



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 6

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Thursday 14 April 2022

Kia ora koutou,

Today's newsletter is a bit of a 'bumper issue', so it might be best enjoyed with a hot cross bun and a hot cup of tea or coffee ...

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the term. The past 11 weeks have had their challenges but by pulling together as a staff and community we have done a stunning job of navigating it despite the added interruptions and uncertainty that Covid has presented. I am hugely proud of the work that has been achieved and the way all our students and teachers have continued to conduct themselves.

I want to acknowledge the outstanding work and support that our teachers and wider staff have given to our students this term. The Wadestown School team have worked tirelessly to ensure that our students have continued to be happy and engaged at school. You will see below, the announcement of our Year 8 Student Leaders for 2022 as one example of how the teachers have continued to ensure that our students have not missed out. I wish all our Year 8 students the very best as they navigate these new roles and responsibilities.

There has been a lot of positive feedback from the community about the school's communication over this period. Hearing that the daily Covid Updates were useful to a number of families meant that we were confident that this communication system was working for all. However, I also want to also acknowledge the quality of the communication that parents provided us with. At all times, you, our community, have been up-front and timely in your communication with us. Thank you for partnering with us in this way.

Learning that you have tested positive for Covid or that a member of your family has tested positive, often comes when we are least expecting it. And we have seen first hand, here in the office, the disappointment and shock that comes with this news as students have been told that they need to go home, with little or no prior warning. We appreciate that some of you have been particularly hard hit with Covid, and we will be here again in Term 2 to offer ongoing support for both our students and our whānau. For those of you who continue to manage Covid over the school holidays, our thoughts are with you all.

The announcement yesterday afternoon of the move to Orange brings with it some relief but also the need to review our systems and processes. We will continue to take a considered approach to what this will look like ahead of our return to school in Term 2. The Ministry of Education will continue to provide us with guidance with which we as a school and Board will be required to make decisions with, based on our local context. The good news is that there are aspects of school that we have really missed, such as whole school Assemblies, that we can resume again.

I wish you all a relaxing and restful break and look forward to seeing everyone back again at the start of Term 2.

Ngā mihi nui,
Amanda Frater
Principal

Thank you to Helen Dammer

I just want to take a moment to acknowledge the additional work that Helen has put in while we have transitioned over from Lynda to Megan. At all times, Helen has remained cool, calm and collected and has not let anything get in the way of caring for our students and ensuring that the school has continued to keep ticking.

Year 8 Student Leadership Positions for 2022

The Student Leadership programme at Wadestown School provides authentic opportunities for all of our 50 Year 8 students, with the aim of developing confident, organised, independent and reflective learners and leaders.

The focus of this term has been for students to work through a formal process of applying for the student-created leadership roles. Each student was given the opportunity to review their leadership skills and to reflect on their own strengths and areas for development, ahead of self-selecting the roles that they wanted to apply for.

Letters of application were eloquently constructed and all 50 candidates were put through an individual interview where they had to formally promote and talk about their personal strengths and the vision they have for the school. We are looking forward to supporting the big ideas and events that are being ambitiously and meticulously planned.

If you have any skills or connections that would support our student leadership programme please feel free to contact cathrine@wadestown.school.nz to discuss any opportunities that could be available.

We are pleased to share with you all, our Year 8 Leaders for 2022:

Leadership Position	Heads	Team Members
Heads of Clubs	<i>Conan Hodgetts Atreya Pandit Leo Wallace</i>	
Heads of the Environment	<i>Ed Malcolm-Tait James van der Zouwe Zoe Winfield Sienna Falloon</i>	
Heads of Fundraising	<i>Finn Delahunty Toby Grace-Evans Eve Simmonds Hailey Young</i>	
Heads of House - (Kereru)	<i>Finn Delahunty Rosa Holland Ed Malcolm-Tait Matty Prebble</i>	
Heads of House - (Kotare)	<i>Will Fulton Phoebe McArthur Sylvie McLaren Paige Pearce</i>	
Heads of House - (Ruru)	<i>Magnus Nischalke Kate Johnson Eshaan Jena Hamish Luscombe</i>	
Heads of House - (Tui)	<i>Madeleine Beardmore Gus Crofskey Henry Johnson Kaitlyn Mitchener</i>	
Heads of ICT	<i>James Bowler Eli Lienert Luca Meech</i>	

Heads of Kapa Haka and Te Reo Māori	<i>Hauraki Kawharu-Wells Paige Pearce Izzy Robinson James van der Zouwe</i>	<i>Will Fulton Sylvie McLaren Bridget Murray</i>
Heads of Kōwhai	<i>Bridget Murray Elsie Rumball-Smith</i>	
Heads of Library	<i>Braedon Macdonald Hauraki Kawharu-Wells</i>	
Heads of Media	<i>Rosa Holland Catriona Smith</i>	
Heads of the Medical Team	<i>Annabelle Parker Rafa Gibson</i>	<i>Phoebe Douche Leo Wallace</i>
Heads of Performing Arts - (Dance)	<i>Georgy Ferguson Phoebe Douche</i>	<i>Madeleine Beardmore Sylvie McLaren Paige Pearce James van der Zouwe</i>
Heads of Performing Arts - (Music)	<i>Izzy Robinson Kate Johnson</i>	
Heads of Performing Arts - (Drama)	<i>Lucy Berridge</i>	
Head of Pohutukawa	<i>Alex Dreyer Elsie Rumball-Smith</i>	<i>Braedon Macdonald Phoebe McArthur Lucy Berridge Gus Crofskey</i>
Heads of Sport (Competitive Events)	<i>Fifi Weston Zak Ismail-Sanders Josh Nicholson</i>	
Heads of Sport (Kowhai Sport)	<i>Catriona Smith Sammy Bulbulia-Smart Magnus Nischalke</i>	
Heads of Sport (Promotion & Participation)	<i>Seb Grace-Evans Alex Dreyer Ollie Lindsay</i>	
Heads of Student Council	<i>Caitlyn Murray Torsten Jones Leo McLachlan Jude Rumball-Smith</i>	

Year 8 Leaders in Action:



Year 8 students preparing for making public announcements. They have been learning about voice projection and how to use their diaphragm.

Our Heads of Kōwhai, Elsie Rumball-Smith and Bridget Murray, in action organising their first leadership event - the Kōwhai Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt.

Upcoming Board Elections

2022 will see us having Board Elections and electing new members onto the Board in September. Now is a good time to start considering whether you would like to stand. Our current committee members are very approachable and would happily discuss with interested parents, what the role entails.

Further information about these elections will be shared over the upcoming months.

Wellington Girls' College - Information Afternoon

Interested Year 8 students and their whānau are invited to attend a session with Anna Wilson (Acting Principal) on Thursday 26 May at 3:15pm to learn about College life. The talk will take place in our Rose Street Hall. This is an opportunity for students and their parents to learn more about the school and to ask any questions that you might have.

For those of you who cannot attend this information session, additional online sessions over zoom will be available as a follow up. Further details to follow.

PTA Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser - Thank you for your support

We were delighted with the response to this fundraiser and the support that our community wrapped around our first PTA fundraiser of the year. Thank you to everyone who pitched in and assisted with making this fundraiser the success that it was.

Road Safety - Mairangi Road

On Tuesday we identified that one of our Rose St Road Patrol poles has been backed into. This has meant that only one of the Road Patrol signs can be put out, thus reducing our ability to ensure the safety of our students while walking to and from school. Sadly, this is not the first time this has happened. If you know anything about this incident please drop Amy Maddock an email.

Our concern is that when damage such as this occurs (often as a result of poor driver behaviour) this puts our tamariki at risk. Conversations with the WCC and our local Community Constables are ongoing as we look to address this wider concern.

In order to keep our tamariki safe, we would **please ask that parents do not use the top of Rose Street as a turn around area and that all drivers are mindful of their behaviour when driving around this area.**

Road Patrol - Parent Volunteers

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time this term to help with Road Patrol supervision - your help has been invaluable. If you would like to volunteer in Term 2, please email Amy Maddock on amy@wadestown.school.nz as soon as possible.

The times are; mornings: 8:20 am - 8:50 am and afternoons: 2:45 pm - 3:15 pm. It would be great to have more parent volunteers participating in Road Patrol next term.

Future Ferns Junior Netball for Years 1 and 2 - A message from our Netball Coordinator

I have three Year 8 coaches who have done a coaching course with Netball Wellington who are keen to coach the Juniors. I would need a parent to supervise the children while the coaches come over from Rose Street and aid the Year 8's for the session or we can create a parent roster. The cost is \$40 per player for the season. If you have a keen Future Fern please email Katy Pearce at strawberry.fare@xtra.co.nz for more information and registration details. It is a great way to have some fun and learn some ball skills.

When: Wednesday 3.15pm-4pm

Where: Weld Street School Term 2 (if enough interest) and Term 3 ending with a Fun Festival held on Saturday afternoon's of the 13th and 20th of August at Cardinal McKeefry School.

Parents' Party - Save the Date: Saturday 18 June

Planning for the annual PTA Parents' Party at the Wilton Bowling Club is underway. The father's planning group have secured the date and are now planning other details of the event. This evening is a great way for parents to connect with one another.

Winter Clothing Drive

Thank you for the contributions to this charity. We have already managed to fill two boxes and are continuing to keep an eye out for further winter clothing for children and adults who would otherwise go without this winter.

Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to this excellent cause.

Keeping up Connections

While operating in our 'Covid regulation bubbles' the Year 7 students have had to find alternative methods to keep up their connections with the Rata students. They decided to use a traditional approach and hand write introductory letters to their new buddies.

The Year 3 and 4 classes planned ahead and constructed a selection of creative letterboxes ready for the arrival of their personally addressed letters. The process was returned, and pictured below are the Rata students posting their reply letters to their Year 7 buddies. The students can now look forward to building ongoing connections throughout the year.



Student Writing - Room 11

The wonderful students in Room 11 have kindly shared some of their recent descriptive writing with us. One of the students who came to share his writing with me, was delighted to hear that he would have his writing published in today's newsletter.

Apple

I see an apple in the bright tree,
Red as the sun and bright like the sky, it shines.
It smells fresh and ripe, ready to eat.
I quickly climb to where my gift awaits
and shake it down.
It falls, quick like the wind.
I clamber down to grab the apple.
It feels hard as a rock
and smells like a flush of water.
I notice how red and neon it is.

When I bite down with a giant chomp,
It's like a rock hitting my teeth.
Drips slip down my T-shirt.
I was right, it is extremely juicy.
I open my eyes and see my half eaten apple.
A smile grows on my face.

By Marcus
April 2022

The Apple

Apples ruby red and jade green.
Shiny round apples
with green brown stalks and lovely leaves.
I see some dappled in mellow yellow.
Bees buzz in my ears
as I chomp through the smooth surface
and juice floods my mouth.
The apple's rough sweet taste fizzes on my tongue.

By Emma
April 2022

RUBY APPLE

Sitting in a lush green tree was an apple.
Red like a ruby,
nestled cosily in branches.
As I ponder, a smell begins to linger.
Not boring like tar,
but a wonderful, magical smell
singing out to me,
"I'm juicy and ripe!
Come take a bite!"
A hard sphere delicately perched in my palm.
My mouth floods with a pop of taste and flavour.

By Poppy
April 2022

2022 Term Dates

Please note that changes to these dates are possible; especially those events that could be impacted by Covid.

Please be aware that some events will be confirmed closer to the time in accordance with the Covid Protection Framework.

Date:	Upcoming Event:
Thursday 14 April	Last day of Term 1 - school finishes at 3pm
Friday 15 April	Good Friday
Monday 18 April	Good Monday
Monday 2 May	First day of Term 2 - school reopens at 8:30am to all students
Tuesday 3 May	Year 8 Gardasil Immunisations - beginning at 8:30am in the school hall
Wednesday 4 May	Kōwhai Technology resumes at Karori West Normal School
Wednesday 11 May	Wadestown School Staff - flu vaccinations (pm)
Tuesday 17 May	Wadestown School Cross Country (TBC)
Wednesday 18 May	Wadestown School Board Meeting @ 7 pm (venue TBC - either Rose Street or online)
Friday 20 May	Pink Shirt Day fundraiser
Saturday 21 May	PTA Pre-loved clothing sale 12pm
Monday 23 May	PTA Meeting at 7pm
Wednesday 25 May	Rata Sports at ASB (TBC)
Thursday 26 May	Year 8 talk for prospective students (and their families) attending Wellington Girls' College in 2023 @ 3:15pm to 4:45pm Rose Street School Hall
Tuesday 31 May	Western Zone Cross Country (TBC)
Wednesday 1 June	Rata Sports at ASB (TBC)
Thursday 2 June	Western Zone Cross Country (postponement) - TBC
Friday 3 June	Teacher Only Day - school closed
Monday 6 June	Queen's Birthday - school closed
Wednesday 8 June	NZ Playhouse 2022 Show @ 1:50pm (TBC)
	Rata Sports at ASB (TBC)
Friday 10 June	PTA Fundraiser - Whole School Skip-a-thon (TBC)

Wednesday 15 June	Rata Sports at ASB (TBC)
	Wadestown School Board Meeting @ 7 pm (venue TBC - either Rose Street or online)
Saturday 18 June	Parent's Party - Wadestown Bowling Club
Monday 20 June	PTA Meeting at 7:00pm
	School wide Waste Education Programme begins • partnering with the WCC
Tuesday 21 June	Western Zone Swimming Sports (TBC)
Friday 24 June	Matariki - Public Holiday school closed
Thursday 1 July	Waste Education Programme concludes
Tuesday 5 July	Regional Cross Country
Thursday 7 July	Regional Cross Country (postponement) - TBC
Friday 8 July	Last day of Term 2 - school finishes at 3pm
Saturday 17 September	Parent's Party - Wadestown Bowling Club (postponement)

Community/Whanau notices

Staglands 50th Anniversary Treasure Hunt

Kids can take our Treasure Hunt these school holidays to win a Golden Ticket!

Every ticket wins and there are heaps of prizes to be claimed!

To win your Golden Ticket simply download the Treasure Hunt Challenge Sheet from [our website](#). Then visit us any time between the 19th April and 1st May to take The Challenge and claim your prize!

Make sure you enter our bonus draw too and be in with a chance to win a Staglander Annual Family Pass.

Terms & Conditions apply, [see website for details](#).

Wellington Harrier Season Open Day Saturday 23rd April

Wellington Harriers has its season opening club day on Saturday 23 April.

We will be opening the season with a fun club race, it's a short relay, of mixed teams adults and children. This takes place near our club rooms on Mount Victoria.

New members are welcome to come along and give it a go.

We Meet at the Wellington Harrier Clubrooms on Alexandra Road Mount Victoria just before 2 pm.

For more information please contact:

Julie Richards
juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk
 0212959026

Springboard Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club offer diving lessons for kids aged 6yrs+ to Adult sessions!

Try something new - visit our website and register for a FREE 30min Trial Lesson in the school holidays or during Term.

After-school sessions available on Wed/Thurs and Saturdays - All levels welcome from beginners to competitive.

FREE Community Diving sessions one Sunday per month during Term. T&C's apply.

For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

Wellington City Council School Holiday Programmes

View Finders Photography Competition

During the April school holidays, we're running **View Finders** – a photo competition for tamariki and rangatahi aged 5-18. You can submit your original photos across three categories – *Nature*, *Whānau*, and *Objects or Books*, and there are heaps of awesome prizes to be won. Plus, all submitted photographs will be entered into a special exhibition that will take place after the holidays at libraries and community spaces across the city. Entries can be submitted online, or dropped off at your local library.

To find out more, and participate, visit wcl.govt.nz/viewfinders. Special thanks to our friends at local photography business [Splendid Photo](#) for their support!

The City Nature Challenge

Are you keen to contribute to real scientific research while getting out in nature with your whānau and having a great time? We've got the perfect solution for you – this year, the City Nature Challenge is returning in style for a massive [Bioblitz](#) from Friday 29 April to Monday 2 May. In the lead up to the Bioblitz, park rangers and other experts (including a few librarians!) will be leading nature expeditions to good flora and fauna-spotting locations around the city. Visit wgtn.cc/CNC2022 to keep up to date with all the events!

ComicFest: Comicify Your Life

What would your life look like if it were happening on the pages of your favourite comic book? In the lead up to [ComicFest](#) on the 7th of May, we're running a competition for aspiring artists of all ages during the April school holidays. Draw yourself as a comic book superhero, villain, or just an ordinary 'comicified' human, and be in to win a bevy of sweet prizes, judged and announced by some of New Zealand's most talented artists. Entries can be submitted online, or dropped off at your local library.

To find out more, and participate, visit wcl.govt.nz/comicifylife.

Adventure Club Holiday Programme

Here at Fergs' Kayaks, our Adventure Club Holiday Programme offers a number of different experiences in one fun package, from Rock Climbing to Kayaking and Stand up Paddleboarding! Our Adventure Club Holiday Programme is designed for ages 8-17 and runs as a 4 day programme from Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd April. The programme is designed to be multifaceted in Rock Climbing, Kayaking (for juniors aged 8-11) and Stand Up Paddleboarding (for seniors aged 12-17). The programme will be inclusive of all activities, or you may choose the activity that suits your child best.

For more information or to register interest, please email Sarah at adventureclub@fergskayaks.co.nz.



Kelly Club April 2022 Holiday Programmes

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programme is packed with some fantastic activities to entertain and inspire children. We have some exciting days planned: **"Eggstravaganza Day"**, **"Kelly Club Top Chef Day"**, **"Anzac Day"**, **"Giant Ball Day"**, **"Kelly Club Survivor"** Plus trips to: Ice Skating, The Marine Centre, Zealandia (*check your centre for the trip days as they differ*).

Kelly Club runs at the following: Amesbury School (Churton Park), Churton Park School, Island Bay School, Kelburn Normal School, West Park School (Johnsonville)

To enrol www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call **04 972 7201**



Kelly Sports - April 2022 Holiday Programme

Football - Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway park, Wilton

9.30am-12.30pm

Perfect for beginners and those just wanting to have fun!

Come along and improve technique, knowledge and learn more about the basic skills of "The Beautiful Game" (Football). We will focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling, shooting but most importantly having as much fun as possible!

Week 1 - Tues 19 Apr, Weds 20 Apr, Thurs 21 Apr

Week 2 - Tues 26 Apr, Weds 27 Apr, Thurs 28 Apr

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call **04 972 7201**.



Fundraiser

Eketahuna Country Meats and Wadestown Toy Library are offering you the chance to order delicious meat, fresh milk, fruit and vegetables online. Delivered to your door.

<https://eketahunacountrymeats.co.nz/>

Use code WADESTOWN and a percentage of the sale will go to Wadestown Toy Library.

Offer ends April 30



Tots to Teens (April Edition out now)

What's in this issue for parents?

8 family-life habits for a healthy immune system

How to: Encourage your kids to open up

Kids shoes! They might look great, but do they fit properly?

Egg-cellent Easter recipes. Yuumm! and (as always) EPIC GIVEAWAYS

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