maea Forbes-Ballard, Austin Miller and Luke Steele. The Wadestown Wizards included Lucy Gray, Nathaniel Berridge, Netham Goonawardana and Toby Green. There was great collaboration, problem solving and communication skills involved by all the teams.



Public Speaking and Leadership Presentation to the Year 7 and 8 Students

On 16 of November, Chris Gray, a Wadestown parent, came to the school to talk to the Year 7 and 8 students about leadership and speech making skills. He predominantly talked to five main points based on how to create a good speech. They were: be prepared, start strong and end strong, speak conversationally, speak with passion, be patient and accept that we will make mistakes along the way on our speech making journey.

He talked for 1 and a half hours, demonstrating in depth how to perform the skills he wanted to show us and how to give a great impromptu speech, even if you know nothing about the topic you are talking about.



All of the Kōwhai students and teachers give their thanks to Chris and we hope he can come and talk to us again. We are also looking forward to the Kōwhai Speech Finals, which Chris has kindly offered to help judge. Hopefully he will get to see how much we have learnt about public speaking.

Written by Honor Morgan and Izzy Ismail-Sanders

Environmental Fundraiser - Student Lead Event

Our environment is important to us. When we lose our environment we lose ourselves. Next Friday (Friday 26 November) the Heads of the Student Council, the Environment and Fundraising Teams are excited to announce we are having a Non-Uniform Day to fundraise money to plant more trees. We will donate to local tree planting charities. On the Non-Uniform day please bring gold coins to help raise money for this great cause and wear non-uniform clothing (excluding pyjamas).

Please bring gold coins on Friday 26 November for a non-uniform day for the planet! You can make a difference.

Wellington Children's Art Exhibition

Recently some of our Pohutukawa students had their artworks included in this year's Children's Art Exhibition. In its 5th year, in 2021 students from Wellington were asked to express what home means to them. Yuki, a parent who attended this year's prize giving ceremony kindly shared these photos to share with our community.



Lunchtime Planting Club

Thank you to Elizabeth Chater and Jenny Ebersohn for their efforts running last week's lunchtime Green Team Club for our students. Pictured below is a session they recently ran that had students learning how to correctly plant seeds.



The Nest Collective - seeking Christmas donations

The Nest Collective is a registered charity with a vision that all New Zealand babies are given a great start in life to enable them to flourish. Our branches previously operated as Little Sprouts (which closed in 2020).

We give packs of new, pre-loved, handcrafted and repurposed essentials including clothing, toys, nappies, bedding, books and more. Our items are sourced through donations and provided to families via social workers, kaiāwhina, midwives, nurses and other local community partners.

<https://thenestcollective.org.nz>

This year the Nest Collective are seeking donations of new baby items or gifts for new mums. Each donation will go into a baby pack for a family struggling to provide for their little one. We work to provide these packs of baby and children's essentials for free to whānau in need.

Please drop off donations to either the Weld Street main entrance or to the Rose Street office if you would like to contribute to this cause.

2021 Term Dates

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

Thursday, 25 November	YR 7 Petone Beach Cleanup trip
Thursday, 25 November	Yr 8 Trip to Government House
Friday, 26 November	Student Library books need to be returned to the School Library
Wednesday, 1 December	Pre-Enrolment Information Morning at Weld Street
Wednesday, 1 December	Yr 8 (and some Yr 7) Immunisations - Morning
Wednesday, 1 December	Board Meeting in Rose St staff room - 7.00 pm (Final meeting of the year)
Thursday, 2 December	School Community Newsletter published
Monday, 6 December	Yr 4 Zoo Overnight Stay
Tuesday, 7 December	PTA Meeting 7.00 pm at Weld Street (Final meeting of the year)
Friday, 10 December	Yr 8 Leavers Dinner - Evening
Monday - Wednesday, 13 - 15 December	Yr 7 & 8 EOTC Activities - More details later
Monday - Thursday 13 - 16 December	Rose St Library is open for Summer Borrowing 3.00 - 4.00pm
Thursday, 16 December	Prize Giving Assembly (students only)
Thursday, 16 December	Student Reports go home 3.00 pm
Friday, 17 December	Last day of Term 4 – School Closes around 12.00 – 12.30 pm

Community Notices

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

Wellington City Council - Public Consultation for Wadestown Play Area Renewal

WCC is very excited to let you know that they are now open for consultation on the renewal for the Wadestown Park play area. They would love to hear your thoughts on the proposed concept design which you can view at:

wellington.govt.nz/wadestown-park-play-area

Opportunity for feedback will close on Thursday 2 December, you can send through your thoughts, ideas or suggestions for this play area renewal to playgrounds@wwcc.govt.nz



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