



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 3

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Thursday 3 March 2022

Kia ora koutou,

Like many of you, at the present time we continue to operate the school under an ever-changing environment. No one day is the same and we continue to be on 'stand by' as things begin to change. I imagine that many of you are also managing a similar situation at your work places.

Our schoolwide Covid response planning is regularly updated and helps to inform our actions. As a staff and Board we are working off a shared google doc that centralises all our planning and thinking. As is to be expected, this document is ever-growing. I see this as a positive as it means that we are consistently reviewing our processes as we look ahead.

I need to thank our Senior Leaders; Robyn Grover and Cathrine Wilkinson for their contributions to this planning as well as our wider staff for the way that they continue to pull together on this.

Since the return to school, our students have acted as role models to us all in the way that they have adapted and continued to operate at school. We are incredibly proud of how they have responded to the many changes that we have asked of them. They remain happy and engaged at school which is key in all of this.

On a very different note, I wish to advise you that Lynda Sale (Office Manager and Principal PA) has won another job. After 10 years of service to Wadestown School, Lynda has been appointed Office Manager's job at The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners. Lynda has been a key part of Wadestown School for an extended period, and we wish her all the very best.

On a personal note, Lynda and I have worked closely together in my time at the school and I have always appreciated her knowledge of the school, her ability to create and sustain processes and systems and her loyalty to the school. Lynda is a practical, 'can do' person who enjoys solving problems. She has always been an incredible support to me and I am grateful for the time we have had together and the way that she assisted my induction to Wadestown School.

I know many of you have also appreciated what Lynda has done for the school and I encourage you to drop her an email or phone call to say goodbye. Her final day of work will be Friday 11 March.

We are currently advertising for her role and will keep you up-dated as we move forward.

### Our Phase 3 Covid Response Process

As discussed in previous communication, we are grateful to families for letting us know of any positive cases in your household. It is helpful for myself and the classroom teacher to be made aware of positive cases as soon as possible, so we can work to ensure the health and safety of others.

When we are notified of a positive student case, we will communicate this fact via email. To protect the privacy of the family and child, we will let you know which team the child is in (e.g. Pohutukawa, Rata, Rimu or Kōwhai) but will not disclose the child's classroom. Over time, this might need to change but currently, with small numbers of cases (2 students) across the school this model is currently fit for purpose.

The Home Learning kits and online learning will now start to come into play. Students who are isolating as part of a household bubble, will be using these resources. Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

As always, it is wise to continue to monitor your child for symptoms and to take them to get tested if they are displaying any of the COVID symptoms; the main two being a sore throat or cold symptoms.

## Household Contacts

As you will be aware, Close Contacts are no longer required to self-isolate but household contacts are. The following diagram explains this well:



## Parent Survey

Thank you to those of you who completed our recent survey about students who will need to attend school if the rest of the school is learning from home. This is the equivalent of what happened last year, under Level 4.

If you missed this survey please locate our email sent to you on Monday 28 February at 12.30 pm so your child/ren can be added to our list. Currently, we have 19 students who will attend school and we are working out how we can best group these students. As we did last time, students will be kept with their siblings.

## Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

We know how important it is to test for Covid these days. RATs are a good way of testing at the outset.

The tests are becoming more easily accessible. Should you wish to purchase these they are available at the Chemist Warehouse, the Bargain Chemist and will soon be available at Countdown Supermarkets. Some places will deliver and other places only have them available in store.

The Ministry of Health also released this initiative today: [Rapid Antigen Tests - home testing](#).

## Student Attendance

It is important to reiterate that if your child is not Covid positive or at home isolating with a household contact, the best thing for your child is routine and consistency. This means coming to school as per normal. By having your child at school, you are providing them with consistent learning and social engagement with their friends.

If you have concerns or questions, you are welcome to speak to your child's teacher or to make contact with me. I appreciate that this is an uncertain time, but we continue to focus on our student's learning throughout this period.

## Student Writing - Rimu Team

Pip Honoré has been working with some of our Rimu students (Year 5 and 6) to create poetry about Wellington.

Given the recent activity in the centre of Wellington, these poems hold quite a lot of meaning and significance.

I belong to this land

This is my place to stand

The Beehive always filled with people

Ferries launching out of the deep blue harbour

Strong earthquakes shaking our land

Wind howling, blowing off brand new hats

Rolling hills lapping over each other

Cha ching—money being given at our favourite dairies

Great memories being made at Wadestown School

Gardens giving people joy and amazing sights

Cars roaming around the narrowest of streets

Wind turbines spinning as fast as lightning

I belong to this land

This is my place to stand.

**Rosa Room 6**

I belong to this land  
This is my place to stand  
The hills wrap around my land like a protective mother with her children  
Feel the adrenalin when you jump into freezing waters  
Look at the turbines as you glide into our local airport  
Hear the wind whistle, carrying through the Beehive  
Witness flashing rainbow lights into a compact tunnel

I belong to this land  
This is my place to stand.

**Henry Room 7**

I belong to this land  
This is my place to stand  
Wild waves crash onto the treacherously, slippery rocks  
Ferries sail through choppy seas like knives through butter,  
leaving trails as white as snow in their wake  
Houses cling desperately to impossibly steep hills  
as howling winds batter their sturdy frames  
Water sloshes into colourful buckets and pours down like a waterfall  
Arguing politicians mill in and out of the busy, bustling Beehive  
Tui sing sweet melodies in the light branches of flowering kowhai

I belong to this land  
This is my place to stand

**Gabi Room 7**

I belong to this land  
This is my place to stand  
Kaka's haunting shrieks echo around the valley  
Tyres squelch up mucky tracks  
Terrified house scream as treacherous wind batters their boards  
Trees scratch garden shed roofs in a menacing way  
The smell of fresh bread wafts from the Wholly Bagel bakery

Cabbage leaves scatter the ground everywhere

I belong to this land

This is my place to stand

Isaac Room 5

## Tax Receipts to 31 March 2022

Tax receipts from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 for the Annual Voluntary Donation will be sent out to families in a bulk email process, directly from our Student Database. This will take place after 31 March.

Are you aware, that the Annual Voluntary Donation and voluntary contributions qualify for a tax credit? If you qualify for this and would like to claim a tax rebate, you can download the form from the Inland Revenue website. By claiming this you will receive 33.3% of the total donation that you have paid.

<https://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax/income-tax-for-individuals/individual-tax-credits/tax-credits-for-donations/submit-a-donation-receipt>

Furthermore, if you have not claimed back a tax credit in previous years, you are able to claim for these as well. The form required for this can be found on the Inland Revenue website by doing a search for an "IR526" form and then printing off the form for 2021.

If you wish to obtain a copy for a previous tax year, please email: [office@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:office@wadestown.school.nz) and advise the dates you would like donation receipts for. Please be aware that this may take time depending on other school commitments.

## Enrolments Open for 2022 Wadestown School Winter Netball Terms 2-3

Enrolment for Wadestown School's winter netball teams and junior netball programme is now open. Detailed information about the Wellington West Netball competition and junior programme is on our [Wadestown Netball website](#).

We would be grateful if the caregivers for all children Year 5-8, who would like to participate, to enrol at the [website](#). The information you provide will help us confirm our equipment, coaching and parent help requirements.

Can all Junior Netballers, Year 1-4, get in touch with me via email at [strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz](mailto:strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz)

We will come back to everyone who has enrolled to confirm player numbers and if we are able to make teams and junior netball programme location/dates by the end of March as registrations close March 25th.

If you have any questions about Wadestown School Winter Netball in the meantime, please feel free to contact me.

**Katy Pearce**

Parent Coordinator

[strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz](mailto:strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz).

## Marvellous Monday at Weld Street

Last "Marvellous Monday" was a beautiful fine day. We all enjoyed getting outside and we drew our class wakas. The big picture idea is that we are ALL on the same journey together, GROWING together and learning together.







GROW-WONDER.....is alive and well at Weld Street, our tamariki wonder how a caterpillar can change into a butterfly!!



## Movin March

Keep an eye out for **Movin' March**, the Wellington Regional Council promotion encouraging active travel to school. Students will be given a 'Movin' March 10 trip passport'. If they walk to school each day (x10) then they earn a "Movin' March" reward.

## 2022 Term Dates

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

Monday 7 March	PTA Meeting Online 7.00 pm check your emails for Meeting link invitation
Thursday 17 March	School Community Newsletter is published today
Friday 25 March	Teacher Only Day – no students at school
Thursday 31 March	School Community Newsletter is published today
Thursday 14 April	School Community Newsletter is published today
Thursday 14 April	Last Day of Term 1 – School closes at 3.00 pm
Monday 2 May	First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 3 May	Yr 8 Gardasil Vaccination



## Community Notices

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



Karori Junior Hockey Club winter registrations are open now till 6 March for the 2022 season at <https://kjhc.org.nz/>

**Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup** warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on this Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). If you know of anybody else who may be interested in our Playgroup and/or Preschool and would find the Open Day of interest, please let them know about this opportunity. We currently have a few spaces available for a start this term. For more information phone 475 9688 or email [wcmp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcmp@xtra.co.nz).

Kia ora,

My name is Anna, and I am a second-year Victoria University student living in Wadestown. I am looking for part-time employment doing childcare/babysitting. I am a kind and compassionate person who is energetic and enjoys being around children. I am available weekdays and weekends and have a full license and a car.

Feel free to contact me at 022 1952905.

Anna

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IAN GALLOWAY PARK, HOME OF WESTS RUGBY

**WESTS ROOSTERS**



**Wadestown Toy Library**  
**Wadestown Community Centre**  
**46 Pitt St**  
**Saturdays 10am to 12pm**

**Wadestowntoylibrary.mibase.co.nz**  
**wadestowntoylibrary@gmail.com**

We are pleased to now be able to offer a **Click and Collect** service!

Members can now log in to our [website](http://wadestowntoylibrary.mibase.co.nz) during the week to browse the catalogue of toys, and reserve toys for the upcoming Saturday. Collect toys from the front door and drop returns in the same spot. If you are isolating you are welcome to have a friend collect your reserves.

We hope this system will help you feel comfortable with using the toy library, as well as being a time-efficient way to borrow toys on your busy weekends.

The usual method of coming in and browsing and borrowing toys is still available as well (masks etc required). We also 'quarantine' toys for a week after they're returned.

Email us to become a member:  
[wadestowntoylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:wadestowntoylibrary@gmail.com)

Ngā mihi nui  
 Wadestown Toy Library Committee

Membership type	Duties/ committee	No duties	No. of months
Standard membership	\$80	\$160	12
Community Services Card	\$40	\$80	12
Grandparent membership	n/a	\$80	12
Gift membership 6 weeks	n/a	\$25	1.5
Gift membership 12 weeks	n/a	\$50	3

