



Wadestown School
Growing and Connecting as Learners

Rata Team

Newsletter

Term 2, 2022



Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Nau mai! It has been great to see everyone back after the holidays. A big welcome to our new student Fern Griffin and her whānau. Fern has joined Room 11. This term we are excited about our mahi on Growing Science in Rata, and we are looking forward to some exciting events including Cross Country, Whakataui, and ASB Sports Coaching Sessions. Thank you to Kelly Sports for running a coaching session for each class on Wednesday, 11 May.



Room 9 Self Portraits

Covid Measures: Our Year 4 students have continued to do an amazing job of wearing face masks in the classroom, and many Year 3s have chosen to wear them as well. We continue to be vigilant about washing hands, using hand sanitizer and keeping our rooms well ventilated.

Growing Science in Rata

This term our inquiry focus is 'Growing Science'.

GROW with Science, where we make connections between Science and our School Values (Gratitude: Whakawhetai, Resilience: Manawaroa, Others: Whanaungatanga, and Wonder: Mīharo).

Growing our Environment (Inquiry into the Living World and the Nature of Science). We will learn about how living things in our environment have certain requirements to grow and thrive, and investigate how we can help our environment.

Growing through Play and Exploration (Science Rotation). Students will explore science through a range of different experiences and look at what the scientific method is and how it works.



Room 11 Visual Pepeha

Literacy

Writing: Last term our students learned about the writing process. They wrote descriptive pieces that they enjoyed sharing with others. They also wrote letters to their Year 7 buddies (Tuakana/Teina) and 'mailed' them to the Kōwhai Team. This term we will continue to unpack the editing process with students, including helping them to add, delete and change their writing to make it more effective. Students will continue to regularly publish and share their work with others. We work with the whole class and with individuals, helping them to achieve their writing goals.

In **Reading** we continue to combine instructional lessons, teacher reading and independent reading based on students' interests. Students will continue to use a variety of strategies when reading, and we will focus on clarifying/monitoring, questioning and summarising. Skills in these areas will help our students as they explore writing reports and persuasive texts later in the term.

Spelling and Handwriting will continue to be incorporated into our classroom Literacy Programme.

Sports

ASB Sports Coaching Sessions start on Monday 23 May and will run for four sessions over the term. The sessions take place at the ASB Centre in Kilbirnie. Students will be coached in floorball, dodgeball and gymnastics. Thanks in advance to the parents who will be giving up their time to go with us. We depend on your help.

Wadestown School Cross Country is on Friday, May 20. Tuesday May 24 is the postponement date. The students have already been practising for this event.



Running alongside the ASB Sports sessions, we will also focus on big ball skills at school.

Mathematics

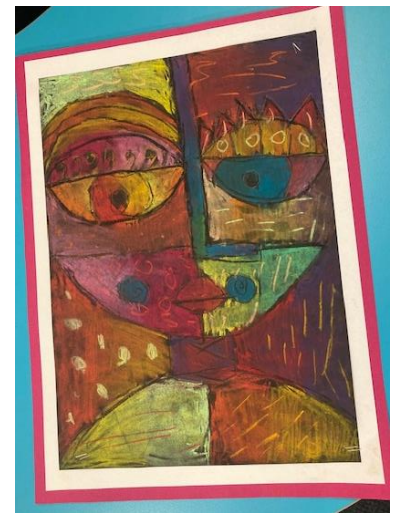
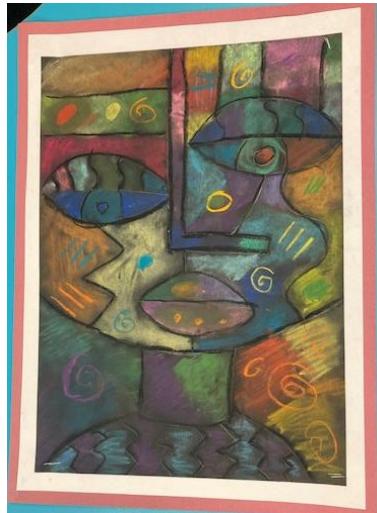
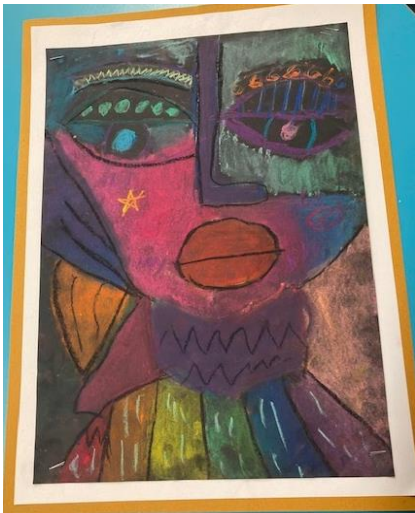
For the first two weeks of term we have been working on addition and subtraction skills. We will continue to build our students' knowledge of Basic Facts and Place Value throughout the term. Problem solving is an essential part of maths, and we endeavour to put the problems into authentic contexts. From next week we will be moving into learning about Multiplication and Division. We will also look at

measurement in the last three weeks of the term. Students are enjoying Mathletics and are welcome to use it at home.

Te Reo Maori

In the mornings we have been meeting outside to sing waiata. Students volunteer to lead each song and it has been a great way to start the day. We are continuing to work on our mihi this term and have been incorporating Te Reo into many parts of our daily programme. We continue to have Kapa Haka on Thursdays and this term the teachers have started Te Reo lessons with Te Mako Orzecki. Later in the term we will be looking at Te Reo around kai as we acknowledge and celebrate Matariki.

Visual Art: We will be learning about the different art elements of Line, Shape, Colour, Texture and Space in a variety of contexts. **Singing:** As part of our waiata, we work on breathing exercises to help students use their diaphragm when singing.



Room 12 Abstract Self Portraits

Rata Team 2022 Classroom Activity Donation - Term 2		
<i>Amount charged to Student Statement</i>		\$80.00
Term 1 Mathletics	\$22.00	
Term 2		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASB Sports Coaching 	\$14.00	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZ Playhouse 	\$5.00	
Term 2 spend total		\$19.00
Total 2022 Classroom Activity Donation spent to date		\$41.00

Dates to Remember

19 May: Rose Street Whakatau

20 May: Rose Street Cross Country

23, 30 May, 13 27 June: Sports Coaching at the ASB Centre, Kilbirnie

27 May: Pink Shirt Day

28 May: NZ Playhouse

1 June: Ahumairangi Walk

3 June: Teacher Only Day

6 June: Queen's Birthday

8 June: NZ Playhouse

24 June: Matariki

1 July: Reports sent home

4 July: Scientist Appreciation Day

6, 8 July: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Reminders

Please name all uniform items so they can find their way back to the rightful owners.

From 8.30am students are welcome in classrooms. Before then it is valuable organisation time for teachers and they are not available for supervision.

If you are collecting or delivering your child to school between 9am and 3am please remember to sign them in/ out at the office. Under orange covid guidelines, visitors must wear a mask.

We are all looking forward to a great term of learning ahead!

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