



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 6

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

Gratitude Mihi:  
Ahakoa, he iti he pounamu  
Although it is small it is precious.

Kia ora koutou,

Earlier this week, Robyn and I were fortunate enough to be invited to participate in a hui with other Principals and Deputy Principals from our Kāhui Ako. The purpose of this hui was to begin a partnership with our local iwi, Te Ati Awa. Partnering with our local iwi was a key strategic goal that our staff and whanau group identified last year and something that our 9 schools have been working towards for a number of years. It was very special to realise achievement as a group. This hui was the first of four that we will participate in over the course of the year, and one that we collectively valued.

The Kura Ahurea approach focuses on what an equal partnership between our local iwi, primary and secondary schools could look like and how we as Leaders and as a collective of schools, could make this happen. It provided us all with an opportunity to speak openly and honestly about where we are now and what we aspire to achieve as a collective group, within the next 18 - 36 months.

One very exciting component of this work is being able to work with other leaders from schools similar to ours, to share our pedagogy while also hearing about the approaches that other schools are taking.

As the year goes on, I will continue to share the work and partnerships that come out of this.

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

## **Wadestown School Staff Updates**

Yesterday the staff celebrated with Melissa Kosmadakis (Room 8 teacher) ahead of her graduation from Victoria University of Wellington today. Melissa has graduated with a Graduate Diploma of Teaching and Learning and is looking forward to celebrating with her family.

## **Acknowledgement of Parental Assistance**

Thank you to Michelle Crutchley and the team of parents who organised and carried out this year's 2023 Pre-Loved Clothing Sale at Weld Street. Also, to all the families who donated items to be sold at this fundraising event.

There is another group of parents who have been meeting regularly to plan this year's House and Garden. Andrea Davidson and her dedicated team are working tirelessly in the background to make this year's event another very successful one. Again, we are very grateful for your time and efforts.

And of course, our group of talented Dads who have worked together this year to bring us the Parents' Party for 2023. This year is Tim Bennett's last year on the organisation committee so no doubt the team will be on the lookout for other potential dads to join this group.

## **Book Week**

The Wadestown School Book Week is a highlight of the school year, and this year, Derek Piper has produced another stunning week of literary activities for our students. We are grateful to Derek for the work he does to engage and promote reading with our students.

We are very much looking forward to tomorrow's Book Day parade. I know the teachers, as much as the students (and parents) have been working hard in preparation for our annual parade and celebration of the books we love the most.

## **A message from Mr Piper**

Tomorrow is our Book Character Dress-up Day and parents are welcome to join us for the parades at both sites. At Rose Street if it is fine (looking somewhat unlikely at this stage!) then we will be held on the bottom courts. If it is wet we will begin with the Rata team in the hall at 9.00am, the Rimu team at 9.20am, and the Kōwhai team at 9.40am. The Weld St parade will be held in Room 2 shortly after 10.00am.

Tomorrow a number of Book Fair vouchers will be also awarded to winners of the various Book Week competitions. Students who cannot make it to the final Book Fair session after school can hold onto the voucher and use it when ordering books through the next Lucky Book Club brochure.

## **Book Fair - last day tomorrow 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

A reminder that this year's Book Fair runs for another two days. Yesterday saw a high number of parents and students onsite after school, hunting for new books.

## **Upcoming Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day: Friday 2 June**

Planning is well underway for our upcoming Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day. This day will see the primary school teachers and leaders from our schools come together for a day of professional learning that will focus on the teaching of writing and also exploring the differing approaches to Structured Literacy.

A reminder that school will be closed on this day and that the following Monday is King's Birthday (5 June).

## **Evacuation Practices**

We had two very successful evacuation practices over the past fortnight. The first one at Weld Street, with the second one at Rose Street including our Aoraki staff.

## **Rata Art on Display**

The Rata Team recently visited the City Art Gallery and have put some of the artwork inspired by this visit, on display at the Rose Street office. Please have a look at it when you are next visiting the school.

## **Whanau Meeting - tonight at 6:00pm**

We are looking forward to coming together as teachers, parents and students to work in partnership to celebrate and unpack what it means to be Māori at Wadestown School.

There will be a number of upcoming events to look forward to, and I know that Emily will be seeking whanau voice around events such as our Matariki celebration for 2023.

Thank you to Emily Houston for organising this evening's Whanau meeting.

## **School Uniform Guidelines - Colder Months**

As the weather starts to change, it is a timely reminder that students can wear long sleeved navy poly-prop tops under their t-shirts. The fleece sweatshirts and tracksuit pants are two other options. Long woollen socks or tights can also provide additional layers.

A reminder that students need to remove their jackets inside the classroom.

We do encourage all students to have rain proof jackets during Terms 2 and 3, and especially for those students who are walking to and from school.

## **The Winter Project**

There is still time for you to donate to this worthwhile cause. The Winter Project is run by senior students at Marsden College who seek to provide families who will struggle this winter, with good quality, preloved winter clothing and blankets.

Thank you to those of you who have already donated to this cause. Any further donations can be delivered to the Rose Street office before 23 May.

## **Second Hand Uniforms**

We are continuing to seek preloved school uniforms in size 10 and above. If you have any that you are willing to donate or wish to sell, please bring these to the Rose Street office.

We respectfully ask that any donated items are in good condition. Please see Megan or Helen at the school office, should you wish to sell your child/ren's school uniforms.

## **PTA Parents' Party - 27 May 2023**

Just a reminder that the parents (and their friends) party is being held next Saturday (27 May 2023 from 7.30pm to 12.00 midnight) at the Wilton Bowling Club. The (fancy dress) party is an annual event and this year's theme is 'Alter Ego' (an alter ego can take several forms—a hidden identity, a secondary personality, or a secret life being led in addition to a normal life).

The party is one of the highlights of the school calendar (this is the 10th party) and a great chance to meet other parents and come together as a school community.

## **Preschool Enrolments**

If you are aware of any families with young children who are interested in enrolling their child at Wadestown School, please ask them to get in touch with Helen Dammer in the office. This information is helpful for us in terms of future planning; especially in our new entrant class.

# YEAR 8 LEADERSHIP ROLES

When we were younger, all our friends talked about what leadership job they wanted in Year 8, what things they would do when they were in the position and what legacy they would leave

behind. To be in the position we are in right now is amazing. We are so grateful that every Year 8 student gets an opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

There has been a lot of hard work and preparation behind the scenes, in the build up to getting our Year 8 Leadership roles for 2023. To begin we had to compose a formal and compelling letter to the Kōwhai teachers that described which leadership roles we would be interested in applying for, and the skills and qualities that make us suited to those positions. After our letters we moved into the interview process. In the interview it included a talk about what we would do with our roles and a recap about our letters.

The Year 8 students have gone through a lot of preparation for our roles and we have many hopes and aspirations for everything we want to achieve with our leadership opportunities this year.

No matter what job we have we are making the most of it. We can tell you that the Year 8s have so much in store for Wadestown School and that 2023 will be the best yet.

By Meara O'Flynn, Macy McLellan, and Tanveer Kaur

### **Year 8 Leadership Responsibilities 2023**

<b>Leadership Team</b>	<b>Heads</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>Head of Arts - (Dance/Music/Drama)</b>	Abbie MacAvoy Louis Kelly Macy McLellan	
<b>Clubs</b>	Ryder Sampson-Brown Daniel Holmes Eru Short	
<b>Fundraising</b>	Harper Kaye Ethan Mendis Beth Comer	
<b>Health and Medical</b>	Austin Millar Ryder Sampson-Brown	
<b>Houses - (Kererū)</b>	Scarlett Fuge Vic George Flo George Aila Craney	
<b>Houses - (Kōtare)</b>	Theo Lees Ethan Mendis Lucy Gray Nethum Goonawardana	
<b>Houses - (Ruru)</b>	Koko Jackson Josh Lund Ned Thursby Maea Forbes-Ballard	
<b>Houses - (Tui)</b>	Magnus Hodgetts Louis Kelly Abbie MacAvoy Beth Comer	
<b>Mātauranga Māori (Kapa Haka &amp; Te Reo)</b>	Lucy Gray Elise Hargreaves Maea Forbes-Ballard Isaac Thompson Ned Thursby	

<b>Kōwhai</b>	Meara O'Flynn Macy McLellan	
<b>Library</b>	Georgia Tarrant Aila Craney	
<b>Media</b>	Elise Hargreaves Georgia Tarrant Daniel Holmes	
<b>Head of Pohutukawa</b>	Meara O'Flynn Magnus Hodgetts	Scarlett Fuge Emma Ward Koko Jackson Henry Robinson Harper Kaye
<b>Sport</b>	Emma Ward Henry Robinson Isaac Thompson Wilbur Weston	Vic George Flo Gorge
<b>Student Council</b>	Will McKee Blake Carden Toby Bennett Tanveer Kaur	
<b>Head of Technology (ICT and STEM)</b>	Jarvis Ting Nethum Goonawardana Caleb Buxton	
<b>Wheels Team</b>	Caleb Buxton Theo Lees Wilbur Weston	Austin Millar Josh Lund Eru Short

## YEAR 5-8 AUTHOR VISIT - FIFI COLSTON

As part of Book Week, Year 5-8 students were visited by author, illustrator, and costume designer Fifi Colston. Fifi talked to us about how she started drawing and writing as a child. She showed us some of her favourite childhood books and told us about her inspirations for her books. 'Verity's Truth' was Fifi's first novel, which is based on a dream she had as a child. Fifi taught us to be creative, follow your dreams, and to wonder about the world around us. One of her books was created because of her wondering, "What if a squirrel found a packet of crayons?" It was fantastic having Fifi inspire us this Book Week. Check out some of her books in the school library.

By Elise Hargreaves



# ROOM 3 - ARTWORK

Room 3 making the sea background for Ngake & Whataitai artwork yesterday. First they were asked to do observational drawings of the seaweed and then this became the inspiration of their paintings.



# WELD ST LIT QUIZ WINNERS



# PTA UPDATES & NEWS

## PTA EVENTS CALENDAR

**2023**

All highlighted events are PTA fundraisers.

### TERM 2

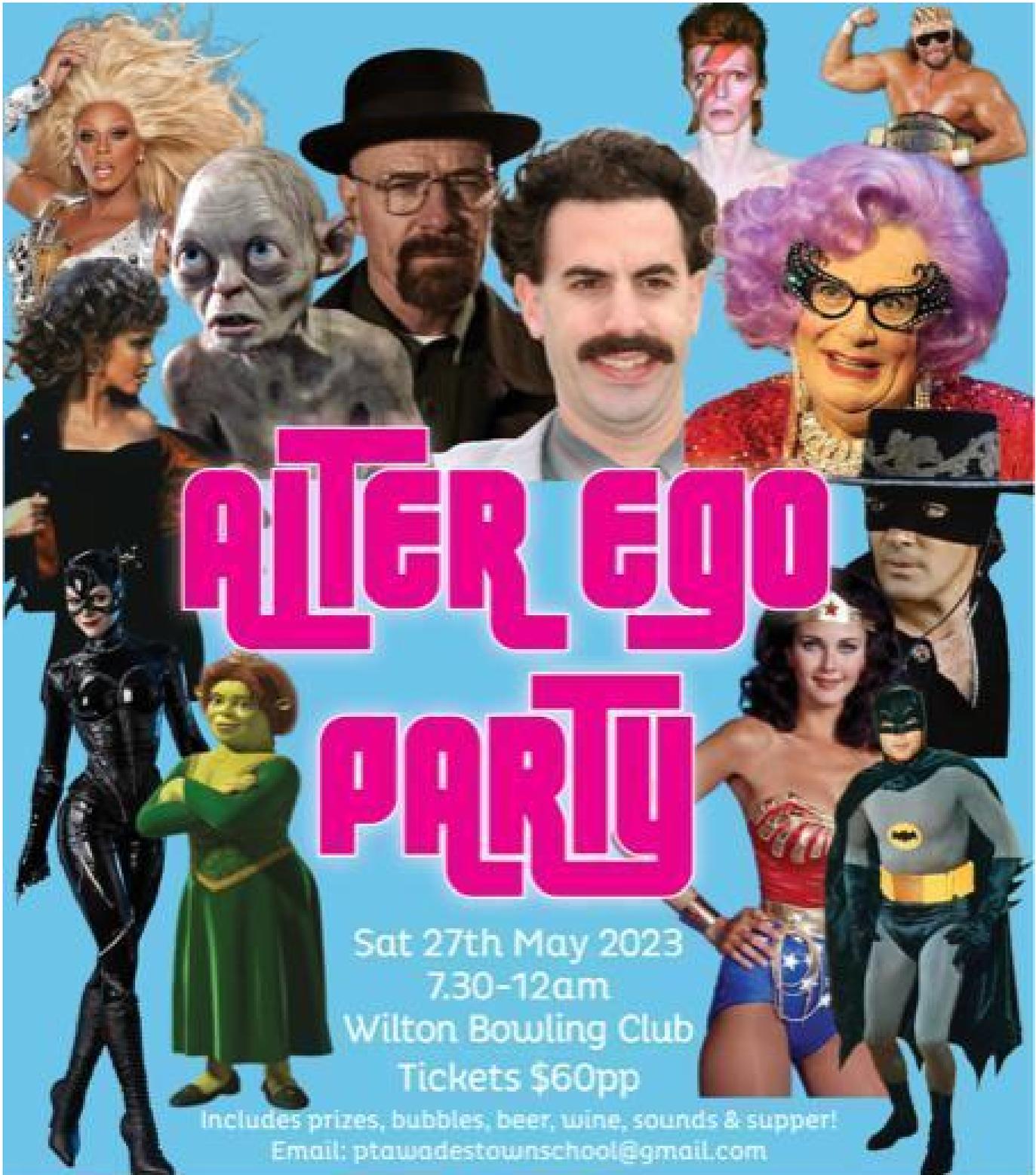
<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>What's needed?</i>
Parents' Party	Saturday 27 May	Buy tickets
Winter Project	Week 6 24 May (final drop offs)	Winter clothing donations and blankets
Matariki Breakfast	TBC	Helpers to assist with setting up and serving food/drinks

### TERM 3

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>What's needed?</i>
Quiz night	Saturday – TBC	Purchase tickets Auction donations Helpers
Te-reo-athon	TBC	Learn words Gain sponsors
Yearbook preparation	...Continuous up until Term 3	Photos taken Information given where necessary

### TERM 4

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>What's needed?</i>
House & Garden Walk	Week Saturday 5 November	All hands on deck Volunteers for varying jobs Buy tickets Spread the word
Calendar Art	Week November (TBC)	Purchase kids art ❤️



# ALTER EGO PARTY

Sat 27th May 2023  
 7.30-12am  
 Wilton Bowling Club  
 Tickets \$60pp

Includes prizes, bubbles, beer, wine, sounds & supper!  
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## 2023 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.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Upcoming Event:</b>
<b>Friday 19 May</b>	Book Week - Book character parade
<b>Tuesday 23 May</b>	Wadestown School Cross Country
<b>Wednesday 24 May</b>	Kōwhai Technology @ KWNS
	NZ Playhouse - "Treasure Island"
<b>Thursday 25 May</b>	Wadestown School Cross Country - postponement day
<b>Friday 26 May</b>	Kōwhai History trip to Pukeahu: 'Stories in the Land'
<b>Saturday 27 May</b>	PTA Parents' Party
<b>Monday 29 May</b>	Year 6 Road Patrol Refresher Training
	Hui-a-kura @ Rose Street
<b>Tuesday 30 May</b>	Western Zones Cross Country
<b>Wednesday 31 May</b>	Kōwhai Technology @ KWNS
	Ākau Tangi Sports Centre (formerly ASB) - Rata
<b>Thursday 1 June</b>	Western Zones Cross Country - postponement date
<b>Friday 2 June</b>	Teacher Only Day - school closed for instruction
<b>Wednesday 7 June</b>	School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm Rose Street Staffroom
<b>Thursday 8 June</b>	Ākau Tangi Sports Centre (formerly ASB) - Rata
	Kōwhai Technology @ KWNS
	Onslow College visiting to meet Year 8 students @ 1.30pm
<b>Friday 9 June</b>	Pink Shirt Day Fundraiser

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Matariki Ahi Kā

6PM – 9PM, THURSDAY 13 JULY – SUNDAY 16 JULY

WELLINGTON WATERFRONT



Wellington City Council invites you to Matariki Ahi Kā, to celebrate the Māori New Year. Come and enjoy a spectacular, free, whānau-friendly experience. Share kai each evening at the Odlins Plaza kai court and honour our culture and history with an immersive Wellington Waterfront walk-through journey including large-scale projections, fire, and performances on multiple stages. Kanikani at the Star Light Disco on

Saturday 15 July at 6pm and join us for Hiwa-i-te-rangi: the Wishing Star ceremony at 8pm each evening. Write down your wishes, which will be burnt in a brazier to send them to the heavens.

[wellington.govt.nz/matariki](https://wellington.govt.nz/matariki)

## Mana Moana

6PM-9PM - WEEKENDS 1-16 JULY - WHAIREPO LAGOON

Enjoy Mana Moana - a series of indigenous short films projected on a stunning water screen in Whairepo Lagoon. Watch as millions of water droplets fall and catch the light, creating the illusion of images appearing from the darkness and floating on the water. Mana Moana is a collaboration between Māori and Pasifika musicians, artists, writers, and choreographers.

[wellington.govt.nz/matariki](https://wellington.govt.nz/matariki)



## Parent Information Evening: Joseph Driessen

Becoming the best parent you can be

Wednesday 14th June, 2023 - Alan Gibbs Centre - Wellington College - 7.00 - 8.30pm

Joseph is a leading International educator based in New Zealand, and has presented numerous workshops and seminars to educators and parents, both in New Zealand and internationally. His specialties include attachment-based teaching practices, and boys' and girls' learning and wellbeing, among many other things. You may recognise him from his spots on RNZ as a parenting commentator. Joseph's talk aims to leave parents feeling empowered as the best parents they can be!

More info to come on topics covered and how to book, but in the meantime, please mark your diary!

## **Montessori at Otari Preschool Open Day**

Montessori at Otari Preschool is having an Open Day on Saturday 27th May 10am – 12noon. The Preschool offers quality early childhood education for children between the ages of 2 1/2 and 6 years, based on the Montessori Philosophy. The preschool offers a wide range of activities that foster their independence, concentration, coordination, and self-esteem, as well as a love for learning. Our fees are \$200 per term for 5 morning sessions per week (8.30am – 1pm), and you can add on afternoon sessions if you wish (1pm - 2.45pm).

Find out more about Montessori, see a class in action and meet the teachers. We currently have a few spaces available for immediate start. For more information phone 475 9688 or [wcmp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcmp@xtra.co.nz).

## **Element Rhythmic Gymnastics**

We still have spaces available in our recreational classes this term. Come along and try out our new badge programme. Your daughter or son will work through Levels 1 to 10 over time. Email [info@rhythmicgym.nz](mailto:info@rhythmicgym.nz) to arrange a FREE trial. For more information about Elements and our classes, visit [www.rhythmicgym.nz](http://www.rhythmicgym.nz)

## **Pridelands**

### **Porirua Edition Adventure Weekend – Mid-Term Break – Two More Spots Left**

Three more Adventure Weekends to go in 2023.

Next Adventure Weekend is the Porirua Edition. Date: 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> May at Camp Elsdon. Go-Carting, Trampoline Park, Swimming and dinner at Dynasty Restaurant. Please make your booking. Here is a link to our new service to support families across Wellington Region:

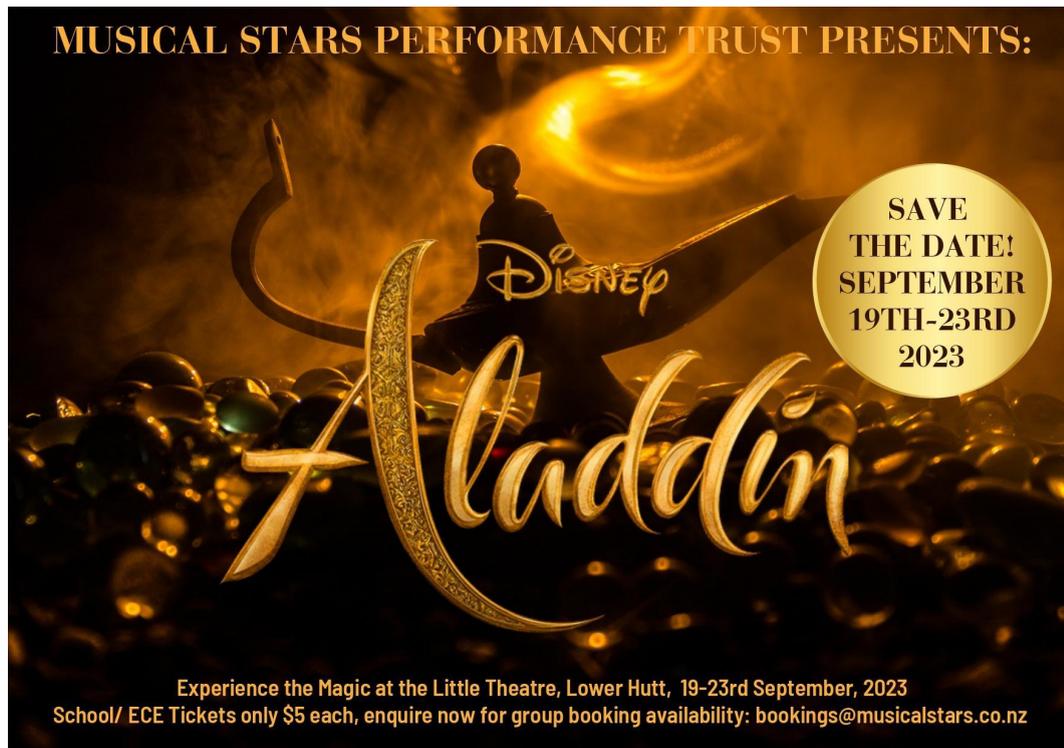
<https://pridelands.org.nz/services/adventure-weekend/>

### Pride Escape – Summer 2024 – Six More Spots Left

Our Pride Escape Summer Adventure is now open to receive enrolment. This adventure programme is extremely popular and fills up very quickly well before the early-bird deadline. We are off to Taupo and Rotorua and our activities includes: seeing Huka Falls, walking the hight canopies of Redwood Tree forest, Zorb Rotorua, NZ Maori Arts, Skyline Rotorua adventure park, bathing in the hot pools and many more. Please note that this programme is age restricted, 9 years and up.

<https://pridelands.org.nz/services/pride-escapes/>

**Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup** warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). If you know of anybody else who may be interested in our Playgroup and/or Preschool and would find the Open Day of interest, please let them know about this opportunity. We currently have a few spaces available for an immediate start. For more information phone 475 9688 or email [wcmp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcmp@xtra.co.nz).



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The poster features a silhouette of Aladdin on a magic carpet flying over a sea of gold coins. The Disney logo is visible on the carpet, and the word 'Aladdin' is written in a large, ornate, golden script. The background is a warm, golden glow with a bright light source.