



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 8

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

Gratitude Mihi:
Whaowhia te kete mātauranga
Fill the basket of knowledge

Kia ora koutou,

This week I was given an opportunity to visit the Rata build and to see what is happening 'behind the scenes'. Along with Tania Williams (our Board Property Rep), Simon Ramage (our Property Manager) and our Architects (Team Architects), the Aoraki staff gave us a tour of the building project and we got to see first hand how the work is progressing. Recent work has concentrated on the roofing and it was incredible to see the original hardwood timber. Work is also progressing inside in both the classrooms and the library.

Building projects, while exciting, do provide a level of disruption however, the Aoraki Team has been wonderful in ensuring that we work in partnership and their ongoing communication and regular updates have really assisted us.

Upcoming works are due to happen at Weld Street where we are getting some additional fencing. It is our hope that this work will be completed by the end of upcoming school holidays. I will share more information as it becomes available.

Ngā mihi nui

Amanda Frater
Tumuaki/Principal

Wadestown School Staff Updates

Earlier in the week Ashleigh and her daughter came to visit. Both mum and baby are doing well and have been encouraged to visit us again. The Rimu students were delighted to meet Ashleigh's daughter.

Wadestown School Fundraiser Party – Alter Ego

This year's parents party was a huge success, with parents enjoying themselves at the Wilton Bowling Club.

Once again, there was incredible creativity in the costumes and the "Alter Ego" theme saw many iconic characters come to life.

The organising committee would like to extend its sincere thanks and appreciation to the following sponsors, without whom the party would not have happened:

- Jane Higgie of Tommy's Real Estate (the major sponsor)
- Kauri Lodge Rest Home
- Mitre 10 Crofton Downs
- New World Thorndon
- Shepherd's Arms Hotel
- Solid Technology Systems
- Victoria Smith

Acknowledgement of Parental Assistance and Support

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to this year's PTA Parent Party Team; Tim Bennett, Paul Fuge, Jeff Marshall, Stafford Thompson, Mark Crofkey and Steve Pilcher who ran an outstanding evening last Saturday night and ensured everyone had a great time.

Special mention to Tim Bennett who has been a significant member of this committee over the past 8 years and also to his brother, who has been an ongoing sponsor of this event.

I would also like to thank all the parents who attended and made the time to come along. It was wonderful to see so many new faces at this year's event.

Student Medical Information

The medical care that we provide to all students is really good. To further assist Helen and Megan with this, we ask that if anything changes for your child throughout the year, that you inform us. This information is best shared in an email but phone calls or face-to-face discussions are always welcome too.

It is important that the information that we hold is accurate and up-to-date.

Please note that for students with asthma, we require parents to complete an asthma plan. Parents can either collect these from the office or they can be emailed out.

[Click here](#) for a copy of the asthma plan.

Reporting to the Absence Line

To assist the morning processes, we ask that parents please call the school **before 9:15am** to inform us of any upcoming absences. Phone calls received after this time, create additional work for our office team.

When leaving a message please include the following information:

Child's name, teacher's name and reason for absence.

Rose Street Office Organisation

I want to acknowledge and thank Megan who has kindly given up her office and moved into the front office with Helen. This is a temporary measure as investigations into the roof over my office, takes place.

While this new organisation is in place, most of my meetings will now occur in the Kauri Room. Please continue to sign in at the office first.

Pre-loved Uniforms - new system

You might have noticed that the pre-loved uniforms have had a refresh and that there is a new system at Rose Street. This will make finding uniforms in the size you require much easier. Thank you to Megan for her work on this. Plans are in place to do the same to the uniforms at Weld Street.



School Donations and Fees

We are reviewing the wording of our student statements currently. When these are next issued you will be provided with supporting information that explains what the changes are and how these have come about.

Book Week: Thank you Mr Piper

This year's Book Week was an outstanding success and it was stunning to see our students and teachers engaging with all the literacy related activities and events.

Derek is skilled in organising Book Weeks that are diverse and interesting and of course, his costume and characterisation on the Book Day Parade is something else!

A big thank you to all the parents who came and supported the students and teachers at the parade. The turnout was sensational.

Upcoming Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day: Friday 2 June

The teachers will be attending the Kahi Ako Teacher Only Day tomorrow. This year we are meeting together at Kelburn Normal School.

Please note that the school is closed on this day.

Whānau Meeting (Term 2)

Thank you Emily Houston for leading a successful Hui-a-Whānau meeting earlier this term and thank you to all the whanau who joined us for this evening.

Plans are underway for a whole school hangi and also for this year's Matariki Breakfast. We were fortunate to have Alwyn Rees in attendance as well and he was able to share some of the work that he has been doing with our tamariki.

At this hui, we were also able to acknowledge and thank Nadine Gray, who was a co-opted Board Representative who has now finished her time on the Board.

Nadine's reflective and considered approach in her time on the Board will be greatly missed as will her knowledge and expertise in the area of Te Ao Maori, Te Reo and tikanga. Thank you Nadine for your contributions and support of our tamariki and kaiako.

Pink Shirt Day 2023 - Friday 9 June

This is fast becoming a big event in the school calendar. Now is a good time to hunt out all that pink clothing ahead of next week.

<https://pinkshirtday.org.nz/>

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.

WADESTOWN SCHOOL YEARS 3-8 CROSS COUNTRY

Last Tuesday we had the Wadestown School Cross Country. It was a really successful day and everybody put in a lot of effort and completed the 2023 course which included the new step challenge. It was nice and sunny, a perfect day to run. We think everyone tried their hardest no matter what place they came in. It was great to see people really getting into the spirit and showing up in their House colours to represent their Houses. The effect on the day made the school look very colourful. At the end of the day, after the House Points had been calculated, Kotare were the winners by one close point, with Kereru placed second.

It was fantastic to have the parents come to support the children, and while they were racing it was good to see the older kids cheering on the younger ones. It really helped them to push harder. This year was the last ever cross country for the Year 8 students and we loved seeing the younger kids giving the older students that extra boost to finish the course. Overall, it was a very successful day and we hope to have the same great turn out next year.

By Emma Ward and Henry Robinson (Heads of Sport)



SCIENCE ROTATION - RIMU

Earlier in the term, Rooms 4, 5 and 6 had a Science Rotation morning where all the classes had the opportunity to participate in STEM activities in each classroom. The Rimu tamariki were learning to understand the process of a scientific experiment, hypothesize, and carry out an experiment appropriately. We had lots of fun investigating, testing and discussing the results!



BOOK WEEK - VISITING AUTHOR FIFI COLSTON - RIMU

This year for book week, our visiting author for 2023 was Fifi Colston. It was really interesting to hear her speak about her writing, illustrations and wearable art! She is a very talented writer and illustrator!! Recently, she illustrated a book about the floods that happened up in Hawkes Bay earlier in the year. All the proceeds will go to help people who lost their homes in the floods. Fifi was a very inspirational speaker!



YEAR 7 AND 8 HISTORY TRIP - "STORIES OF OUR LAND"

Last Friday the Kōwhai Team went on a history trip, 'Stories of our Land' to discover some of our local history. During this trip there were three main sites we visited, Te Aro Park, the Basin Reserve and Pukeahu War Memorial.

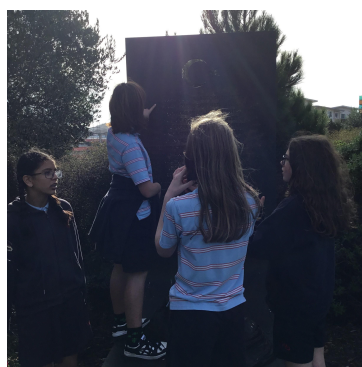
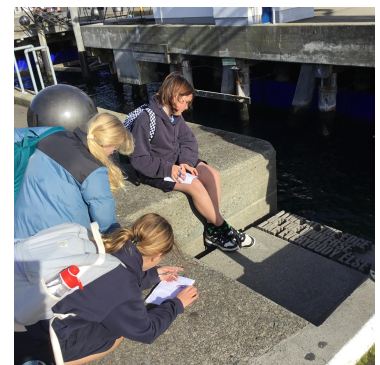
Firstly, we visited Te Aro Park. Te Aro Park is placed right where a Pa used to be. The Pa was first established in 1820, however, by 1840 the pa took up the land of over two hectares. When people visited this Pa they would not stay year round, rather they would travel there in between seasons for resources and a place to stay. Unfortunately though as Wellington's population grew British Colonists sold the Pa.

At the Basin Reserve we were told the story of how it used to be a wetland, which was used for supplies, an example of this was food and wood. The Basin Reserve used to be located next to Te Whanganui-a-tara harbour, up until 1855 when there was an earthquake located in the Wairarapa, which caused the land to rise up and the Basin Reserve to be located where it is today.

Lastly we visited Pukeahu National War Memorial Park. At the park we visited the eight main statues, all symbolising the ANZAC soldiers who fought and died in the battles of Gallipoli. When we arrived we went around to each statue and wrote down what we thought each statue represented and the hidden symbols inside of it. An example of this would be a statue of a tree, however, when you looked at it from an angle there was a soldier amongst the branches and leaves.

This trip to some of our most historic sites was amazing and I know I speak for everyone in Kōwhai when I say that we all really enjoyed learning about our local history.

By Meara O'Flynn (Head of Kōwhai)



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ROSE STREET BOOK PARADE



BOOK WEEK

Book Week was full of excitement with author visits, teachers and parents sharing favourite books, competitions, quizzes, the Book Fair and a fabulous dress-up day. Here are a selection of photos:





All students should have now received their Book Fair orders. If you still need to make payment through internet banking and have forgotten the amount then please contact Derek Piper derek@wadestown.school.nz

NZ PLAYHOUSE PERFORMANCE

Last Wednesday afternoon, we were lucky enough to have New Zealand Playhouse put on a show for us. Every Book Week, Years 1-8 crowd into the hall to watch the actors work their magic. Ella, Kane, and Phoebe performed their take on 'Treasure Island', a tale set in the high seas. The whole school was riveted as Ginevra Hawkins set sail for

Treasure Island , along with a crew of dodgy pirates. Even the teachers were engrossed as the pirates found and fought for Captain Flint's treasure. NZ Playhouse thrilled Wadestown School with their funny songs, dances, and great acting. I know all of us treasured their performance.

By Elise Hargreaves (Head of Media)



WADESTOWN SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS 2023

Congratulations to the top 6 runners who gained selection for the Year 4 - 8 Western Zone Cross Country event.

Year 3 Girls			Year 3 Boys		
1st	Jamie	WHYTE	1st	Freddie	TIETJENS
2nd	Carly	JOYCE	2nd	William	CRUMP
3rd	Stella	SANDERS	3rd	Max	FREEMAN
4th	Izzy	DEAN	4th	Alex	BOYCE
5th	Annabel	BLACK	5th	Grayson	PAUL
6th	Claudie	WAKELIN	6th	Harvey	REI
Year 4 Girls			Year 4 Boys		
1st	Emily	GERRITSEN	1st	Callum	BEST
2nd	Sylvie	LANGFORD	2nd	Ollie	COUNIHAN
3rd	Sophia	ROBINSON	3rd	Hudson	MAHARAJ
4th	Roxy	MCARTHUR	4th	Liam	HARGREAVES
5th	Halina	BOROWY	5th	Harry	BAXTER
6th	Fern	GRIFFIN	6th	Ruben	MARRIOTT
Year 5 Girls			Year 5 Boys		
1st	Izzy	COULL	1st	Harrison	SUTTON
2nd	Eve	LATHAM	2nd	Charlie	TIETJENS
3rd	Lily-Mae	MCLELLAN	3rd	Freddy	CURTIN
4th	Sylvia	LEES	4th	Seth	LOUDEN
5th	Odette	MACKAY-LAWN	5th	Leo	MITSON
6th	Emma	HENLEY	6th	Baden	CROFSKEY
Year 6 Girls			Year 6 Boys		
1st	Ariana	HUYNH	1st	Hugo	JONES
2nd	Naomi	RICHARDSON	2nd	Peter	COTTINGHAM
3rd	Harrie	WHYTE	3rd	Jacob	GRAY
4th	Alexia	LANGFORD	4th	Declan	MENDIS
5th	Emily	O'FLYNN	5th	William	BARETA
6th	Grace	MARTIN	6th	George	MCKEOWN

Year 7 Girls			Year 7 Boys		
1st	Zara	DELAHUNTY	1st	Leo	SMITH
2nd	Harriet	DREYER	2nd	Oliver	WILLIAMSON
3rd	Lucy	LOUDEN	3rd	Lachlan	BEST
4th	Charlotte	ROBINSON	4th	Finn	MARSHALL
5th	Sylvia	PALMER	5th	Louis	MARSHALL
6th	Alexandra	MCKEOWN	6th	Max	MCARTHUR
Year 8 Girls			Year 8 Boys		
1st	Victoria	GEORGE	1st	Isaac	THOMPSON
2nd	Florence	GEORGE	2nd	Henry	ROBINSON
3rd	Abigail	MACAVOY	3rd	Wilbur	WESTON
4th	Meara	O'FLYNN	4th	William	McKEE
5th	Scarlett	FUGE	5th	Toby	BENNETT
6th	Lucy	GRAY	6th	Ned	THURSBY

PTA EVENTS CALENDAR 2003

All highlighted events are PTA fundraisers.

TERM 2

Event	Date	What's needed?
Matariki Breakfast	TBC	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	TBC	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 2 June	Teacher Only Day - school closed for instruction
Monday 5 June	King's Birthday
Tuesday 6 June	Pohutukawa "City Gallery" Trip
Wednesday 7 June	Board meeting cancelled
	Ākau Tangi Sports Centre (formerly ASB) - Rata
	Kōwhai Technology @ KWNS
	Onslow College visiting to meet Year 8 students @ 1.30pm
Friday 9 June	Pink Shirt Day Fundraiser
	Wellington College Visitors for Year 8 boys (TBC)
Saturday 10 June	Wellington College Open Day from 10am
Monday 12 June	Wellington College Open Day from 9.30am
	Ākau Tangi Sports Centre (formerly ASB) - Rata
	PTA Meeting at Weld Street @ 6.30pm
Tuesday 13 June	InterZone Cross Country
Wednesday 14 June	Kahui Ako Parents' Evening @ 7pm - 8:30pm @ Wgtn College "Becoming the Best Parent You Can Be"
Thursday 15 June	IZ Cross Country - postponement date
Friday 16 June	Ākau Tangi Sports Centre (formerly ASB) - Rata
	Weld Street Cross Country
Tuesday 20 June	Western Zones Swimming
Friday 23 June	Reports sent home
Tuesday 27 June	Regional Cross Country
	Parent Teacher Conferences
Thursday 29 June	Regional Cross Country postponement date
	Parent Teacher Conferences



TE KĀHUI AKO O TE WHANGANUI-A-TARA

PRESENTS

Joseph Driessen

BECOMING THE BEST PARENT YOU CAN BE

WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE, 2023

ALAN GIBBS CENTRE, WELLINGTON COLLEGE (PARKING LIMITED)

7 - 8.30PM

JOSEPH DRIESSEN IS A LEADING INTERNATIONAL EDUCATOR BASED IN NEW ZEALAND. WITH OVER 35 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING, RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT BEHIND HIM, HE HAS BEEN RUNNING AN INFLUENTIAL INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONSULTANCY "EDUCATION ANSWERS" FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS. JOSEPH IS A REGULAR SPEAKER AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCES, AND GIVES WORLDWIDE WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS TO TEACHERS, PARENTS AND SCHOOL BOARDS. HE IS A REGULAR PARENTING COMMENTATOR ON RADIO AND TELEVISION.



Topics to be covered:


- The importance of the parent relationship
- "Balanced" parenting
- Boundaries and routines in the home
- Young people's mental health and the role of social media in a balanced life
- Practical tips for managing difficulties
- Empowering parents to be the best parents they can be!

FREE event but please RSVP:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/joseph-driessen-becoming-the-best-parent-you-can-be-tickets-640993277147>

COMMUNITY NEWS

Join the Adventure



SCOUTS.NZ

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

Open Evening

2024 Year 9 Students

Thursday 15th June 2023 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Parents and prospective students are invited to attend our open evening. Our prospectus and enrolment pack are available through Onslow College Website - ENROL

Classroom visits from 5.00pm to 6:55pm

**Senior Staff will be in the hall for any questions
Welcome and Principal's presentation at 7:00pm**

Phone: (04) 478 8189

Email: info@onslow.school.nz

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT WESTERN SUBURBS RUGBY CLUB (WILTON) AND
SOUTHERN SUBURBS SWIS (BERHAMPORE-NEWTOWN)

Dates: 3rd – 14th JULY 2023, from 7.00am-6pm daily

Overnight Sleepover, 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 \$82.04/cub per session or \$139.47 for two siblings per session; Weekly: \$328.16 per cub/week or \$557.87 for two siblings/week. MSD Approved & WINZ subsidies are available for eligible families.

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$12/hr

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.PRIDELANDS.co.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

Waterside Karori AFC - Girls Winter Skills Centre

Get into football this winter! Waterside Karori AFC's new Winter Skills Centre programme is run by qualified club coaches, and representatives from the Wellington Phoenix women's programme.
Sessions available for girls aged 8-14.

- \$50 for under 8s
- \$130 for ages 9-14

For more details, visit: www.karorifootball.co.nz/girls-skills-centre

Waterside Karori AFC | Swifts Talent Centre



SWIFTS
TALENT CENTRE

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 Odilins 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

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



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!

KYOKUSHIN KARATE

WELLINGTON DOJO



**MONDAY &
WEDNESDAY
6.00–7.30pm**

**SATURDAY
2.00–3.30pm**

Advanced & Self defence classes by arrangement

**FREE GYM MEMBERSHIP
CLUB KELBURN, 65 SALAMANCA RD**

FIRST TWO WEEKS FREE!*

Traditional Kyokushin karate emphasising strength, discipline, self defence, weight loss, friendship and preparation for tournament.

Suitable for anyone 7 yrs - 70 plus

Give it a go! For More Information:

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