



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 11

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

Gratitude Mihi:
Ahakoa he iti kete, he iti nā te aroha
It is the thought that counts

Kia ora koutou

Term Three got off to a great start and we are already two weeks into it. I know that the teachers and staff have enjoyed reconnecting with our students and families after the school holidays and that our teachers have been busy planning some exciting and new learning experiences for our students this term.

The opportunity to support the FIFA World Cup has been a highlight for many over the past week and a half. Having this international sporting event in Wellington is one of those, 'once in a lifetime' experiences and I am certain that there will be a wide range of students who are inspired by what they see as this thrilling tournament continues.

Later in the newsletter you will read about our recent sporting success at the Regional Cross Country Championship. Our students outdid themselves this year and we were delighted to have the highest number of students representing Wadestown School within this division.

Ngā mihi nui

Amanda Frater

Tumuaki/Principal

Disruptions to the Admin Area

As with many building projects, from time to time there can be unforeseen issues or surprises. If you have visited the office recently, you will have noticed that there is work happening on the floor and the wall down to my office.

I am grateful to Helen Dammer and Megan Smith who have shown great flexibility in moving out of their offices to accommodate this remediation. They have both relocated to the Staffroom which is where you can find them if you need their assistance.

If you are visiting the office, we encourage you to enter through the hall door.
Students can still be signed in and out using VisTab.

Rata Build Update

This project continues to make good progress and we are pleased with how the classrooms and Library are developing. Unfortunately with the plastic covering over the whole build, it is challenging to “see” this progress but I assure you that it is happening! Tania Williams and I have been offered tours of the building and we have been impressed with what we have seen thus far. The iron roof replacement has now been completed with further work on the skylights and flashings occurring. The bathrooms have been gutted and further work will begin there shortly.



Rose Street 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

Structured Literacy: “The Code”

This year's Professional Learning Development (PLD) focus for our teachers is based on the explicit teaching of literacy; inclusive of reading, writing and spelling. To support us in this PLD we are using an approach by Liz Kane, known as 'The Code'.

In the first part of this year, the teachers have been working with the RTLB (Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour) to better understand this approach and how it might improve outcomes for our learners. This approach will see teachers beginning to explore the explicit teaching of spelling. There will be further information about what this looks like in the classroom, in the Term 3 Team Newsletters.

Road Safety: Rose Street

In the last few weeks, I have noticed an increase in the number of traffic reports to both myself and the office. This increase in reporting means that it is timely to remind everyone of a few key messages:

- At Rose Street, our Drop Off parking spots are for **drop offs or pick ups only**. The idea being that parents are only there for a couple of minutes so multiple people can use these spaces over the critical drop off and pick up times.
- Please refrain from leaving your vehicle unattended in these spots. If you need to leave your vehicle then you must shift your car out of the Drop Off/Pick Up area.
- Please do not be offended if a member of staff or parent helper approaches you to move your vehicle. This request is made for the safety of all students.
- With our current building project there has been an increase in demand on the Rose Street parking. This means that teachers who normally park on Rose Street are having to use Mairangi Road. I am aware that this could be impacting the number of available parking spaces, before and after school.

Matariki Breakfast

A sincere thank you to all the parents and students who joined us yesterday morning to celebrate our Matariki Breakfast. Into its third year now, this has become a special event for students, teachers and parents to come together to connect as a community.

We would like to acknowledge Hemi Prime and Alwyn Rees for the work that they do with our students; some of which was on display through the students' waiata, kapa haka performances and in our student leaders and their reflections on what Matariki means to them.

And finally, and very importantly, this event would not have been possible without the leadership of Emily Houston and the incredible mahi (work) of our staff and parent helpers. More photos to come.



Mihi Whakatau - Welcome to new students and their families

Last week saw us welcome new students and their whānau at our whole school Mihi Whakatau. Held at Rose Street as a whole school, it was stunning having the opportunity to come together like this.

A reminder that all parents are welcome to attend these welcomes; regardless of whether you are new to Wadestown School or not.

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.

CREATIVES IN SCHOOL @ WELD STREET

Students in Pohutukawa have been hard at work exploring their creative side. Students have been exploring ideas relating to the wind and how to visualise it. First they started with lines, tone, patterns and textures. Then the children used charcoal, then painted and then put these ideas on to their cut shapes. When they are finished the artwork will be attached to the fences at Weld Street. We are painting the wind because Te Ahumairangi means whirlwind.



REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following athletes who qualified to represent Primary Sport Wellington (PSW) at the Regional Cross Country Championships that were held in the last week of Term 2. Wadestown School had the largest number of athletes in the PSW team and came away with impressive results, considering there were over 70 runners in each race.

- Emily Gerritsen - 9th
- Sylvie Langford - 22nd
- Harriet Dreyer (unable to compete)
- Vic George - 11th
- Flo George - 5th
- Isaac Thompson - 4th
- Henry Robinson - 18th
- Arianna Huynh (unable to compete)
- Alexia Langford - 26th
- Naomi Richardson (unable to compete)
- Hugo Jones - DNF
- Peter Cottingham (unable to compete)

An insight into the event following discussions with the competitors:

According to Flo George, “The course was fast and flat with lots of mud to run through and there was even a man-made hill to jump off. It was easy to pass people as I jumped further away than others” and “You needed to have lots of stamina for this race and doing the training on our Wadestown School hilly helped a lot.”

Emily Gerritsen - “Everybody at this race was so much faster and it was really hard because it was muddy and people were slipping over. It was hard to avoid the mud.” “I was pleased with my effort and happy to get in the top 10”

Vic George - “It was hard running on an unknown course, but we did have a good position at the start and we were able to get around the first cone easily.

Henry Robinson - “The mud was tiring to go through as your feet slipped back and it felt like you were wasting your energy.”

Hugo - “I have a tip - don’t focus on other runners, focus on your race and pace yourself. Keep focused on your own race plan.”

Isaac - "Next time I will be paying more attention at the start of the race because getting a good start is important. Having a bad start disrupted my race plan and caused me to tire quicker."

Flo George and Isaac Thompson are now training with the Wellington Team in preparation for the Years 5-8 Inter-regionals in Christchurch in September. We wish them all the best for this upcoming race.



PTA EVENTS CALENDAR 2023

All highlighted events are PTA fundraisers.

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 and spread the word
Calendar Art	Week November (TBC)	Purchase kids art ❤️

SCHOLASTIC LUCKY BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Orders for Issue #5 will close on Friday 4 August. If you have unused Book Week vouchers you can use them if you place a hard copy order through the school (rather than online). If you have any questions please contact Derek@wadestown.school.nz

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:
Monday 31 July	Rimu Wellington Museum Trip - Room 4 (12:30pm - 2:00pm)
Tuesday 1 August	Rimu Wellington Museum Trip - Room 5 (12:30pm - 2:00pm)
	Pohutukawa Trip - Sports @ Ākau Tangi Sports Centre
Wednesday 2 August	Rimu Wellington Museum Trip - Room 6 (12:30pm - 2:00pm)
	Kōwhai Technology - KWNS
	Board Meeting @ 6:30pm
Thursday 3 August	Kapa Haka Festival - Wellington College @ (9am - 3pm)
Friday 4 August	Wheels Day @ Weld Street from 12.40pm - 1.20pm
Tuesday 8 August	Pohutukawa Trip - Sports @ Ākau Tangi Sports Centre
Wednesday 9 August	Kōwhai Technology - KWNS
Monday 14 August	Immunizations Yr 7 & 8 - Time to be confirmed
Tuesday 15 August	Western Zones Netball
Wednesday 16 August	Rimu Cooperative Games Sessions with Kilbirnie Rec Centre
	Kōwhai Technology - KWNS
Thursday 17 August	Western Zones Netball (postponement date)
Friday 18 August	Rimu Cooperative Games Session with Kilbirnie Rec Centre
	ICAS English
Monday 21 August	ICAS Science

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@seidonorthlandwgtm.co.nz to register your child and reserve a place in the New Beginners class.

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



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Children's Asthma Study

Do you have asthma?
We want to find the best inhalers for kids/tamariki with asthma.

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What does it involve?

- Try turbuhalers to manage your asthma symptoms
- Attend 6 visits over 1 year for asthma reviews, education, and breathing tests
- Reimbursement for travel expenses for parents, and gift card koha for children

To take part you must:

- Be between 5 and 11 years old
- Have asthma
- Take separate reliever and preventer inhalers

Get in touch to learn more:

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Wadestown Scout Group

TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, AUG 18
at St Lukes Hall, Pitt St
Doors open at: 07:00pm
Game starts at: 07:30pm

\$25
per person /
table of 6
including
nibbles

B.Y.O

Register by 10 Aug & for further information contact
Leah Watts: lwatts@iKnowGroup.co.nz

NZSO

NZSO are returning to Wellington's Michael Fowler Centre for Open Doors on Saturday 29 July. Our musicians are going to be running several fantastic events – there will be something for everyone.

10:00am Tamariki Time

A free concert designed for the smallest members of your whānau. Suitable for preschoolers or students up to the age of 8 years.

11:30am Relaxed Concert

A free accessibility concert designed for audiences with sensory needs who may feel uncomfortable in a traditional concert environment.

1:30pm Instrument Jams

A super fun and informal opportunity to play through several easy or intermediate pieces with some of our NZSO musicians.

3:00pm Masterclasses

A violin masterclass hosted by NZSO violinist Jessica Oddie and a cello masterclass hosted by NZSO cellist Ken Ichinose. Masterclasses are open to the public, so come and join us to watch the next generation of performers.

All Open Doors events are free to the public but do require registration, click [HERE](#).

Other NZSO events:

Become Ocean Friday 28th July, 6.30pm | Michael Fowler Centre