



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 21

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Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,

And just like that we have reached the end of the year and what a year it has been! Thank you to everyone; the students, the teachers, our wider Wadestown School Staff, and our Community. We could not have achieved half of what we have without your ongoing support, contributions, and teamwork.

I need to acknowledge the ongoing support and efforts of our Board, our PTA, Mark Crofskey as Board Chair, Michelle Crutchley as PTA Chair, the Environmental Group and the Whānau group for all your tireless work for our school.

Also Sarah Mann, Blair McDonald and the Year 7 Organising Committee for the Year 8 Leavers' Function, Malcolm McKee and the Working Bee Committee. Victoria Smith and Larissa Warren and their Yearbook Committee. Having to organise these events under Covid guidelines and restrictions has made these events more complex and time consuming than normal. Also, the parents and caregivers who have given up their time to attend school trips, camps and the much anticipated Year 4 Zoo Sleepover!

In looking back over 2021, it is the cooperation and coming together of our wider schooling community that really stands out to me. Our students have continued to remain happy, safe and engaged in their learning and it has been magical watching them grow and develop in confidence. We have stunning students and this is what makes this job one of the most rewarding jobs out there.

In reading the reports recently, I reflected on the fact that our students have not missed out as much as we might have first thought. This was especially evident as I read through the student reflections from our Year 7 and 8 students. I have included two such examples that demonstrated the continued positivity, resilience and flexibility that our students have applied to all situations. They have been the leaders and role models in this.

So in closing for 2021, I leave you with these two student reflections

"Wadestown School has taught me many things, such as responsibility, never giving up and maturity ... Our school allows us to improve ourselves in so many unique ways, not just academically, but socially and mentally. Examples of this are, activities that push you out of your comfort zone. Things like the Green Pastures Camp, the Leadership programme and Lockdown have taught me to push through. (Afterwards, you will not regret the experience). Wadestown School has helped me learn about new interesting hobbies. I used to only like Mathematics and Fitness, but throughout the year I have learnt to like them all. When I took my first look at Wadestown School, I knew I would love it. And I did".

Flynn - Year 8 Student

"This year at Wadestown School has been full of memorable experiences, challenges and accomplishments. I enjoyed partaking in Swimming Sports and Cross Country, in which I qualified for Western Zones. I loved Athletics Day too. Camp was a fun experience as always, filled with unique and special times with friends. Luckily, it could go ahead before lockdown. I thought the Science Fair would be hard, but I received a score I was proud of. I found the Drama lessons entertaining, the Spanish lessons were more of a challenge, but still fun. Although Dance Splash was cancelled, I enjoyed practising our routine. I participated in Kapa Haka, including the extension

group. Mathematics this year was filled with new subjects that I found interesting. I appreciated the teachers' quick thinking in lockdown, such as the Frost World writing task they set us. Next year I look forward to leadership roles".

Bridget - Year 7 Student

I wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. May the holiday season provide you with quality time with friends and family.

We look forward to welcoming you all back in 2022.

Nga mihi nui,

Amanda Frater

Tumuaki/Principal

Wadestown School

Thank you from the Wadestown School Board

A sincere thank you from the Wadestown School Board to our tamariki, our akonga and our whānau for an outstanding year this year.

Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mark, Genevieve, Fazleen, Huia, Nadine, Al, Robyn and Amanda.



Year 8 Leavers Function

We have now been able to farewell and celebrate our Year 8 cohort for 2021. It was not the way we planned to do it, but as Cathrine Wilkinson acknowledged the other night, this group of students have demonstrated the ability to be agile and accommodating of the changes that we have had to make to different events this year and their Leavers' Dinner was yet another example of this.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of this stunning group of Year 8 students.

I would like to thank Larissa Warren and Steve Douché for creating photo and video memories of this event, for our students to share with their parents. Steve's video will be shared with all our Year 7 and 8 families, early next week. Please keep an eye out for this email on Tuesday morning.

Meet your Class for 2022 - phase 1 of our Transitioning for 2022

This event was highly anticipated by our students who were eager to be introduced to their new class for 2022. This event was part of our transition plan to assist students with the changes for 2022. Each child spent time with their class and for most, their teacher for 2022.

Stationery Drop Off for 2022 - phase 2 of Transitioning for 2022

The second part of our transition plan is a stationery drop off ahead of the start of 2022. Students and parents will have the opportunity to come and drop off their stationery and meet their teacher again for 2022.

This will take place on Friday 28 January from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Road Patrol - Parent Volunteers Morning Duty

If anyone is available next year to volunteer for Road Patrol Duty from 8.25 am to 8.50 am we would be hugely grateful to you for this. This time of the morning is valuable time for teachers and students and so having additional teacher support would allow more teachers this time.

Please contact Cathrine Wilkinson or Amy Maddock if you are available to help.

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A Message from the PTA Chair

The PTA wish to extend a huge thank you, to all who have helped in organising functions and events this year; a number of which have brought us closer together as a community. Feeling connected to all aspects of school life makes for a friendly, learning environment for the children, and a welcome, inclusive one for caregivers.

So may next year bring more togetherness for us all.

A further thank you to those who have given their time with hands-on projects, like the year book and working bees. We are so very grateful.

Lastly, thank you for having me as your PTA Chair this year.

The PTA really does rely on community support, so please do try to get along to a meeting next year. Your presence will be so very much appreciated and we cannot operate successfully without the additional support of parents.

I will send out our term fundraising plans for the year, and would love it if, when the time comes, you could offer assistance by way of helping out in any way possible for each fundraiser. We have some wonderful events planned. I look forward to working with you all!

Happy and safe Holidays to you all,

Michelle Crutchley

PTA Chair

After School Care - Pilot for 2022

The Board have continued this piece of work over 2021 and are now in a position to offer after-school care for Term 1 of 2022 – if we have enough interest. Following the information provided in the latest Board News, if there are any other families who are interested in taking up this opportunity, you will need to register your interest with Mark Crowskey mark.c@wadestown.school.nz before Wednesday 22 December.

In order for this pilot to happen we will need a core group of students to attend on a daily/weekly basis.

Second-Hand Uniform Sale

Drop off Tuesday 21 December between 10:00am and 11:00am

Preparations for the 2022 Second-Hand Uniform Sale are underway. Families are able to drop off any uniforms they wish to sell to the office on Tuesday 21 December between 10:00am and 11:00am at Rose Street.

Please ensure that uniforms are washed and in good condition. We have attached the sales form to the end of this newsletter.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the sale on Friday 28 January 2.00 - 3.00 pm. Please contact Michelle Crutchley if you are able to assist with this mishjacobson@gmail.com

And last but not least

As previously mentioned we farewell some of our 2021 Teaching Staff today. While we are sad to see these staff members leave us, we know that they will keep in touch.

I would like to thank Loren Kennedy and Rebecca Kelynack for their work with our Year 7 and 8 students in Room 16 this year. You have worked well as a combined team and I know that the students have appreciated the different opportunities that you have provided them with, over the second half of the year.

I also wish to thank and acknowledge Jo Hamid for her contributions to the students in Room 6. I know your students have enjoyed being in your class and have engaged in your learning programmes. We look forward to seeing you back at Wadestown again next year as a (much needed) reliever!

Jessica Keetley's enthusiasm and sense of humour is something that we will all miss next year. I know that her students have enjoyed having her as their teacher as she has continued to ensure that they receive interesting and engaging learning experiences. Her high expectations have served all her students well. We also acknowledge and thank her for her passion and contributions to dance and the Arts and the wider Rimu Team.

And finally, Amber Pullin has provided our school with stunning leadership and learning in Te Reo Māori and in the Performing Arts. Her commitment to our students and whānau has been central to everything she does. Her empathetic, inclusive manner has been acknowledged by many and has benefited her students so well. Arriving at Wadestown School as a student teacher, she has graduated into a competent and skilled teacher who brings much to both her classroom role and the wider work she has carried out across the school. You will be missed.

We wish you all the very best in your new roles.

Wadestown School Cup Winners 2021

Name of Cup	Awarded for	Awarded to
Leslie Cup	Yr 8 All Round Excellence	Izzy Ismail-Sanders
Barrett Cup	School Values	James Harley and Lucy Turnbull
Cultural Cup (New)	Mōu e Whakarangatira nei i tō Ahurea <i>For you who enrich your culture</i>	Flynn Roberts
Norgrave Cup	Impromptu Speaking	Bridget Murray
Perfect Cup	Prepared Speaking	Izzy Ismail-Sanders
Julian Cup	Humorous Speech Competition Y 7 & 8	Rhys Griffiths
Yr 5 & 6 Speech Trophy	Yr 5 & 6 Speech	Isaac Thompson
Maita-Maurice Cup	Performing Arts	Kate Johnson
Hickey Trophy Cup	Sporting Excellence	Sophia Paviour-Smith and Maia McKee
Tracey Wilson Cup	Netball	Kaytlin Mitchener
David Hairstylists Cup	'Outstanding Contribution' to Netball	Paige Pearce
Ferrier Cup	Cross Country	Izzy Ismail-Sanders and Sophia Paviour-Smith



Year 5 & 6 Speech Results

Here are the finalists from the Year 5 and 6 speech competition held on Thursday 25 November. We wish to thank Pip Honoré and Sally Barret who were our judges.

First Place: Issac Thompson

Second Place: William McKee

Third Equal: Elise Hargreaves and Magnus Hodgetts



Boys and Parents: A Celebration of Teamwork

The Wadestown Warriors Touch Rugby team have had a very successful tenure over their 11 seasons (or 5 ½ years) from Term 4 2017 through to Term 4 2021. As we come to the end with the majority of the team in year 8, leaving Wadestown School and moving to Wellington College it is a great opportunity to reflect on one of their favourite sports.



The group initially came together thanks to Rhys and Jackson, wanting to play Touch. The parents (John Griffiths and Bronwyn Chin) spoke, created a plan and then a team was formed – with Rhys Griffiths, Jackson Chin, Zach Lindsay, Ollie Lund, Tane Short, Alex Beever and Tom Healy playing in the first season. Benjamin Smith and Noah Talbot then joined in year 4 replacing Alex and Tom, Carlo Baretta joined in year 5 replacing Noah. Gus McHardy joined in year 6 replacing Tane, Charlie Cowan joined in year 7 as the 8th player as the team moved to playing on a full size field, and Leo McLaclan replaced Charlie this year. Rhys, Jackson, Zach and Ollie who formed the team, continued as the backbone and played throughout all of the seasons.

John coached from the very first to the last game, and was ably assisted by a number of Dad's on the Sunday morning trainings with the Mum's running the car-pooling on Wednesday "game day" to Wakefield Park. Bronwyn and Leah managed the team throughout. Thanks also to Nick Julian (a keen touch enthusiast) who ran lunch time training sessions whilst he was still with the school.

The lads had a great tenure with many finals as they improved season after season.

year 3:		Term 4, 2016 placed 3 rd
Year 4:	Term 1, 2017 Won 1 st division	Term 4, 2017, Won 1 st division
Year 5:	Term 1, 2018, 2 nd (camp)	Term 4, 2018, Placed 2 nd
Year 6:	Term 1, 2019, Won 1 st division	Term 4, 2019, Won 1 st division
Year 7:	term 1, 2020, COVID, ended season	Term 4, 2020, Placed 5 th
Year 8:	Term 1, 2021, Won 1 st division	Term 4, 2021, Won 1 st division

James Shelton gave a great recount of their grant final match in the previous newsletter showcasing their athleticism and skills along with the intensity of that game. An illustration of their high tempo game and superb team-work saw them, during Term 1, 2019, score more tries in their division than all the other teams combined, whilst also managing to finish that year with the best defensive record as well. An outstanding achievement by any standards.

We are super proud of how the boys performed on and off the field, they always listened to the ref, never made a false call on a touch, or a try and respected the teams they lost to, and won against. They played with great sportsmanship in every game, long may it continue into their secondary school sports.

By Bronwyn Chin – Team Parent



Photo 1 – after their first “Division 1” win, term 1 year 4 March 2017.

Photo 2 – Boys and parents - celebrating their final Division 1 in year 8

Photo 3 - Showcasing their trophies, November 2021.



Izzy Ismail-Sanders - Wins 3rd Place in the National Intermediate Writing Competition

We are extremely proud to announce that Izzy Ismail-Sanders’ entry into the New Zealand Intermediate Writer’s Award essay competition (IWA) has received a third place, for her essay titled ‘9-11 A Shockwave Across the World’. This prestigious national competition was entered by thousands of students from every corner of New Zealand and all focusing on the competition topic, ‘You, Me and the Media’.

Izzy’s essay was selected by judges for its topic relevance, originality, personal voice, clear and cohesive structure, development of key ideas and overall impact.

Judges comments

“The depiction of the media’s role in the impact of 9/11 on Muslims globally is well balanced with the author’s personal story of how Islamophobia continues to impact them and their community”

“Thoroughly and widely researched, this is a very mature essay, written with conviction and restrained passion.”

“Solid essay backed up with superb quotes, personal voice and resources. The percentages are an eye opener! Well done!”



“Powerful essay. Well researched facts expertly interwoven with personal reflections. Emotive and appealing. Most impressive.”

Hockey End of Year

The Wadestown School Hockey Prize-giving took place this year in a different format, in keeping with the restrictions of Covid-19. Both Year 3 & 4 and 5 & 6 teams attended and received individualized certificates celebrating their improvements as well as acknowledging their dedication to the game.

Wadestown Hockey could not go ahead without the amazing commitment shown by the Team Coaches and Managers who have organized weekly practices as well as embraced those early Saturday morning starts. Our incredible Year 8 coaches have worked tirelessly alongside the teams, supporting and encouraging our younger players.

Wadestown Hockey looks forward to another exciting season of Hockey next year and welcomes new players to have a go at this fantastic team sport.



Year 3 & 4 Wadestown Red Sticks

Coach: Angie Whyte

Manager: Chloe Luscombe

Student Coaches: Iris Edwards, Sophia Paviour – Smith and Maia McKee



Year 5/6 team: Wadestown Warriors

Coach: Sam Curtis

Managers: Andrea Davidson and Annabel Butterfield

Student Coaches: Eva van der Zouwe and Lucy Turnbull



Wet 'n' Wild at Weld



Pohutukawa Team had a "Wet N' Wild at Weld" day last Friday and it was lots of fun. Thank you to New World Thorndon for donating the ice blocks and lots of bags of ice. Students got to walk on ice and some even enjoyed sitting in it!



Christmas Star Boxes

Thank you to all the generous Rata families who kindly donated to the Christmas Star Box Appeal for Wellington City Mission. We were blown away with your incredible response to our Manaakitanga Inquiry this term. Kia ora rawa atu.





Kelly Sports Coaches at Weld Street

This Monday Weld Street had Athletics coached by three of the Kelly Sports coaches. There was a session on throwing skills using a vortex, kicking skills and running/jumping with an obstacle course. Everyone participated well and we were thankful for the sunshine.



Science Gardens

There is a lot happening in our Science Gardens. If anyone would like to do any gardening over the holidays, it would be greatly appreciated. Over the term break, please feel free to help yourself to anything that is ready to harvest.

Elizabeth Chater

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Environment Team Co-Leader



Wadestown School Second-Hand Uniforms

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Size: _____ Cost: _____

Sellers Name : _____

Contact phone number: _____

Please make your payment promptly! Thank you

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