WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 8

Principal: Amanda Frater Website: www.wadestown.school.nz **Thursday 19 May 2022**

Te Whakatipu me to Honohono Hei Akonga: Growing and Connecting as Learners

Kia ora koutou,

Week 2 has seen our Rose Street students be able to mix across the school during break times. It has been wonderful observing the interactions between our students. Our Year 3s have especially enjoyed having the opportunity to explore a number of new areas across the school. One student proudly told me yesterday that they had now visited every part of the school and another was excited to share that they were playing a game of sleeve tag “with the whole school!”.

This week has also seen a re-opening of the Rose Street Library at lunchtimes which I know many of our students have very much been looking forward to. This continued opening up of the school feels like a positive step forward.

Yesterday our Year 3 - 8 students held a practice of our Whakatau and we were delighted with how this went. Our Year 8 students stepped us as leaders and demonstrated a quiet confidence in leading this welcome. We had Year 8 students leading the haka, the waiata, the kairanga, and the speeches (in Te Reo). Sadly the weather this morning saw us postpone today’s whakatau but we have secured an alternative date and have next week’s whakatau at Weld Street to look forward to in the meantime. I would like to extend my thanks to Emily Houston and Elizabeth Chater for their leadership and organisation of these events.

Our staff are now two weeks into their Te Reo language learning and we are enjoying our weekly sessions with Te Mako our kaiako. All staff participate in these online classes (including Derek, Helen, Megan and Tani) and it has been a positive experience working together as a whole staff. Our focus is currently on the correct pronunciation of Te Reo. If you are interested in also participating in Te Reo lessons please send me an email entitled “Interest in Te Reo Lessons”. If there is enough interest, we will look into setting these up for whānau. In the meantime, our students are the best teachers and will likely have much to share if you ask them what they know.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amanda Frater
Tumuaki/Principal

Yr 3-8 whakatau pratice

Yr 8 leaders teaching waiata to our Yr 5 and 6 students

Upcoming Board Elections 2022

As you are aware, this year is a Board Election year. This will see us host a Board Election to appoint a new Board. Included below is an overview of key dates for parents to be aware of. As has happened in previous years, we have engaged Canterbury Services to run our process. This year will see voting happen online.

Now is a good time to start thinking about standing as a candidate. Our current Board members are available if you wish to find out more about the role and what it entails. You are welcome to make contact with them directly or attend our upcoming “Meet the Board” before school coffee morning. This will take place at Rose Street in the hall. Come along for a hot cup of coffee or tea for a chat on **Monday 13 June at 8:00am**. Pop in before work to take up this opportunity.

As always, parents are also welcome to attend meetings as observers. If you wish to do this, please contact either Mark Crofskey or myself ahead of time.

Board Election Timeline	
	Date
Close main school roll	Wednesday 13 July **Term 2 school holidays**
Call for nominations	Friday 15 July **Term 2 school holidays**
Close supplementary school roll	Wednesday 3 August **Week 2, Term 3**
Last current Board meeting	Wednesday 7 August **Week 3, Term 3**
Board of Trustees Election Day	Wednesday 7 September **Week 7, Term 3**
Vote counting	Tuesday 13 September **Week 8, Term 3**
New Board takes office	Wednesday 14 September **Week 8, Term 3**

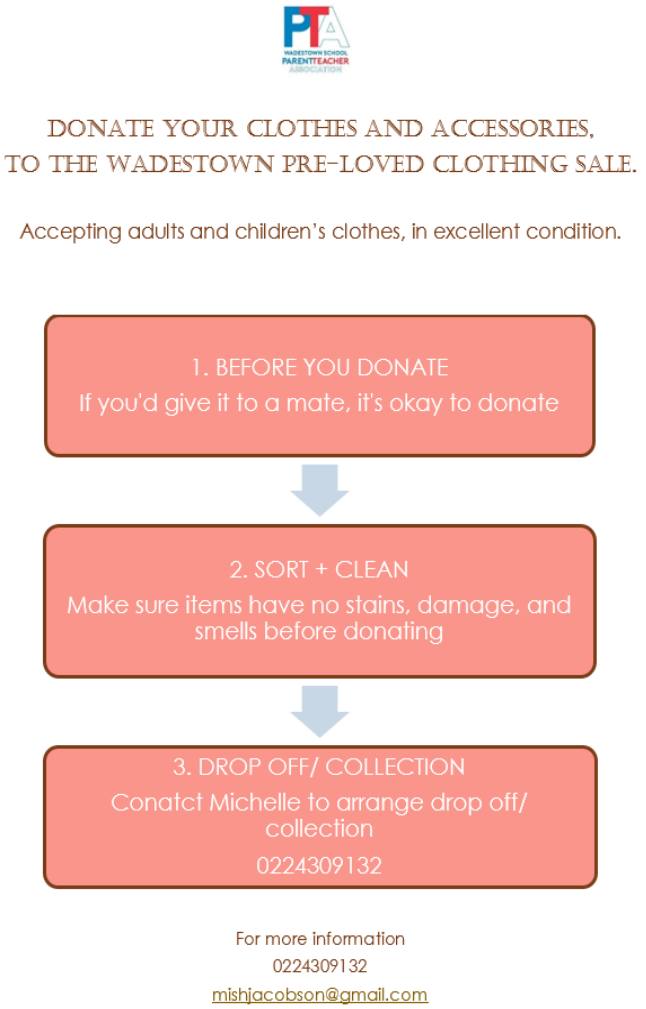
Wadestown School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) News

This term's first PTA fundraising event is this Saturday at 12pm. Please pop into Weld Street between 12:00 and 4:00pm and purchase something for yourself or your child.

Tickets are also currently on sale for the PTA Parents' Party. Now is a good time to both purchase a ticket and to start planning your costumes. There will be prizes for best dressed and if last year is anything to go by, the bar will be set high once again this year. Come along and spend time with the parents of Wadestown School. It is an enjoyable and fun night out.

Please keep an eye out for upcoming events run by our PTA Class Coordinators. We are thrilled that these can be reinstated under Orange Covid settings. I know that these events are wonderful occasions for parents to meet one another. Thank you to our Class Coordinators for organising these events.

And finally, we look forward to seeing parents next Monday evening at 7:00pm at Weld Street for the first of the Term 2 meetings. Come and meet new people and get involved in the school. Michelle and I look forward to seeing you all there.



Staff Flu Vaccinations

All staff members were offered the opportunity to have a flu vaccination ahead of winter this year and a high percentage of staff took up. A number of chemists are now offering these to parents who might be interested in doing the same thing.

Upcoming School Events

Pink Shirt Day 2022

Wadestown School is joining the movement of **Pink Shirt Day** by encouraging our staff and students to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone.

On **Friday 27 May 2022**, we are asking everyone to **dress in pink** and **bring gold coins** to help with our fundraising for the Mental Health Foundation. Help us to celebrate this important kaupapa!

Please note that this date is different from the official date as we had a clash with our School Cross Country event.

Whānau hui

Kia ora e te whānau,

Our whānau hui has been postponed and is now on Thursday, June 9 at 6pm. If you have an interest in supporting Te Āo Māori at te kura o Wadestown, it would be great to see you there!

Please send an email to elizabeth@wadestown.school.nz if you are able to attend and let me know whether you would prefer to meet online, or in person at the school hall. If we meet at school, we would provide some kai and you would be welcome to bring your tamariki.

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

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!
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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:
Saturday 21 May	PTA Pre-loved clothing sale 12pm-4pm
Monday 23 May	Rata Sports at ASB (Year 3 to 4)
	PTA Meeting at 7pm
Tuesday 24 May	Wadestown School Cross Country (Years 3-8)
Wednesday 25 May	Years 4-8 Swimming Sports (Competitive swimmers only) WRAC 9am to 12pm
Thursday 26 May	Weld Street Whakatau (TBC)
	Wadestown School Cross Country (Years 3-8) postponement date
	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
Monday 30 May	Rata Sports at ASB (Year 3 to 4)
Tuesday 31 May	Western Zone Cross Country
Thursday 2 June	Western Zone Cross Country (postponement) - TBC
	Road Patrol Training for Yr 6
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
Monday 13 June	Rata ASB Sports (Year 3 to 4)
Wednesday 15 June	Wadestown School Board Meeting @ 7 pm
Saturday 18 June	Parent's Party - Wadestown Bowling Club
Friday 24 June	Matariki - Public Holiday school closed
Monday 27 June	Rata ASB Sports (Year 3 and 4)

Community/Whanau notices

Wellington Brickshow

The Wellington Brick Show is coming. Upper Hutt will be hosting Wellington's only Lego show on the 4th and 5th June at Whirinaki Whare Taonga. This will be a large charity event with over 70 Lego display.

This show will be raising money for Scouts NZ.

To get tickets go to www.well-lug.nz/tickets/

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures

At Western Suburbs Rugby Club (Wilton) and Southern Suburbs SWIS (Berhampore)

11th – 22nd JULY 2022 from 7.00am-6pm daily

Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games

Cooking, Fitness, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Teas.

One-on-one care and shuttle services available.

- Daily $81.04/cub per session or $137.77 for two siblings per session.
- Weekly: $324.16 per cub/week or $551.07 for two siblings/week.

MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online:

www.pridelands.co.nz or go to our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

Wellington Harriers

Its cross country running season and if your children enjoy running come and give it a go.

We offer club races, interclub competitions and fun, friendly training groups.

Our club days are Saturday afternoons we meet at the Wellington Harrier Clubrooms on Alexandra Road Mount Victoria just before 2 pm.

We also have midweek training groups.

For more information please contact:

Julie Richards
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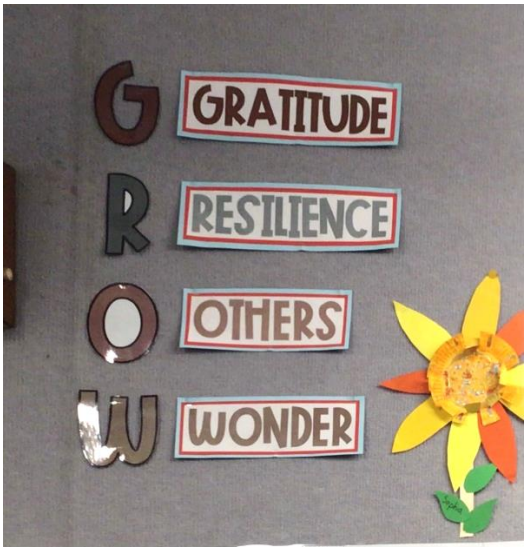
Aikido for juniors

Aikido is a martial art with a difference, its focus being on defence rather than attack: a non-violent, defensive art. Aikido is renowned for its benefits for self-control, co-ordination and posture, and like all martial arts promotes confidence and provides fun, fitness and friendship. We are seeking more juniors students: being very safety-conscious we stopped training during last year's restrictions, and in Term 1 2022, and are building up our lively classes. We are a not-for-profit organisation teaching the art of aikido, based in Kaiwharawhara, in our 28th year. Classes Monday (Kids, around 6+ to 12 years) and Wednesday (Teens) 5:30pm during school terms, $80 per term. Older teens can join in our adults classes. City Dojo, 132 Hutt Rd, Kaiwharawhara, Wellington, directly above Animates pet shop. Turn up and give it a try - first 3 lessons free. And parents, we have beginner classes at 6:30pm for you too :-). Contact Conrad at conrad@aikido.org.nz or 021 843 467, or visit www.aikido.org.nz.

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.



Some of our classes showing what G-R-O-W means to them