

WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 10

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

Gratitude Mihi:

He rau ringa e oti ai

Many hands make light work

Kia ora koutou

Yesterday our Year 3 - 8 students got involved in our first ever "Kaitiaki Day" and were delighted to see a transformation of our school grounds, through "many hands". A Kaitiaki is a guardian or trustee, typically of an environmental area or resource. This event was a Student Council initiative that invited our Rose Street students to take action and to serve the school. Each class was allocated an area of the school to clean up.

The reports from the teachers were outstanding and I know that our students really enjoyed this event and having the opportunity to be outdoors, engaging with nature. You can read more about this event further down in the newsletter. I do want to thank this Year's Student Council team for being so proactive and looking for needs across our school that they can address. As I understand it, they are hoping to make this a regular event; in the last week of every term.

I hope the upcoming holiday period will provide staff, students and families with the opportunity to reconnect with friends and family and to enjoy some well deserved down time. Our students and teachers have worked hard this term, and I am certain that you would have celebrated this fact at this week's Three Way Conferences. Thank you too, for the ongoing support that our community continues to provide. We could not do what we do, without your assistance.

Ngā mihi nui Amanda Frater Tumuaki/Principal

Support Staff Week

This week was Support Staff Week and so the teachers and students took some time to acknowledge and thank our wonderful Support Staff Team: Derek, Fraser, Megan and Helen. This team attended our Rose Street Assembly, and these key staff members were individually recognised for their contributions to the school. I know that our Teacher Aides at Weld Street; Lachlan and Nicky were also celebrated by our Year 1 - 2 students.

This team always works incredibly hard, but in recent months have had to work even harder, as we have navigated a number of changes associated with the necessary disruptions that the Rata Build Project has required. At all times, this group remains positive and hardworking. Without their support, the school would not run as it does.

Acknowledgement of Parental Assistance and Support

Thank you to all our parents and whanau for attending this week's Three Way Conferences. I know the teachers enjoy the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your child's learning and to set goals for the second half of the year.

We were very grateful to Amanda Martin and her wonderful Baker's Club for arranging delicious, homemade afternoon teas. This kai really helped to fuel our teachers in the final week of the term.

Thank you to Malcolm McKee, Blair McDonald and Tania Williams for their time last week, assessing the upcoming work for this year's Working Bee at Rose Street. And also to the McKee family for water blasting the decking outside the Kowhai classrooms, over the recent weekend.

Student Volunteers

This week has seen two of our ex-students return to Wadestown School to volunteer their time and give back to the school. I would like to extend our warmest thanks to Giorgia Whyte and Eva van der Zouwe and acknowledge their commitment to service.

Mid-Year Three Way Conferences

If you were unable to attend this week's Three Way Conferences, I would ask that you please reschedule these appointments with your child's classroom teacher. These discussions about your child's learning and progress are critical and we place high importance on these conferences.

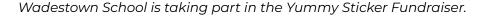
Preschool Enrolments

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 <u>Helen Dammer</u> in the office. This information is helpful for us in terms of future planning especially in our new entrant class.

Missing Lucky Book Club Order?

Are you missing a Scholastic Lucky Book Club order? We had a cash order this term from someone which was not named. Please email derek@wadestown.school.nz if you think it was you!

Yummy Sticker Fundraiser





It is easy - all you need to do is collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for our school's share of the \$200,000 free Sports gear. Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. The more we collect, the more sports gear we get.

Each class has an official sheet for the stickers to be added to. All stickers/cut-outs must be at school by Monday 18 th of September 2023 (the last Monday of Term 3).

Thank you for your support. The Year 8 Sports Team (Emma, Wilbur, Isaac and Henry)

RIMU MATHS ROTATION

Over these past few weeks, the Rimu students have been doing a Math Rotation. We have a total of six sessions, two for each classroom. In Room 4, we did volume, in Room 5 we did perimeter and in Room 6 we did area. We all got to do hands-on activities which were really interesting. All and all, we found the activities challenging but also fun and informative.

By Toby and Oliver (Room 4)







WADESTOWN SCHOOL WORKING BEE - SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Due to COVID lockdowns in 2021, and being at Weld Street last year, it is three years since we have had a working bee at the Rose Street site. The gardens need some love!

Please mark **Saturday 9 September** in family diaries to come down to the school to help. Even if it is just for an hour or two - every bit counts.

For those not aware, the working bee contributes to the school's maintenance programme - the gardens, grounds, fencing and general maintenance items. Parents provide the labour and it's a great way to catch up with families that make up our school community. It is truly a fun day. Those that come tend to get hooked.

The major building project this year is the rebuilding of the balustrade on the Kauri Room deck. It's been on the list for several years and we've finally got the stars to align to get it done. The school and the Wadestown Tennis Club are both going to benefit from this project. There will also be a few other building, water-blasting and staining jobs, but mostly we are looking for gardeners this year.

If you can help on the day, please register your interest (and let me know what you are interested in) straight away at alpamare@gmail.com. I can't stress how helpful it is to get a list of names early. That way I can judge with confidence how much to bite off. My commitment from past years remains – down-tools by 4pm!

We also need food for the troops on the day and helpers to serve it and clean up afterwards. If you would like to help with this please email the PTA at pta.secretary@wadestown.school.nz

If you can't make it, please consider a small donation to this worthwhile school event. You can make an online deposit to the PTA bank account: 12-3140-0348889-00 with WkgBee as the reference – every bit helps as it goes direct to the building materials and plants.

Thanks,

Malcolm McKee, and the Wadestown School PTA

Wadestown School Kaitiaki Day - Student Perspectives

Tanveer, what was your inspiration behind introducing Kaitaki Day?

The Student Councillors looked at the grounds and there was a lot of rubbish, old leaves, weeds and overgrown plants. So we took initiative to clean up, and there seemed to be no better way than being involved together, as a whole kura. We thought it would be a good initiative that could hopefully continue as a tradition each term.

Isabel, What does kaitiaki mean to you?

To me? Just helping the school really.

Sophie, did you enjoy Kaitiaki Day?

It's actually quite satisfying.

Harri, what's your favourite part of Kaitiaki Day?

I would say making it [the school] a better place.

Sylvia, is the word, Kaitiaki, important to you?

Yes, because if there was no one working or no one helping then then our world would just be a big dumpsite.

Will, how do you feel the Kaitaki Day has gone?

It has been an absolute huge success, I didn't see anybody who was slacking or not doing anything. It was great to see everybody working together and showing heaps of enthusiasm to make the grounds tidier and a better place for everyone.



ACTION FROM 'WHEELS WEDNESDAY' HOSTED BY THE YEAR & WHEELS TEAM



















WELD STREET CROSS COUNTRY



PTA EVENTS CALENDAR 2023

All highlighted events are PTA fundraisers.

TERM 2

Event	Date	What's needed?
Matariki Breakfast	27 July	Helpers to assist with setting up and serving food/drinks
TERM 3		•
Event	Date	What's needed?
Quiz night	Saturday – TBC	Purchase tickets Auction donations Helpers
Te-reo-athon	твс	Learn words Gain sponsors
Yearbook preparation	Continuous up until Term 3	Photos taken Information given where necessary
TERM 4		
Event	Date	What's needed?
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 💚

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.

Date:	Upcoming Event:	
Friday 30 June	End of Term 2	
Monday 17 July	Start of Term 3	
Tuesday 18 July	Rimu Team Financial Literacy	
Wednesday 19 July	Kōwhai Technology @ KWNS	
Thursday 20 July	Mihi Whakatau @ Rose Street @ 2pm	
Wednesday 26 July	Kōwhai Technology @ KWNS	
Thursday 27 July	Matariki Breakfast at Rose Street - 7.30am	
Friday 28 July	School Hangi	



HOUSE AND GARDEN 2023

The Wadestown House and Garden is coming up. If you would like information about the Wadestown School House & Garden Walk or would like to buy tickets, please visit this page.

The information below is for Wadestown School Families.

This November 2023, Wadestown School is delighted to present the very popular House & Garden Walk, with a beautiful combination of indoor and outdoor spaces. This is your opportunity to step inside some of Wadestown's most beautiful homes and explore their gardens. Presale tickets are available now, make sure you book before 30 July when standard ticket pricing begins. Find out more on our site or purchase your tickets here.

There will be a captivating mix of 16 homes, from those that have recently undergone clever and inspirational renovations to historical homes that showcase their heritage. Two of the houses featured will offer continuous morning and afternoon tea to attendees (included in your ticket price) and the famous deli stall will be making a return!

The Wadestown School House & Garden Walk has been part of the Wadestown community for over two decades, attracting many locals and out-of-towners. It is the perfect excuse to gather a group of friends for a day out.

TICKETS FOR THE EVENT

Your programme booklet for the event will be your ticket that allows you to enter the houses. The price of your ticket includes all booking and transaction fees. Only one name is required for each booking.

COST

Presale tickets will be available until Sunday 30 July:

- A single presale ticket is \$50 plus booking and transaction fees
- If you choose to have your ticket/s couriered to your postal address this will cost an additional \$6.40
- A maximum of 5 tickets can be included in one courier package

Standard tickets will be available from Monday 31 July:

- A single standard ticket is \$55 plus booking and transaction fees
- If you choose to have your ticket/s couriered to your postal address this will cost an additional \$6.40

A maximum of 5 tickets can be included in one courier package

HOW CAN I RECEIVE MY TICKETS?

Tickets will be distributed in October 2023. You will be notified by email with further information. There are three options for receiving your programme booklet (ticket):

- You can choose the ticketing option that allows your ticket/s to be sent to you
- You can choose the ticketing option that allows you to collect them directly from Wadestown School during school hours
- You can choose the ticketing option that allows you to have them sent home with your child from school

COMMUNITY NEWS



Seido Karate

Do you want to learn self defense AND try a physical activity that will improve your fitness, confidence and co-ordination all in a fun and caring environment?

Then why not give Seido Karate a go and see if it is for you.

Places are available in the New Beginner classes for WS students at the Northland Memorial Community Centre.

New Beginner class times:

 Monday's: 6:30 – 7:30pm Upstairs Room Northland Memorial Community Centre
 5 Woburn Road Northland

Tuesday's: 5:30 – 6:30pm Otari Parish Hall
 301 Karori Road
 Karori

Join current and past students of WS, some have been training in this dojo for five years! Please NB classes are not just aimed at the school aged students, with WS parents also joining their child(ren) on the dojo floor.

Email: Kyoshi Garry Szeto (5 th dan Black Belt) info@seidonorthlandwgtn.co.nz to register your child and reserve a place in the New Beginners class.

For more details about Seido Karate Northland, Wellington www.seidonorthlandwgtn.co.nz

Latest Tots to Teens is out now

Click HERE for more information.







Friends and Family Deal

This year Noel Leeming and Warehouse Stationery have teamed up to offer you, your staff, and your wider Kura Whānau (including parents, students, and the community) the opportunity to unlock amazing deals during the July School Holidays.

With your help, we're delighted to once again support <u>KidsCan</u> by dedicating 2.5% of total sales to Tamariki experiencing hardship across Aotearoa. Last year we raised over \$15,000, so we're looking forward to supporting them again this year.

How do we redeem the Friends & Family offer?

Instore

Head to your local <u>Noel Leeming</u> or <u>Warehouse Stationery</u> store and show the flyer at checkout. You can print the flyer below or show the online flyer on your smartphone.

Online

In the flyers below, you'll find a unique online voucher code. Simply add this code at checkout to redeem this offer.



Onesie Street Collection

Onesie Street Collection is back - and it's bigger than ever! It is happening throughout Wellington,

Porirua, Kapiti and Wairarapa on Thursday 7, Friday 8 and Saturday 9 September and they need

our help.

Volunteers are needed for one or two hours for collecting.

If you would like to help then click **HERE**.

Year 9 Enrolments for 2024

The secondary schools in the Wellington Region would greatly appreciate if Year 8 parents and Whānau could enrol their young person for the 2024 academic year by submitting an application through the online

enrolment form provided by your chosen secondary school prior to Monday, 24 July 2023. This assists

each school with its planning for the 2024 academic year, including allocating resources, class sizes,

organising facilities and teaching staff.

School Holiday Art Sessions

As per end of term, I am just sending out our School Holiday "Art Sessions" to schools in

Wellington CBD. If you have space in your end of term newsletter, could I please have a spot to let

all the parents know what we are up to! I would really appreciate it!!

Please let me know if you have any questions, we would love to see our local tamariki get creative

in the studio.

I have put the sessions below as well as the link to the website:

Sessions | Pinot & Picasso Wellington CBD (pinotandpicasso.nz)

Under the Sea: Tuesday 4th July at 10.30am

Donut Worry: Thursday the July 6th 10.30am

King of the jungle: Monday the 10th of June at 10.30am

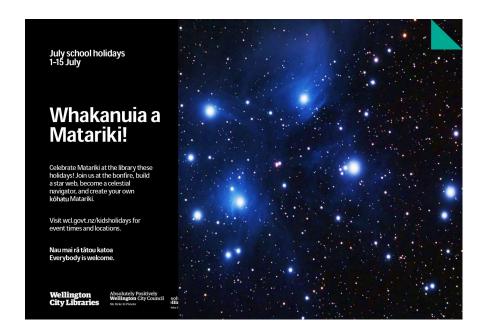
Sid: Wednesday the 12th of July at 1pm

Matariki: Friday the 14th at 10.30am

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Whakanuia a Matariki!

Celebrate Matariki with Wellington City Libraries these holidays, 1 – 16 July. Join us at the bonfire for hot chocolate and cosy stories, become a celestial navigator with our star maps and introductory D&D sessions, unleash your creativity with nature-inspired art and LEGO® sessions as well as puppetry performances and much more! All events are totally free, but some require registration as space may be limited – visit wel.govt.nz/kidsholidays for the full schedule.



KPA Battle Squad

TVNZ2 is launching a new dance show called *KPA Battle Squad* which features kids aged 7 to 17 who are keen on street dance styles. It will also be streaming on TVNZ+.

Here's the Facebook link to some of their Promos -

https://fb.watch/lfDHqWFX4S/

https://fb.watch/lfDQK4_V-3/

https://fb.watch/lfCcuJSOfj/

KPA Battle Squad consists of 8 x 15 minute Episodes and 8 x 5 minute Tutorials / Lessons which enable kids to learn the dance styles and practice, something interactive they could do over the school holidays?

The Tutorials are presented by our KPA mentors who are some of the best street dancers in New Zealand, and include a couple of world champions.

RUN AWAY AND JOIN THE CIRCUS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Looking for something fun to do these school holidays? Our school holiday program is now open for booking! For children aged 5-15yrs. 3rd - 13th July 8:30am - 3pm at Wellington's Circus Hub Bookings can be made via www.circus.org.nz, email info@circus.org.nz or phone 043800051

11 Hutchison Road, Newtown





Wadestown Scout Group

Come join Wadestown Cubs, Scouts and Keas!!

We have an exciting programme for the rest of the year, with the opportunity to get outside, make new friends along the way and even have an adventure or two.

All our groups are open for new members: Keas (age 5½-7), Cubs (age 7-11) and Scouts (age 10 ½ -14) sections.

Contact us: wadestown@group.scouts.nz