



Wadestown School

Growing and Connecting as Learners

Rata Team Newsletter Term 3, 2022



Tēnā Koutou Parents, Caregivers, and Whānau,

Welcome back for an exciting and busy Term 3. We have a new student in Rata, Rosa Roberts. Rosa is in Room 12, and we would like to offer both her and her whānau a warm welcome! We also extend a warm welcome to Liberty Cook, who is now teaching in Room 9 every Friday. Prior to this, Liberty was teaching in the junior school at Karori West Normal School.

It was great to see most of you at our Three-Way Conferences in Week 10 of Term 2, and to catch up with some of you in the first couple of weeks of this term. Last term saw a larger number of absences due to illness and isolation, and we are aware that the holidays were also a challenge for some families. We are following our Covid procedures at school to keep us safe and ensure we can do the fun things that we have planned for this term. We have an exciting and busy term ahead, that includes Artsplash, Swimming, Oral Presentations, a trip to the National Library and an end of term school performance.

Covid Procedures

We are continuing to be vigilant about washing hands, using hand sanitiser, and keeping our rooms well ventilated. Our Year 4s are doing a wonderful job at wearing their masks and Year 3s are welcome to wear them too if they choose. We have a supply of masks in each class for students to use if they need them. Year 4 students are also expected to wear masks on the bus when we go on outings.

Oral Presentations

Rata's Oral Presentations are a popular and enjoyable component of our Term 3 programme. They give each student the opportunity to make positive connections in their class while growing their confidence in public speaking. The students are learning to give simple explanations and instructions, speak with clarity about their ideas and information, and use appropriate and topic-specific vocabulary.



Our students took a stand against bullying by dressing up for Pink Shirt Day.

School Values

We are continuing to work with our students to help deepen their understanding of what our values are, by integrating our school values **GROW** (Gratitude, Resilience, Others and Wonder) into our daily programmes.

Key Competencies

The two competencies we are focusing on this term are Relating to Others and Using Language Symbols and Text.



Literacy

In reading, students are developing and using a range of comprehension strategies to understand and use what they read. We are currently focusing on inference. Our students will be reading a variety of texts, increasing their understanding of how and why they are written. They will also be improving their knowledge through Reciprocal Reading, a process where students work in a team to clarify, infer, summarise and question what they read.

In writing, students are learning how to give and receive feedback, to help them edit and take ownership of their personal goals. They will also take what they learn from their reading to develop their own narratives.

Handwriting and phonics are part of the classroom literacy programme. Oral language is developed through the oral presentations this term. These include reflection and peer feedback.

Numeracy

Our students are currently learning about measuring time, area, and volume and capacity. We will be helping students increase their understanding of fractions, and they will be learning about proportions and ratios. Place value and basic facts knowledge continue to be important areas to build upon, as this knowledge is essential when solving problems, as they become more complex. Later in the term we will revisit addition and subtraction. Any opportunity to show your children maths in an authentic context outside of school will build their understanding. Some examples of this are playing board games, baking together, estimating how much a supermarket shop might cost, or looking at measurements on different packaging.

Growing in the Arts

Our theme for the term is 'Growing in the Arts'. Our focus for this theme will be **Artsplash**. This is Wellington's annual primary and intermediate school arts festival. We are preparing by learning all the songs and actions and will perform at the Michael Fowler Centre on Tuesday 13 September. There is a rehearsal at the centre on that day and the evening performance begins at 5pm. Up to four tickets are available for each student to purchase.



Te Reo and Tikanga

We are extending our use of Te Reo in the classroom with the help of Matua Alwyn (an experienced Te Reo Kaiako/Teacher) who is teaching a 30 minute Te Reo Session every second week. We are also learning more about Ngā Tikanga in our school setting and continue to have Kapa Haka on Thursdays with Hemi Prime.

Frozen Jr

We are fortunate to have a Rata student who will be in the **Frozen Jr musical** which is put on by the Musical Stars Performance Trust. It explores themes of growth, change and learning to be yourself. We will be attending the performance at the Lower Hutt Little Theatre on Thursday, 22 September.



Sport

Our main physical education focus this term is swimming, which is taking place at Keith Spry Pool in Johnsonville. Starting on Wednesday, 10 August, we will have an early lunch before travelling together to the pool. We will head back to school at 2.20 pm. We'd like to give a huge thank you to all our parent who have volunteered to help us with our trips! Daily fitness continues and our skills focus is on large ball skills.

Please note that the cost for Swimming Lessons will be separate to the classroom activity donation.

Aotearoa New Zealand History Curriculum

We will be introducing Aotearoa New Zealand History this term with an integrated look into storytelling and how stories were used to make sense of the world around us. As well as using myths, legends, and local stories to extend our learning in literacy, we will be creating artworks to tell stories, using a variety of media including collage and painting. During our trip to The National Library, we will be going on a tour called He Tohu, where students will learn about three iconic documents that shaped New Zealand history:

1835: Te Whakaputanga: Declaration of Independence of the United Tribes of New Zealand

1840: Te Tiriti o Waitangi: The Treaty of Waitangi

1893: Women's Suffrage Petition

Homework

Thank you for all the wonderful support you give to your children at home, reinforcing what they are learning at school. Our students are busy organising their oral presentations this term and we appreciate your help. The focus of homework continues to be spelling and basic facts. It would be great if the children can become increasingly more responsible for managing their own homework.

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 9 am and 3 pm please remember to sign them in/ out at the office. Visitors must wear a mask.

Rata Team 2022 Classroom Activity Donation - Term 3		
Amount charged to Student Statement		\$80.00
Term 1 Mathletics		\$22.00
Term 2		
ASB Sports Coaching	\$14.00	
NZ Playhouse	\$5.00	
Term 2 spend total		\$19.00
Term 3		
National Library Visit	\$8.00	
Strike Performance	\$5.00	
Show at Lower Hutt Little Theatre	\$17.00	
Term 3 spend total		\$30.00
Total 2022 Classroom Activity Donation spent to date		\$71.00

Dates to Remember

- 10, 17, 24, 31 August, 7 and 14 September:
Swimming on Wednesdays
- 31 August – 1 September:
School Photos
- 6 September: Cricket Lessons
- 12-16 September: Te Wiki o Te Reo (Māori Language Week)
- 13 September: Artsplash (Rehearsal during the day, 5pm performance)
- 21 September: National Library Visit
- 22 September: Frozen Jr Musical
- 30 September: Last day of Term 3

We are all looking forward to another great term of learning!

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