



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 20

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### TE WHAKATIPU ME TO HONOHOHO HEI AKONGA: GROWING AND CONNECTING AS LEARNERS

Kia ora koutou,

This week we held a special ceremony to bless a taonga (gift) that we were given by the outgoing Board Chair/Presiding Member, Mark Crowskey. The taonga is a carved, wooden sign with the words 'tamairiki' (children) engraved into it.

In working with Matua Alwyn to understand the proper protocols around receiving a gift such as this, I took the signage around each classroom to provide all our students with the opportunity to see the sign and understand its history. Every student touched the sign and in doing so, put their mauri (life force) into the sign. For me, this was a highlight of this term, as I saw the interest and respect that all our students gave to this process. Students from Year 1 - 8, learned about the process of blessing a gift and also in finding out and discussing the background to it.

Thereafter, a smaller representative group contributed to a ceremony in which Mark spoke of the signage's significance and the reason why he chose to gift this to the school.

You will see the sign at the front of Rose Street, on our trophy table. When you come into the school you are invited to put your hand on the signage and to connect yourself to our school and students.

Last week, saw our Year 3 - 8 students involved in a very successful House Day. I visited every House in action and saw incredible engagement from all our students, alongside outstanding leadership from our students. There were some very wet but happy students at the end of the day.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Amanda Frater  
**Principal/Tumuaki**

### School Organisation for 2023

We have now confirmed our teaching staff for 2023, which will see some new teachers joining our staff from next. Sadly, this also means that we have some farewells as well.

Sarah Bruce, has won a teaching position, closer to home. She will be working at Kapakapanui School with a Year 3 - 4 class. Sarah had three years at Weld Street before moving to Rose Street this year. We will miss Sarah's musical talent and her organised and calm approach to teaching.

Claudia Squire is moving to Melbourne next year, where she will be teaching at Good News College for the next 2 years. Claudia's passion for PE has been appreciated this year and shone through in the Rimu Camp.

Cole Hanfling is also pursuing a new role at another school for 2023. Cole has had a great first year of teaching at Wadestown School. His passion for science and his ability to connect with students, will also be missed.

We wish all these teachers all the very best for their future endeavours and thank them for their contributions to Wadestown School.

The teaching staff for 2023 is as follows:

<b>Team</b>	<b>Team Leader</b>	<b>Team Member</b>	<b>Team Member</b>
<b>Pohutukawa Year 1 - 2</b>	Amanda Lamble Room 1	Joy Henderson Room 0	Katy Singe Room 3
<b>Rata Year 3 - 4</b>	Liz Chater Room 11	Ali Clearwater Room 12	Melissa Kosmadakis Room 9
<b>Rimu Year 5 - 6</b>	Amy Maddock Room 4	Ashleigh Kulwant Room 6	Clare Gilligan Room 5
<b>Kōwhai Year 7 - 8</b>	Cathrine Wilkinson Room 17	James Shelton Room 13	Emily Houston Room 16

Joining us next year, are the following teachers:

Into the Pohutukawa Team we welcome Katy Singe. Katy is returning to Wellington, after some time teaching and living in Auckland. Katy is currently teaching a Year 1 - 2 class at Meadowbank, where she has been for the past 6 years. Katy has a particular interest in teaching and leading literacy.

Into the Rata Team we welcome Melissa Kosmadakis. Melissa has previously worked at Wadestown School, between 2016 - 2019 as a very skilled Teacher Aide. During this time she completed a BA in Psychology and Education at Victoria University. Most recently, Melissa completed her Graduate Diploma in Teaching.

And, into the Rata Team we welcome Clare Gilligan. Clare is also known to us, as she has been relieving in Rimu Team in the second half of the year. Clare is originally from London, but recently moved to New Zealand. Clare's experience in working with a range of students, and her ability to create strong relationships are some of the skills we know she will bring with her.

## **Meet Your Class 2023**

As we did last year, we will be hosting another “Meet your Class for 2023”. This is an opportunity for students to meet the students who will be in their class for 2023. For some students, this will also mean that they will get to meet their teacher for next year. The day will happen in the final week of the year, on Thursday 15 December and will follow the format that we used last year. Further details to follow.

## **Covid Precautions**

As always, we continue to track Covid Cases across the school. We are grateful to our families for letting us know when their child has tested positive.

Over the past two days, we have seen an increase in the number of students with Covid. As of today, we have a total of 5 students with Covid across the school. This is a small spike in cases; up from 3 cases yesterday.

Our staff are continuing to keep our covid precautions in place; ventilation, good hygiene, and social distancing and I am getting daily updates from the office. The Board, Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and I will continue to monitor the situation, and will communicate any changes in school guidance, should we feel it is necessary.

As always, students will be supported to wear a mask, if they wish. We have some available at school, should students wish to use these.

We please ask that if your child is unwell or displaying covid symptoms

## **Additional Teacher Only Days for 2023**

This morning we received notification from the MoE that all primary and secondary schools have been awarded two additional Teacher Only Days for 2023. These days have been set aside for staff to look at the Curriculum Refresh.

At this point in time, I am simply signaling that we will need to add these days. Further information will be provided, just as soon as it can be.

I can signal that the first of these ToDs will be in a period between Monday 24 April and Friday 5 May, 2023 and that these dates are in the first two weeks of Term 2.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Miss Clearwater

Congratulations Miss Clearwater! At the recent NZEI graduation ceremony for provisionally registered teachers, staff were very proud to be supporting Ali Clearwater in celebrating her becoming a fully registered teacher. Students of the Rata team made a card with heartfelt messages to Miss Clearwater. Some of these messages were shared and enjoyed by all at the ceremony.



## House Day Action

Last Wednesday saw the return of our annual House Day. This is an authentic opportunity for our student leaders to put their leadership skills into action.

The House and Sports Leaders are to be congratulated for the time and energy they gave to organising a day that brings excitement, action, camaraderie and team spirit.

It was an event full of challenges, sports and music activities. Rounding off the day, and to the delight of the House members, the opportunity to water-sponge their leaders in a fun and supportive environment.

Thank you student leaders for bringing this event together.

Houses - (Kereru)	<i>Finn Delahunty Rosa Holland Ed Malcolm-Tait Matty Prebble</i>	Houses - (Ruru)	<i>Magnus Nischalke Kate Johnson Eshaan Jena Hamish Luscombe</i>	Sports Leaders	<i>Fifi Weston Zak Ismail- Sanders Josh Nicholson Catriona Smith Seb Grace-Evans Alex Dreyer Ollie Lindsay</i>
Houses - (Kotare)	<i>Will Fulton Phoebe McArthur Sylvie McLaren Paige Pearce</i>	Houses - (Tui)	<i>Madeleine Beardmore Gus Crofskey Henry Johnson Kaitlyn Mitchener</i>		



# OCEAN BY ELISE RAE

The icy water swirls around my legs  
A zephyr of cold air brushes past me  
I place the sandy boogie board out in front  
On the soft gentle surface of the ocean  
then turn round  
Ready for the wave to catch me  
  
I am tossed under the water  
With a sharp sting of sand  
That surges past my face like a fog of shifty wind  
Seaweed strangles my toes as I try to haul myself back up  
But the wickedness of the irascible washing machine  
Pushes me further into the sand  
  
I dig my fingers into it  
Kicking my legs hard against it  
Until the persistent seaweed finally gives up  
It releases me and retreats back into the shimmering ocean  
Exhausted I haul myself up onto the sand  
Dragging my boogie board with me  
One last trickle of water runs down my back and drips onto the ground

## **Kōwhai Speech Finals - 2022 Results**

The Kōwhai students returned from their adventures at Curious Cove Camp and stepped straight into speech writing mode. Over the last two weeks, they have been researching, writing and rehearsing persuasive speeches. Each student took to the speaker's podium in their classes, with the challenging task of focusing on all components of successful speech; content, structure, voice and delivery. They can be particularly proud of their efforts, the quality of the speeches were commendable, along with the growth in confidence. As we often mention to them, 'The bigger the challenge, the bigger the opportunity for growth'. From here twelve students from across the three classes were selected to perform at the finals in either the Impromptu or Prepared sections.

A special thank you to our judges, Chris Gray and Rebecca Kelynack, along with the winners of the 2021 competition, Izzy Ismail-Sanders (Year 9) and Rhys Griffiths (Year 9) who returned to add 'student voice' to the judging panel. We are extremely grateful for the time and expertise they so kindly provided.

Congratulations to the following winners:

<b>Prepared Speech</b>		
1st	James van der Zouwe	'Why we Should Help Others in Need - Child Poverty'
2nd	Elsie Rumball-Smith	'Why the Oceans Matter'
3rd	Elise Hargreaves	'Our Devices Control Us'
<b>Impromptu Speech</b>		
1st	Ed Malcolm-Tait	Shoes or Sandals?
2nd	Lucy Kavanagh	My Favourite Dessert - Cookie Crumble
3rd	Torsten Jones	The Best Vegetable - Is a Carrot
<b>Humorous Speech</b>		
Winner	Zoe Winfield	'Why you Should Hate the Colour Turquoise'
Highly Commended	Magnus Hodgetts	'The Praying Mantis is the Ultimate Killing Machine'



## Inter Zone Athletics 2022 - Wadestown School Team and Event Entries

	High Jump	Long Jump	Quoits Y4 - 6 Discus Y7 - 8	Shot Put 7 & 8 only	Vortex	Short Sprints	Long Sprints	800m/1500m	Relay
Year 4 Boys				NA				NA	
Year 4 Girls	Eve Latham -3rd			NA				NA	
Year 5 Boys	Lucas Batt- 1st	William Bareta-3rd	Jacob Gray- 2nd	NA	Jude McLaughlin-3rd	Jacob Gray- 1st	Jacob Gray 3rd	Hugo Jones- 1st	
Year 5 Girls		Alexia Langford-2nd Ariana Huynh- 3rd		NA		Alexia Langford- 2nd	Alexia Langford- 3rd Emily O'Flynn- 1st	Naomi Richardson-1st Harrie Whyte-3rd	1st Alexia Langford Emily O'Flynn Harrie Whyte Arianna Huynh
Year 6 Boys	Luke Steele- 2nd	Finn Marshall- 2nd		NA	Max McArthur -1st	Luke Steele- 3rd		Oliver Williamson- 3rd	
Year 6 Girls		Olivia van Dadelszen- 1st		NA	Zara Delahunty- 1st	Rosa Glennie- 2nd			
Year 7 Boys			Isaac Thompson-2nd	Isaac Thompson-1st	Isaac Thompson-1st	Isaac Thompson- 2nd	Isaac Thompson- 2nd	Isaac Thompson-1st Henry Robinson-3rd	1st Isaac Thompson Blake Carden Ned Thursby Wilbur Weston
Year 7 Girls			Emma Ward- 3rd				Victoria George-1st	Victoria George- 2nd	
Year 8 Boys	Sam Bulbulia-Smart- 1st Josh Nicholson- 3rd	Josh Nicholson-3rd Sam Bulbulia-Smart- 2nd			Sam Bulbulia-Smart- 1st Zak Ismail-Sanders- 3rd		Sam Bulbulia-Smart-1st Zak Ismail-Sanders-2nd	Sam Bulbulia-Smart-1st	1st Zak Ismail-Sanders Sam Bulbulia-Smart Hamish Luscombe Josh Nicholson
Year 8 Girls				Phoebe McArthur-3rd		Fifi Weston- 2nd	Fifi Weston- 1st	Elsie Rumball-Smith-2nd	

## Regional Athletics - Wadestown School Representatives

Congratulations to the following athletes who had strong performances at the recent Inter Zone Athletics Championships, held on Tuesday. These students have qualified to represent Wadestown School and Primary Sport Wellington at the upcoming Regional Athletic Championships, being held in Masterton next Tuesday, 6 December. Good luck to all the competitors, we are very proud of your effort and achievements.

Sam Bulbulia-Smart	Year 8	1500m -1st, Vortex - 1st, High Jump - 1st, 4 x 100m Relay-1st
Zak Ismail-Sanders	Year 8	4 x 100m Relay-1st, Vortex - 3rd
Josh Nicholson	Year 8	4 x 100m Relay-1st, High Jump -2nd
Fifi Weston	Year 8	200m
Hamish Luscombe	Year 8	4 x 100m Relay-1st
Isaac Thompson	Year 7	1500m – 1st Vortex – 1st
Victoria George	Year 7	1500m 200m
Luke Steele	Year 6	High Jump - 3rd
Olivia van Dadelsen	Year 6	Long Jump - 3rd
Zara Delahunty	Year 6	Vortex - 3rd
Hugo Jones	Year 5	800m
Naomi Richardson	Year 5	800m



## Making connections

Today the Kowhai team - ākonga and kaiako visited the Crofton Downs Rest Home to sing waiata and share christmas joy. This was achieved and so much more; all of our tamariki did a fabulous job performing waiata and making connections with our neighbours. There were smiles, tears, laughter and everyone joining in with the actions and singing. We were very proud of how our tamariki represented Wadestown School and we all left knowing; joy had been shared.



# SCHOOL LIBRARY NEWS

## Summer Book Borrowing

We will be giving all returning students (Weld and Rose St) the opportunity to borrow school library books over the summer holidays. Parental permission will be required and the books will be due back by **10 February 2023**. Students will be able to issue up to 20 books either at lunchtime or after school from 3-4pm at the Rose St library on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

### 2022 Term Dates

Please note that changes to these dates are possible.

Date:	Upcoming Event:
Friday 2 December	He Rā Whakawhanaungatanga - Year 8 Friendship Day
Monday 5 December	PTA meeting at 7pm (Final for 2022)
Tuesday 6 December	Transition visit for Pohutukawa Year 2 students
	Massey BioDiversity Study
	Regional Athletics - Masterton
	Year 7 & 8 - Technology @ KWNS
Wednesday 7 December	Rimu Team Rocket Challenge Launch off
	Wadestown School Board meeting @6.30pm
Thursday 8 December	Year 4 Zoo Overnight Trip
	Regional Athletics – Masterton postponement date
	Year 8 to Government House
Friday 9 December	Year 5 & 6 EOTC Te Rauparaha pool
	Year 8 Leavers Dinner @6pm
Monday 12 December	Year 7 & 8 EOTC
	Big Buddy Morning (Rimu and Pohutukawa)
	Year 7 & 8 EOTC

<b>Tuesday 13 December</b>	Rimu Banqer Day
	Year 5 Road Patrol Training
<b>Wednesday 14 December</b>	Year 5 & 6 trip to ASB
<b>Thursday 15 December</b>	Meet your class for 2023
	Prize Giving
	Transition visit for Pohutukawa Year 2 students
	School Reports go home
<b>Friday 16 December</b>	Last day of school for 2022. <b>School closes at 12.30pm</b>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Thank you for message from DCM

#### Kia ora Wadestown School

This is a big thank you email to Wadestown School and the Fundraising Team (Finn, Toby, Eve and Hailey) for your amazing support of our Foodbank!

We really appreciate the non-perishable food and household items the team delivered to us this week. This was particularly good timing, as our Foodbank shelves were very empty. It's great to have them re-stocked before the busy summer period.

DCM's Foodbank provides emergency food parcels to people who have run out of money and food. Each year, large numbers of Wellingtonians with complex needs across a spectrum of issues come to DCM for support. The goal is to identify and address the underlying reasons for an individual's shortage of food so that they don't have to continue returning to the Foodbank for assistance.

We can't do this without the support of Wellington, which is why our byline is "Together we can end homelessness".

So thanks again, and to finish up here's a photo in our Foodbank, which is looking much healthier now! (I think the team got lots of photos too.)

(And just one little FYI – we're DCM, Downtown Community Ministry, not Wellington City Mission, with whom we get mistaken from time to time.) 😊



Ngā mihi,

**HEROES ASSEMBLE!**  
**FOR COMMUNITY IMMUNITY**

GET VACCINATED AND RECEIVE  
 A \$50 PAK'NSAVE VOUCHER.  
 COVID-19 | MMR | BOOSTRIX  
 (Eligibility criteria applies)

Sunday  
**4th**  
 December

**COVID-19 Community Health Service**  
 200 Taranaki Street,  
 Wellington Central

Come along anytime between  
**10.30am - 2.30pm**  
 ALL WELCOME!

No appointment necessary -  
 walk in or drive through.  
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## Wellington City Libraries' Summer Reading Adventure is now live!

<https://wcl.govt.nz/popular/summer-reading.html>

From 1st December 2022 through to 31st January 2023, we're inviting the tamariki, rangatahi and pākeke of Wellington on a **Summer Reading Adventure** — an adventure that will take them around the city, into their own back yards, down to their local library, into the pages of more than a few books, and back home

again in time for tea.

Along the way, children and teens will be reading books, drawing pictures and maps, taking videos, completing challenges, getting out into nature, and maybe fighting off the odd monster or two — all in the name of seeing who shall have the honour of being crowned Supreme Champion of Words, Books and Deeds. Along the way, our intrepid young adventurers will be earning all kinds of awesome prizes for their efforts, from collectible badges to ice-cream vouchers, free books, movie tickets, family passes to Zealandia, Wellington Zoo, and the Space Place, and much more.

## Rāroa Music Centre registration for 2023

Rāroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary and intermediate school children at low cost (\$70 per year + \$40 koha or parent volunteering). We offer music basics, cello, clarinet, drums & percussion, flute, guitar, keyboard, orchestra, recorder, saxophone, ukulele, and violin.

You are welcome to come along to see what it's all about. Orientation tours will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December between 10:00am – 12:30pm at Rāroa Intermediate School.

To register for 2023 visit our website and enrol online. Registrations close 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

[www.raroamusic.org.nz](http://www.raroamusic.org.nz)

## WCC Events

### New Year's Eve - 8pm-12pm, 31 Dec - Whairepo Lagoon

Join us for a fun evening of toe-tapping music. Cover band Zephyr will entertain from 8pm, followed by a special Kids Countdown at 9.30pm. Orchestra Wellington will fill the air with tunes of a 'Royal' theme with its free concert from 10pm, followed by the New Year's countdown, and a blast of fireworks to bring in 2023. [wellington.govt.nz/events](https://wellington.govt.nz/events)

### Gardens Magic Concert Series, Light Display, Kids Garden trail - 10-29 Jan - Botanic Gardens Ki Paekākā

The iconic Concert Series is back (Tues-Sun evenings), along with a Light Display, and a Kids Garden Trail. Listen to some of Wellington's finest live music under a blanket of stars. As the sun sets see the gardens transform with a magical light display by MJF Lighting, and during the day join our Space Explorer in her journey of discovery of the Botanic Garden's remarkable plants and animals. [wellington.govt.nz/events](https://wellington.govt.nz/events)

## Code Camp

[https://codecamp.co.nz/thorndon-holiday/?inf\\_contact\\_key=2771bf1c1061e60b411e46d340a35e61](https://codecamp.co.nz/thorndon-holiday/?inf_contact_key=2771bf1c1061e60b411e46d340a35e61)



**Ages: 7-10 Recommended for Block-based coders & designers.**

Students choose block-based coding and learn beginning and advanced CS concepts. 3D Design in Meta21/Spoke

Build multi-level platform games.

**Ages: 11+ Recommended for Advanced Block-based coders & designers.**

Students can choose advanced block-based coding or start learning text based coding concepts. HTML/CSS, Python & Javascript, Blender



## Kelly Club

Join us for a fun filled Pre-Xmas and January School Holiday Programmes, they are packed with lots exciting days including:

### Pre-Xmas holiday Programme – From Mon 19 Dec – Thurs 22 Dec

Super Summer Fun Day, Santa's Little Helpers Day, Xmas Party Day plus a trip to Mini Golf and lots of more Xmas fun!

## Jan 2023 Holiday Programme – Mon 9 Jan – Mon 30 Jan 2023

Slimetastic Day, It's Game Day (with Inflatable & Giant Games), Movie Madness Day, Postively Pawtastic Day, H2O Let's Go Day, Child VS Wild Day, Wet N Wild Day, plus trips to:

The Kelly Sports Carnival Day (held at Ngatitua Domain, Porirua), Bowling, Wellington Zoo, Laser, Force, Mini Golf, Roller Skating, Picnic in the Garden plus lots more!! (check centre for trip days as each centre differs)

**Kelly Club is available at the following: Kelly Club Amesbury, Kelly Club Churton Park, Kelly Club Kelburn, Kelly Club Island Bay, Kelly club West Park.**

To Book go to [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

### January Football Holiday Programme!

**Week 1 – 17, 18, 19 Jan 2023 from 9.30am-12.30pm**

**Week 2 – 24, 25, 26 Jan 2023 from 9.30am-12.30pm**

For children aged 5-12 years

Perfect for "Beginner's" and those just wanting to have fun. Come along and improve technique, knowledge and skills.

We will focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting but MOST importantly having as much FUN as possible!

### Super Summer Sports – Term 1 – Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm for 8 weeks!

Enrolments are now open for term 1!

This weekly programme gives children skills and confidence in a fun and enjoyable environment. It also encourages their enthusiasm for sport and the life skills that such involvement brings, giving them confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

The sports we will be focussing on in term 1 are: Cricket, Dodgeball, Athletics and Ultimate Frisbee.

To enrol to either programme go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)



**Does your child love to sing?**

Wellington Young Voices offers a choral programme to foster a lifelong love of singing and music.

Who: Children 6–14+ years old  
When: Mondays 4 – 6pm  
Where: Queen Margaret College

Contact [wvychoir@gmail.com](mailto:wvychoir@gmail.com) for more information.

[www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz](http://www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz)

