



Wadestown School

Rooms 0 and 3 Class Routines 2022 (Years 1 and 2)

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

The purpose of this newsletter is to share with you the routines and organisation of our classes. We are encouraging small steps in independence in which the children take greater responsibility for their belongings and classroom procedures. This takes time, perseverance and patience, however, the self-managing skills the children are developing makes it all worthwhile.

School Hours: 8.55am - 3.00pm

Arrival at School

School opens at **8.30am**. Please allow enough time for your child to arrive at school and be able to unpack their school bag and follow the routines below:

- Hang up their bag and coat on their cloak hook.
- Take out their book bag and zip up their school bag afterwards.
- Put their book bag in the labelled containers in the classroom.
- Put Library/Poetry books/News in the labelled containers.
- Time to play outside with their friends before the bell rings.

After School

If you have a change of plan from the regular after school routine your child is used to, it is helpful to let us know. Sometimes children can be a little confused by this. A written reminder note in a lunchbox or an early morning email is another helpful way of supporting your child.

Wet Weather

The children are welcome to come into the classroom from 8.30am onwards and quietly colour in or draw from their own personal wet day activity books kept in their chair bags.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school please ring the school office before 9.00am (rather than an email) on 04 472 4779. Please leave a message on the absence answer phone. If we do not hear from you, the office will call you to ensure your child is safe at home.

Travel Arrangements

Walking up or down Weld Street before school helps to get the children's bodies and minds active ready for the school day. If this is not possible please consider using 'Kiss and Drop'.

News Day

As part of our oral language programme each student has a designated news day. This ensures all children have a turn to take part in the programme. Encourage your child to bring or talk about something special they are interested in or somewhere they have been. We welcome photos sent via email and love to share these.

Homework

Reading books will be sent home on Monday - Thursdays. The book will either be an instructional reader that your

child has read or discussed with us or a book from their Independent Box. Books generally stay in their book bag until the following Monday so that it can be read and re-read. The re-reading is key to reinforce reading strategies. Re-reading can be achieved in a variety of ways. Try to keep reading at a non-pressured time. Find a time that suits both you and your child. Some days everyone is exhausted so choose to share the book together by reading it to your child and ask some questions to check their understanding.

Spelling will be coming home Monday-Thursday from Monday 7 March. On Friday **Poetry** books will come home with a poem to share. Poems are lots of fun and encourage children to follow a different format when they are reading. Sometimes the text may be a little challenging so sharing together is best.

Library Day - Wednesday Room 0, Thursday Room 3
On Tuesday afternoon Mr Piper takes each class for a library session.

Class Leader

Each day we have a different class leader. This is a position of responsibility where your child has a chance to 'shine'. Their jobs include calling the roll, being the line leader and helping with various tasks during the day. So far, everyone has excelled at their turn!

Clothing

It is so much easier for the children to find their hoodies, hats etc. if their clothing is clearly labelled with their name. Hats are especially important to name.

Celebration

On Friday mornings we have an assembly that is attended by Ms Frater. Each class takes turns to be the host presenter and the students showcase something they have been working on that week. School-wide notices are given, new children are welcomed and certificates are awarded. At present our assemblies are held outside, weather permitting due to Covid guidelines.

Communication

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries, concerns or positive information to share. We are always happy to talk with parents. If it is about something specific it is best we make an appointment for an uninterrupted discussion.

We check emails before 8.30am and after 3.30 am. If you need to contact us urgently please ring the office at Rose Street rather than sending us an email as these are difficult for teachers to open during the teaching day.

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