



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 7

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Thursday 5 May 2022

Kia ora koutou,

I hope this first newsletter of the term finds you all well. A big welcome to the new students and their families, who have joined Wadestown School for the first time. We trust that your time with us will be a happy one.

Week 1 of Term 2 has seen our students and teachers return refreshed and ready to go! I know many of you were lucky enough to get out of Wellington over the school holidays and used this time to reconnect with family or friends you haven't seen in a while. This was certainly the case for myself and a number of staff. Equally, there were families within our community who have either been in self-isolation or with Covid.

This term sees our tamariki inquiring into Science and continuing to explore our GROW school values.

Last term, each classroom took up the challenge of creating their own classroom display to demonstrate the school values. This initiative was part of a wider piece of work led by our team leaders; Amanda Lambie, Amy Maddock and Elizabeth Chater to promote and unpack the school values across the school. We plan to showcase some of these classroom displays in our next newsletter.

Nga mihi nui,

Amanda Frater
Tumuaki/Principal

Road Safety

As always, we continue to keep a close eye on Road Safety for our students. From time to time issues arise and I feel that it is important to pass these on so we can all take collective responsibility for our students.

We are continuing to observe dangerous driver behaviour at drop off and pick up times. This kind of driver behaviour puts our students and teachers at risk.

As a school we like to encourage our students to walk to school but in order for them to do this safely, we need assurances that they can do so. Our "Park and Stride" system is still in place and is a great way of encouraging your child to walk some of the way to school. It also helps to reduce

any build-up of cars around our main centres e.g. at the corner of Rose and Mairangi Roads and the corner of Wilton Road and Purakau Ave.

Please be aware of where you park and for how long - especially when in time restricted spaces. When everyone follows this, it prevents any traffic backlogs and decreases dangerous driver behaviour. Please also remember to watch your speed when traveling the surrounding roads.

If you observe driving behaviour that you believe puts our students at risk, please do not hesitate to report these to Amanda Lambie (Team Leader of Pohutukawa Team), Amy Maddock (Team Leader of Rimu Team) or myself.

And finally, a thank you to all of those in the community who contribute to the safety of our students and in particular, our current group of wonderful parents who are assisting with Road Patrol and our Kiss and Drop system at Weld Street. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

If you are available to assist with Road Patrol this term, please make contact with Amy Maddock or Cathrine Wilkinson to arrange this.

Covid Update - Orange Setting

As previously communicated, we are continuing to keep masks in place until Wednesday 11 May. At that time, the Senior Leadership and Board will revisit this decision. Up until that time, I will continue to send out my daily email and to update you all on any new cases of Covid. It is encouraging to note the drop in cases over the past few days.

In Term 1 the total number of cases across our student population was 17%.

Across the school, we reported:

18 cases in Kōwhai (20%)

14 cases in Rimu (16%)

9 cases in Rata (14.5%)

6 cases in Pohutukawa (13%)

While we are all very much looking forward to moving fully into the Orange setting we want to do so when we are reassured that it is safe for staff, students and families.

Upcoming Events

Cross Country

The students are doing regular training in preparation for the Cross Country.

Please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear and a drink bottle full of water.

Where students have a medical reason that prevents them from running, we would encourage them to walk the course so they can maintain their fitness and continue to participate to the best of their ability.

Whakatau to welcome new staff and students to Wadestown School

Planning is currently underway for two Whakatau (or welcomes) for our newest staff members and students. Our Year 3 - 8 students and staff will host a first whakatau at Rose Street, and our Years 1 - 2 students (with assistance from our Kowhai students) will host a second welcome at Weld Street.

Under the Red Covid Protection Framework these events were difficult to host, however, under Orange we are pleased to be able to proceed with these.

Hemi Prime, our Kapa Haka tutor is leading this piece of work with the support of our teachers and key Year 8 student leaders.

Kelly Sports - possibility of Rose Street Club for Years 3 and 4

We have a long-standing relationship with Kelly Sports who run a weekly, after school sports club at Weld Street. The sessions run for an hour and are based on cooperative, sporting activities.

Currently we are exploring the possibility of creating a second group that will be based at Rose Street for our Year 3 and 4 students. To make this viable we would ideally need a group of 10 (or more students) to regularly attend sessions on Thursday after school from 3:05pm - 4:05pm. This would see a second group created with our other group continuing to run from Weld Street for our Year 1 - 2 students.

To register your interest for this, please email our Office Manager, Megan Smith on megan@wadestown.school.nz stating your child's name and classroom number by Friday 13 May.

Relievers

As you may well be aware, finding relievers has become more of a challenge for schools. We are fortunate to have built up a good group of reliable relievers this year and this has ensured that we have been able to provide good classroom relief at short notice.

What we are noticing however, is that finding a reliever for consecutive days is proving to be more of a challenge than it has been in the past. This is because relievers are being booked well in advance. While our aim is always for consistency, where this is not possible, there might be some instances in which a class has to have different relievers from day-to-day. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

PTA Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser - Update from Heidi

A huge thank you to Heidi Louden and her team for coordinating and organising our first PTA fundraising event of the year. Provided below, is a breakdown of the fundraising efforts.

246 packets sold, 1476 delicious buns

65% traditional, 35% chocolate

31 boxes in one car

106 individual orders

\$1,245 raised

20 Year 7/8 students to help deliver to the school hall

4 efficient mums bagging them up

Over 100 brown paper bags reused



Term Two PTA Fundraisers

We are pleased to announce this terms' fundraising events for Term 2; the Pre-Loved Clothing Sale and the PTA Parents' Party. See below for further details.

Pre-loved Clothes Sale



**PRE-LOVED CLOTHING
SALE**



WADESTOWN SIDE SCHOOL,
WELD STREET
SATURDAY 21ST MAY,
12-4

Excellent quality clothing, **ADULTS + CHILDREN'S** shoes and accessories

All proceeds go towards school necessities, like the library,
which cannot be funded properly without our support.

Please wear a mask
Covid restrictions apply
Cash only





DONATE YOUR CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES,
TO THE WADESTOWN PRE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE.

Accepting adults and children's clothes, in excellent condition.

- 1. BEFORE YOU DONATE**
If you'd give it to a mate, it's okay to donate
- 2. SORT + CLEAN**
Make sure items have no stains, damage, and smells before donating
- 3. DROP OFF/ COLLECTION**
Contact Michelle to arrange drop off/
collection
0224309132

For more information
0224309132
mishjacobson@gmail.com

BEST OF BRITISH

WADESTOWN SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER PARTY

Sat 18th June 2022
7.30-12am
Wilton Bowling Club
Tickets \$60pp

Includes prizes, bubbles, beer, wine, sounds & supper!
Email: ptawadestownschool@gmail.com



PTA Party - SAVE THE DATE!

'Talley-Ho! On Saturday the 18th of June the annual Parents Party will take place at the Wilton Bowling Club. Now approaching its 10th year the party has become an eagerly anticipated and popular event on the school fundraising calendar. It's always a fantastically, fun evening, and a great way to raise money for the school.

This year's theme is 'Best of British', so dust off your Morris Dancing outfit, put on your best tiara, and join the Wombles, Spice Girls, Spitfire Pilots, Daleks, and Assorted Royalty on the dance floor.

Tickets are \$60 per person and include drinks and a light supper. And Prizes for best costumes. Numbers are strictly limited to 150, so get in quick.

For tickets simply email ptawadestownschool@gmail.com

2022 Term Dates

Please note that changes to these dates are possible; especially those events that could be impacted by Covid. Some events will be confirmed closer to the time in accordance with the Covid Protection Framework.

Date:	Upcoming Event:
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)
Wednesday 18 May	Wadestown School Board Meeting @ 7 pm (venue TBC - either Rose Street or online)
Thursday 19 May	Rose Street Whakatau at 9.15am
Friday 20 May	Wadestown School Cross Country (Years 3-8)
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	Weld Street Whakatau (TBC)
	Year 8 talk for prospective students (and their families) attending Wellington Girls' College in 2023 @ 3:15pm to 4:45pm Rose Street School Hall
Friday 27 May	Pink Shirt Day Fundraiser
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)
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

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.

Mums Go Free...

As a special Mother's Day treat we are offering all our Stag rag mums free entry into The Reserve on Mother's Day weekend!

To receive this gift, [click on this link](#), print the voucher and bring it to Staglands when you visit, on either 7th or 8th May OR tell our ticket office staff you are a **STAG RAG MUM**.

Offer Conditions:

- *Valid Mother's Day weekend 7th or 8th May.
- *Must visit with your child, 16 years or under to qualify.
- *Not available with any other offer.



Blue Dragon Book Fair at Ngaio Town Hall

Saturday 28 May 9am to 4pm AND Sunday 29 May 9am to 2pm.

Please come and buy books, puzzles/games,

DVDs and CDs. Children's books are \$1 each. Other books are \$3 (and \$2 each, after the first five books purchased). We have a huge number of top quality books and other items. Come and buy for yourself or for others.

All proceeds will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery. Last year we raised \$18,000 – we hope to do at least as well this year.

If you have good quality books to donate, please be in touch. We are particularly happy to have more children's books.

Dinah Dobson, trustee (027 686 4554) Blue Dragon New Zealand,

www.bluedragonnz.wordpress.com

Active Autumn Sports – Term 2 Wadestown School



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

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

This 8 x weekly (Thursday's) programme gives children the skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. Its a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination.

We aim to develop and enhance balls skills; catching, kicking and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness.

It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings, giving them the confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

In term 2 we will be focusing on the following sports:

Football, Netball, Ultimate Frisbee and Athletics! (2 weeks of each sport).

The sessions start in week 2 on Thursday 12 May 2022.

To enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz and in the school box put **"Wadestown"**



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

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School – Open Day

Samuel Marsden Collegiate School are having an open day on Sunday 15 May 2022 from 2-4pm

Please register for the above event at <https://www.marsden.school.nz/about/experience-marsden/>