



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 5

Principal: Amanda Frater Website: www.wadestown.school.nz Thursday 31 March 2022

Kia ora koutou,

As we head into the autumn months, the days are starting to look and feel a bit different. Certainly it isn't as light in the morning but we are continuing to enjoy some stunning days. Thankfully our students have continued to get plenty of opportunities to be outside and enjoy the fresh air.

Our bubble playground system remains in operation at Rose Street with each team rotating weekly across different parts of the playground. Cathrine has been doing a stunning job of organising this for us all.

Over the past few weeks, a group of four Year 4 students in Rata have been extremely busy during their breaks. They have established a "Chalk Club" out in the Rata courtyard. The teachers and I have been enjoying not only their creativity but also the colourful pictures and designs that have been gracing the courtyard. Some of their designs are based on themes (the Treaty of Waitangi drawings were some of my favourite) or have oral narratives attached to them. When the time comes to shift levels, I know that the students hope to be able to extend this club beyond just Rata students. I share this as an example of the attitude and innovation that our students demonstrate on a daily basis.

I include a blurb from one of the student organisers who has been promoting the club to other students:



"Anyone can come. Sometimes we will have themes for certain holidays and seasons [you don't have to follow them]. If it's your birthday we will make a special drawing like a giant cake, balloons or presents for you.

The main themes will most likely be space or nature. Sometimes we might even do it at morning tea. You don't have to come

every day if you don't want to. But just remember if you don't have anything to do at lunch or morning tea there's always the Chalk Group!"

For those of you either sick or isolating at home and those of you caring for family members who are unwell we continue to think of you all.

Noho ora mai rā,

Amanda Frater
Tumuaki/Principal
Wadestown School

Welcome to Megan Smith - Office Manager/Principal's PA

We were delighted to have Megan Smith with us yesterday for her first day at Wadestown School. Megan is working alongside Helen, Robyn and I as she transitions into the new role and will be back with us again tomorrow. Megan will work full days on Wednesday and Friday again next week, before taking on the role full time in the final week of school.

Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day - Kathryn Berkett

We had a successful day with Kathryn Berkett last Friday and enjoyed engaging in her online sessions. Thank you to our parent community for making this day happen.

Whānau Meeting - online meeting tonight (6pm - 7pm)

A reminder to those of you who have registered that tonight's Whānau meeting begins online at 6pm. We look forward to a year in which we will look to build relationships and stronger connections with our whānau.

An acknowledgement of the work that Elizabeth Chater has been doing in this space and of her leadership of the meeting this evening.

PTA Meeting - online Monday 4 April (7pm - 8:30pm)

As always, the PTA welcomes both new and returning members to the final meeting of the term. Come along to listen to what has been happening and to provide your thoughts and ideas about upcoming events.

Lunch orders

The Nada Bakery lunch orders continue to be popular with students.

A reminder that orders need to be completed before 9am on Thursdays to ensure your child's order is completed. Please also confirm that your child's order has been processed as we have had a few instances in which this has not happened.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser - Orders by Thursday 7 April

Thank you to Heidi, Matthew and Michelle for organising this upcoming fundraising event. If you haven't already done so, please remember to place your orders:

Varieties available (6 per pack):

Traditional - *"Made with juicy sultanas, currants and mixed peel folded into our aromatic spiced dough these beauties are sure to satisfy your desires"* and,
Whittakars chocolate - *"Made with Whittakers chocolate and our specially spiced dutch cocoa dough these are not just for the kids but also set to fulfil the child in all of us!"*

Pricing:

\$16 for one packet

\$15 each for two or more packets

To order:

1. Deposit funds to Wadestown School PTA account (12-3140-0348889-000) with your child's name and room number as references
2. Send an email to wadestownschool@gmail.com with your order details - quantity required of traditional or chocolate and child's name and room number.

Timeline:

Thursday 7 April - Final orders and payment to be received please

Tuesday 12 April final week of term - Orders will be sent home with children

Any questions please email wadestownschool@gmail.com

**Covid Update:**

We continue to monitor trends and patterns from our end.

Most recently, we have had students presenting with headaches or sore stomachs at school. Both of these symptoms seem to come on quickly and have resulted in students then going on to test positive for Covid.

Distance Learning

The feedback from families about the packs and online programmes has been positive and we are pleased that these are assisting families who are having to isolate.

A few points of clarification:

- If your child is unwell, there is no expectation that they engage in their distance learning. We would prefer that they rest and fully recover in the first instance. The research continues to point to the need for quality rest and relaxation as one of the key ways of recovering from Covid.
- The distance learning packs and programmes have been designed for students who either have Covid or who are having to isolate as a household contact. In the few instances where families are selecting to have their students stay at home for reasons other than this, please be aware that teachers are not able to provide additional distance learning programmes as our expectation is that they are at school.

2022 Term Dates

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

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
Tuesday 3 May	Year 8 Gardasil Immunisations
Tuesday 17 May	Wadestown School Cross Country (TBC)
Friday 20 May	Pink Shirt Day fundraiser (TBC)
Monday 23 - Friday 27 May	Wadestown School Book Week
Tuesday 31 May	Western Zone Cross Country (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 (TBC)

Saturday 17 June	Parent's Party - Wadestown Bowling Club (TBC)
Tuesday 21 June	Western Zone Swimming Sports (TBC)
Friday 24 June	Matariki - Public Holiday
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

THE WINTER PROJECT

WHO WE ARE:

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by five Year 12 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter woolens and deliver them to schools in the wider Wellington region who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.

WHAT WE NEED:

Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. Thank you for your help!



Our social media:
 Facebook- The Winter Project
 Instagram- _thewinterproject

Wadestown School is delighted to be a drop off point for this great initiative. As we

are limiting visitors to the school at the moment, we ask (if possible) that you send all items to school with your children and ask them to deposit them in the 'Winter Project' plastic box in the office foyer.

April School 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](tel:049727201)



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](tel:049727201).

North Wellington FC

Registrations are OPEN

We cater to all Junior age groups from 5-15 years of age who want to play football in the region.

Please head to our website for more information

www.northwellingtonfootball.com

or email

Karl: assistantclubmanager@northwellingtonfootball.com



Wadestown
Toy
Library



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

