



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 2

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Thursday 17 February 2022

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

As we head into the end of Week 3 it is encouraging to see how well our students and teachers have settled into Term 1. A number of classrooms are already displaying beautiful artwork by the students and it is evident that the learning programmes and routines are underway. The teachers are working hard and there has been considerable thought has been given to establishing positive classroom and team routines. I often reflect on how lucky our students are.

And of course, in the background Covid continues to swirl. And again, our school leaders and teachers have worked quickly to put together hard learning packs and online learning programmes for each of our students. Our support staff came in behind the teachers at the beginning of the week, and Helen, Tani, Fraser and Derek were the “machine” that got the packs ready for delivery.

In times like this, you really see the true strength of your team, and this week I was reminded of just how capable and nimble our Wadestown School Staff team is. A true group of professionals who are here for the students.

I would also like to acknowledge our community for your tremendous support over this time. Your support genuinely makes this job that much easier. Thank you for your positive feedback and recognition of the work that has been going on ‘behind the scenes’.

Tomorrow a separate email will be sent to parents providing further information about our approach to managing Covid here at Wadestown School. Please keep an eye out for it. I appreciate that there is additional information coming to parents at this time. The aim of tomorrow’s communication is to ensure that everyone is up to date with our school wide planning..

I imagine for everyone at the moment, there are a number of new norms to navigate; at home, at work and elsewhere. Go well.

Amanda Frater
Tumuaki/Principal

Hybrid Learning - Packs are ready to go!

Thank you for your positive feedback on these. These packs have been prepared and sent home for students to use if they are required to self-isolate for an extended period of time, due to Covid.

If you are in this situation, we would encourage you to make contact with your child’s teacher (via phone or email) so that there is a continued connection between home and school. Like everyone, we are learning here, and so there may be the odd unforeseen issue to iron out.

Making the most of the fine weather - quiet reading time outside in the fresh air of the Science Garden.



Whānau Kaiako Partnership Discussions (previously Parent Teacher Conferences)

Thank you to those of you who have already signed up for these upcoming discussions. These are happening next week. For Rose Street students the teachers will be available on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and for Weld Street students, the teachers will be available on Wednesday evening.

We are looking forward to having this opportunity to meet with our students' parents to discuss your goals for your child this year. You will have received an A4 with question prompts for you to share at this discussion.

If the climate changes between now and then, we will move all conferences online. Our preference at this point in time is to keep these as face-to-face discussions.

For everyone's safety, please remember to maintain an appropriate distance, to wear a face mask and to stay at home if you are unwell. I also ask that you keep to the allocated time and make another time to meet with your child's teacher if you have other matters you wish to discuss.

Please note that these bookings will be closed off tomorrow afternoon **at 2:00pm**.

Camp Postponements

Parents of students in Rimu and Kōwhai have been advised of the postponement of both the Rimu and Kowhai Camps over the past week. These decisions were not made lightly and were designed to keep our students, parents and staff safe and well.

This was the situation that the Rimu Team were in at this time last year. Students in Years 5 and 6 still enjoyed camp - just at a later date. We have postponement dates for both camps and look forward to taking our students on camp later in the year. Further details to follow.

Class Coordinators for 2022 - message from Heidi

It's not too late to put your hand up to be a class coordinator for 2022. A great way to be involved with the school with minimal time commitment and lots of fun - as long as we can have events! If you wanted to be involved email pta.coordinator@wadestown.school.nz

For now, your wonderful 2021 class coordinators will carry on into 2022. And we have one new coordinator who has an imminent arrival and will assist till then.

If you are new to Wadestown School this year you will receive a welcoming email from your class coordinators. The class coordinators will do their best to organise some events throughout the year, pending Covid restrictions of course.

Year 7 & 8 Jo Oliver and Robyn Henderson
Year 5 & 6 Amanda Broatch and Karen Batt
Year 3 & 4 Kris Mayo and Heidi Louden
Year 1 & 2 Jess Kerr and Anna Hewitt

Upcoming PTA Meetings

These meetings will be moved online this term. Michelle and her team are working together to find the best possible dates and times for these meetings. Please email Michelle if you have any preferred nights or times. pta.chair@wadestown.school.nz

With the meetings online, we are hopeful that more of you will be able to join us.

We are very keen to rebuild this group again this year and continue to have a group of committed parents who are able to extend their support and time to supporting the school. Everyone is welcome.

New Staffroom at Rose Street

To assist us with our social distancing, the staff and I at Rose Street are now using the hall as our new staffroom. Last week, Michelle and her PTA transformed this space to make it a more comfortable space for the teachers with the introduction of a beautiful red rug, new cushions and stunning plants.

This has been well received and enjoyed by our teachers. Thank you to everyone involved.

Summer Reading Adventure Feedback

We recently received this email and I thought it would be wonderful to share with you all.

Congratulations to all our students who participated in this event. A proud moment for us all knowing that our Wadestown Students topped Wellington in this event.

Subject: Congratulations to Wadestown School for participating in the Summer Reading Adventure

Kia ora Wadestown School,

I just thought I would let you know that your children have done exceptionally well in the Wellington City Libraries Summer Reading Adventure over December 2021 and January 2022. 44 of your students took part in the Adventure, and they were the most highly-engaged kids of any group in the city 😊

Over the summer period, students from Wadestown School:

- *Added 1,289 books to their reading logs*
- *Wrote, drew, or filmed 594 book reviews*
- *Completed 496 'quests' – from exploring parts of the city with their family, to interviewing a librarian, to writing their own poetry, cooking a meal for their family, and much more*
- *Earned 346 rewards, including badges, books, ice cream vouchers, book vouchers, stationery, and other such goodies*

Thank you for encouraging your students to take part in the Summer Reading Adventure. I hope that they enjoyed themselves – and that they keep on reading throughout the year!

Ngā mihi,

Stephen

Stephen Clothier

Children's and Youth Services Coordinator | Wellington City Libraries | Wellington City Council



Kapa Haka lessons continue outdoors with Hemi Prime



Using our sunflowers for poetry inspiration

2021 Term Dates

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

Wednesday 16 February	Year 7 & 8 Technology at KWNS: Weekly on Wednesdays until 6 April – Bus leaves at 8.40 am, please arrive at school by 8.25 am.
Friday 18 February	Online Bookings Close for Whanau Kaiako Partnership Discussions at 2.00 pm
Tuesday 22 February	Whanau Kaiako Partnership Discussions 3.30 – 6.30 Rose Street
Wednesday 23 February	Whanau Kaiako Partnership Discussions 3.30 – 6.30 Weld Street
Thursday 24 February	Whanau Kaiako Partnership Discussions 3.30 – 6.30 Rose Street
Friday 25 March	Teacher Only Day – no students at school
Thursday 14 April	Last Day of Term 1 – School closes at 3.00 pm
Monday 2 May	First Day of Term 2

Community Notices

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PIANO LESSONS AT WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Our one-on-one lessons are held after school in the music room.

The Wellington Music Academy has been providing music lessons in the Wellington region for over 25 years. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers will ensure all lessons are fun and appropriate for your child's level of musical development. Please contact the Music Academy for more information and to book a place.

admin@musicacademy.co.nz



Northland Scout Group

Want to find out more about scouting? We have an exciting new programme this year with new leaders, so if you are looking for something new join us as a Kea (age 5-7), Cub (age 8-10) or Scout (age 11-14). Check us out at

www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts or email Northland.Scouts@gmail.com for more information.

Wadestown Music

Guitar, Drumming, Bass and Ukulele Lessons held in the Music Room at Wadestown School. Convenient lesson times available after school and evenings. All ages welcome. Visit our website or Contact Les on 021 902 109 to reserve your slot now! www.wadestownmusic.com

Wellington Dance

Budding ballerina or stage star in your house?

Our Thorndon Quay studio is open with vaccine passes and Covid policies in place, so let us help your 5-6 year old get dancing! We offer ballet & jazz classes after school on Mondays & Tuesdays plus weekend morning classes on Saturdays & Sundays. We also offer Saturday morning classes in Khandallah!

Visit wellingtondance.co.nz to see why hundreds of Wellington families love our Junior Dance programmes.

BACK TO SCHOOL SPORTS! – TERM 1 – Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm

Wadestown School Rose Street Years 3-4 Thursday 3.05pm-4.05pm

Wadestown School Weld Street Years 0-2 Thursday 3.05pm-4.05pm



Kelly Sports is back in Term 1 with their Fun and Exciting Classes. Starting **Thursday 17 Feb 2022** for 8 weeks. This term we will focus on the following sports: **Rippa Rugby, Handball, Dodgeball and T-Ball!**

We aim to develop and enhance skills; *Catching, Kicking, Throwing, Improve strength, Flexibility, Hand/Eye Coordination and Spatial awareness.* This weekly programme encourages children's enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings – giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability! For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

The Tots to Teens digi-magazine <https://issue2202.totstoteens.co.nz>



What's in this issue for parents?

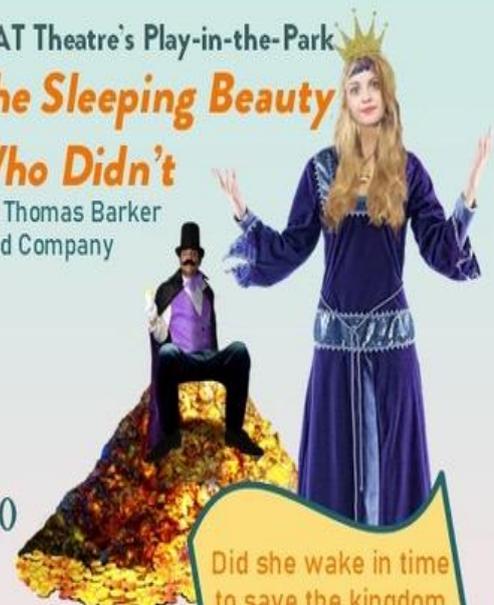
- » Handling school drop-off
 - » Filling the lunchbox
 - » Making maths fun for kids is the trick
 - » How to manage attention-seeking behaviour
 - » Parent guide: Teaching kids to ride a bike
 - » Fears and phobias?
 - » The dyslexia checklist
- and (as always) EPIC GIVEAWAYS

Ask your tamariki to **find this issue's Te Reo Māori words** including wharekura, ngaunga, pahikara, tarawewehi, and tina.

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KAT Theatre's Play-in-the-Park
The Sleeping Beauty
Who Didn't
 by Thomas Barker and Company



February
 12 & 13
 19 & 20

1:30 & 3:30

Khandallah Park
 Bad weather? - go to
 KAT Theatre Facebook page.

Entry by koha
 (EFTPOS available)

Did she wake in time
 to save the kingdom
 from a grasping
 villain?

My Vaccine Pass required for entry
 to roped-off-area in front of stage.



**Fun, friendly dance classes
 for girls and boys**

Ages 2 and up!

Classes from Tues 8 Feb 2022
 Dancetopia Dance Studio, Wellington
 Amesbury Hall, Churton Park
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leapinglizardsdance@outlook.com | www.leaping-lizards.co.nz



RĀTĀ STUDIOS SCHOOL OF MUSIC

RĀTĀ YOUTH ORCHESTRA

An orchestra to introduce young musicians (ages 6-12) to the fun and skills of playing together, without having to audition!

A brand new venture for Wellington's young musicians run by top Wellington professional musicians Brenton Veitch and Bruce Roberts with support from our adults' WELLSO Orchestra (Wellington Late Starters Orchestra). Any orchestral instruments are welcome, String, Brass, Woodwind and of course Percussion.

Saturdays 1.30-2.30pm, 12 Feb - 9 April
 Enrol now at ratastudios.co.nz



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 Located in Scots College facilities in Strathmore

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Drama Club

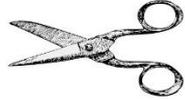
We run fun weekly drama classes to help your child express themselves creatively as well as learning some valuable performance skills along the way. Classes are based in Karori.

www.dramaclub.co.nz

Contact Bridie - admin@dramaclub.co.nz for more information about the classes.

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