



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

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

Titiro Whakamuri, Kokiri Whakamua
Look back and reflect, so you can move forward

Thank you to Lucy Gray and Elise Hargreaves (Year 8 Leaders) for providing this whakatauki. They selected this for its connection to both our school values and the Matariki.

Kia ora koutou

I recently attended an outstanding talk by John Parsons (Citizen 21) who spoke to a group of Wellington Principals about Cyber Safety and online bullying. John works with a range of agencies and provides advice and guidance to schools and their communities.

In the follow-up information that he provided, he include this list of factors to assist parents:

Protective factors for parents

- *For younger children, turn off all digital devices by 7.30 pm.*
- *Don't give them social media until they are old enough to be in it.*
- *Maintain access to the child's platforms by creating the passwords for them. >> Nominate trusted family members to join your children online and form a protective circle around them.*
- *Create open lines of communication with your children.*
- *For the first two years at high school, regularly look at their mobile phones.*

He followed this up with "A question I ask parents to ask their children "Have you ever bullied anyone?" It is essential to talk to children about the risks. Let them know how much you love them when you have these conversations. Try not to judge them; try listening and looking at the world through their eyes.

For more detailed information about John Parsons check out his website www.citizen21.co.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Amanda Frater

Tumuaki/Principal

Staff Updates

We welcome back Sophie McLellan who, after some time in France working at a French Language School has returned to Wadestown School to work as a Teacher Aide in the Kōwhai Team. Prior to her time overseas, Sophie was working as a Teacher Aide at Weld Street in Room 1 with Amanda Lamble.

Student Teachers at Weld Street

Room 3 and Room 0 welcome student teachers on a professional Practice Placement. They are students studying at Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington. Sarah King will be in Room 3 and Joseph Hunt will be in Room 0.

Structured Literacy: “The Code”

Five of our teachers attended a tailored professional development on Friday on Structured Literacy and in particular, the approach that we are taking (The Code). This group; Robyn Grover, Cathrine Wilkinson, Amy Maddock, Elizabeth Chater and Joy Henderson will continue to attend further workshops and have been nominated to bring back their learnings to share with their teams and the wider school. This professional learning group also involves teachers from Karori Normal and Karori West Normal School and is being delivered by the RTLB. We feel very fortunate to be involved in this learning.

The Rata team are looking for donations of milk bottle tops to assist with the teaching of The Code. Please drop these off in the office.

School Hangi

Last Friday’s School Hangi was a huge success; with our students, teachers and parent helpers coming together to share kai on Friday afternoon. I would like to thank Emily Houston, and parents Okiwa Short and Toni Grant for their ongoing commitment to making this happen. Having a school was something that our Whānau Group wanted to provide as an experience for all the students at our school.

Special mention also goes to Chris Gray, George Kingi (kaumatua and former MoE Advisor), Nick Wells, Hayley Morrison and Kris Mayo for assisting on the day and to the additional parents who provided other support, served meals, provided donations and made food to showcase the other cultures in the school.

Year 7 and 8 Kōwhai Team Science Fair

Thank you to James Shelton and Cathrine Wilkinson for their tireless efforts to mark this year's Science Fair entries. This is an in-depth process and one that takes them a significant amount of time.

We have a number of students whose projects have been entered into the NIWA Science Fair competition for 2023. This will see our Year 7 and 8 students competing against other intermediate aged students from across the Wellington region. Last year saw outstanding results and we are hopeful to repeat this again this year.

A note from Cathrine Wilkinson

The Year 7 and 8 Kōwhai students have dedicated numerous hours, spanning weeks and, in some instances, even months, delving into a wide array of scientific inquiries. Fueled by personal passions, interests and curiosities, the Science Fair emerges as an ideal platform for students to exhibit their talent and enthusiasm for science along with an avenue to share their discoveries.

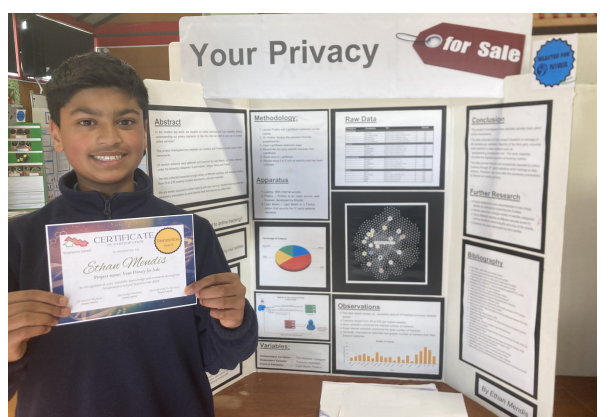
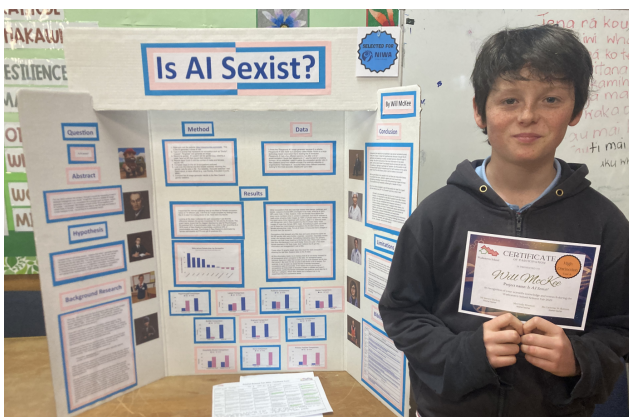
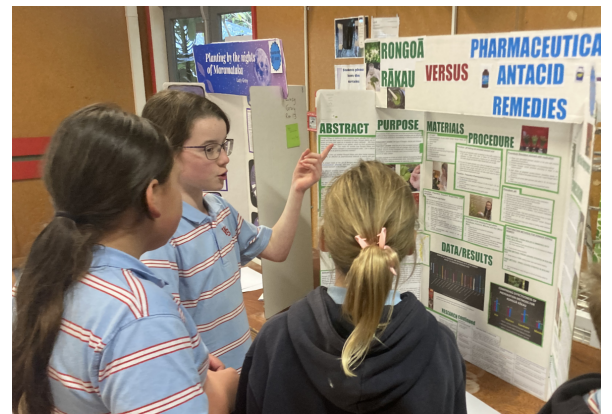
The culmination of these research efforts has breathed life and vibrancy into our school hall, which is now open for viewing to all families and friends throughout the week from 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.

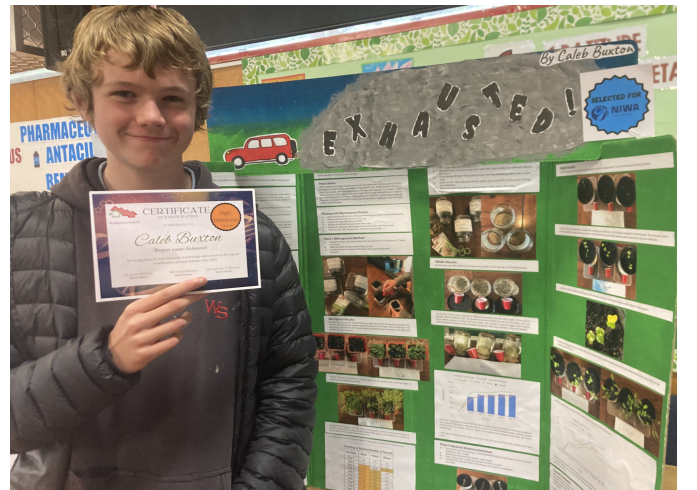
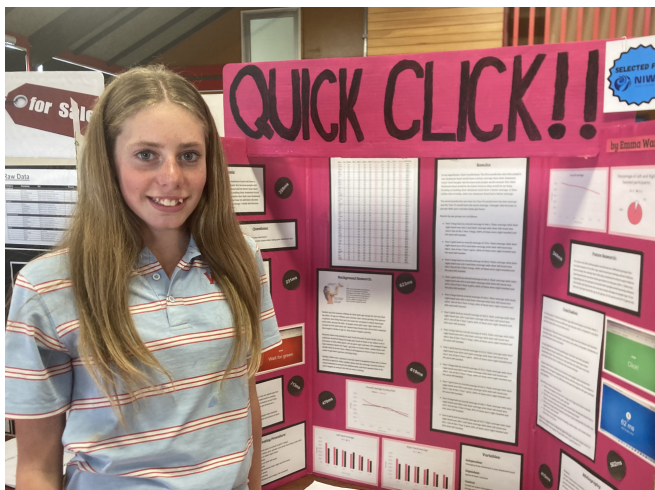
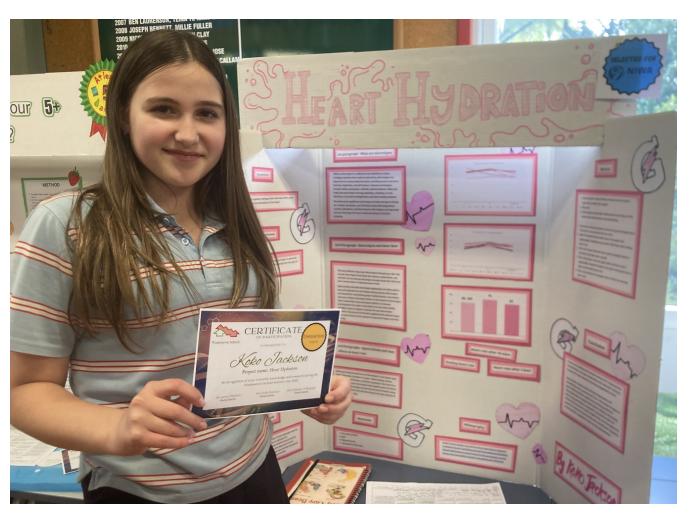
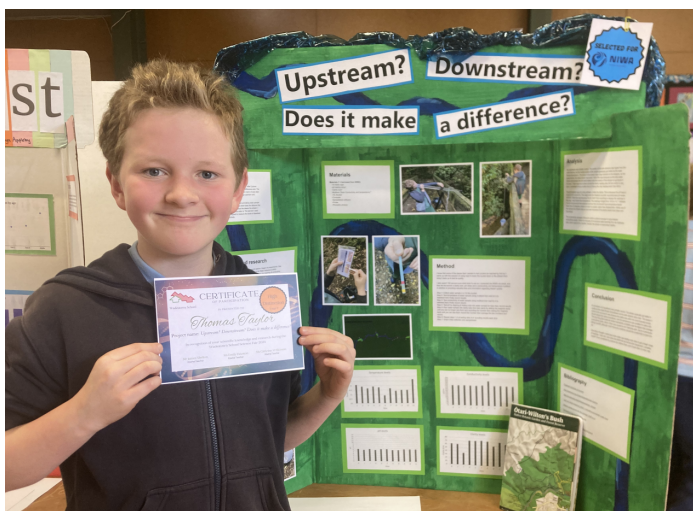
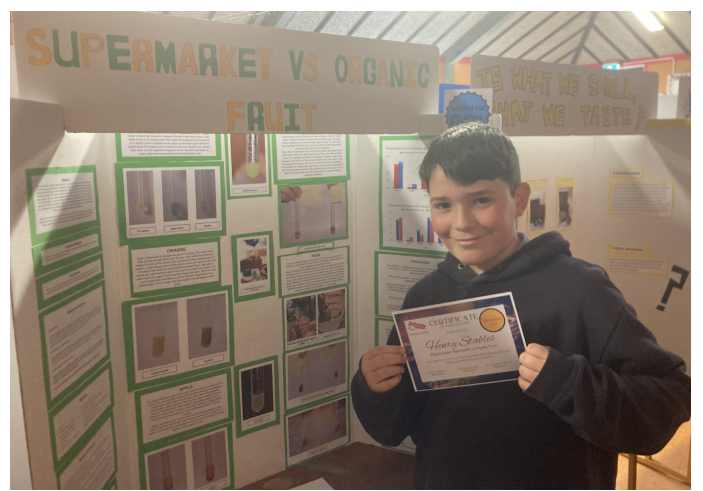
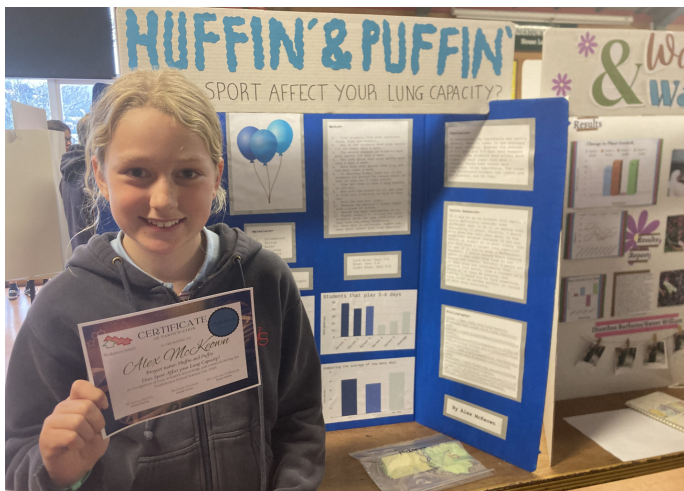
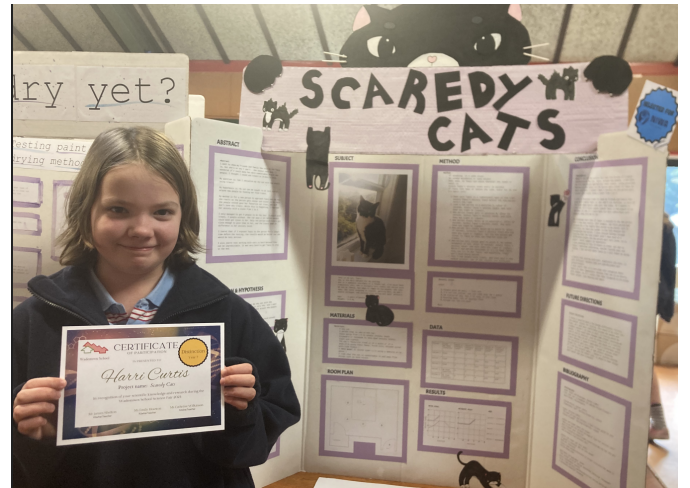
Our senior students have used the opportunity to impart their newfound knowledge to both their peers and the younger members of our school. Engaging conversations led the visiting audiences through the intricacies of experimental procedures and research findings. Undoubtedly, these interactions will serve as inspiration for potential future investigations.

We extend our sincere appreciation for the commitment given to the completion of these investigations and acknowledge the remarkable standard exhibited by this year's Science Fair projects.

Twenty exhibits will go forward to the upcoming NIWA Science Fair at the end of this month, where the investigations will be judged according to their investigation categories.

Blake Carden	Lower Population, Cleaner Water?	8	High Distinction
Lucy Gray	Planting by the Nights of Maramataka	8	High Distinction
Elise Hargreaves	Ronoa Rakau vs Pharmaceutical Antacid Remedies	8	High Distinction
Will McKee	Is AI Sexist?	8	High Distinction
Caleb Buxton	Exhausted	8	High Distinction
Beth Comer	Blooming Algae	8	High Distinction
Magnus Hodgetts	Fly Away	8	
Ethan Mendis	Your Privacy for Sale	8	
Scarlett Fuge	Microscopic Magic	8	
Emma Ward	Quick Click	8	
Koko Jackson	Heart Hydration	8	
Lucy Santure	Succulent Science	7	High Distinction
Thomas Taylor	Upstream? Downstream? Does it make a difference?	7	High Distinction
Jacob Williams	Should We Fear Green House Gases?	7	
Harriet Dreyer	Feed the Worms!	7	
Sylvia Palmer	Mould Busters	7	
Henry Stables	Supermarket vs Organic Fruit	7	
Gabby Walter	Crazy Compass	7	
Zara Delahunty	What makes it Grow?	7	
Harri Curtis	Scaredy Cats	7	





Wheels Day at Weld Street - Year 8 Leadership Initiative

Our Year 8 Head of Wheels Team ran a fantastic Wheels Day for our Weld Street students last Friday. Each class took turns following the Year 8 leaders to navigate a scooter obstacle course.

The concentration was high and the delight from all students, evident.

Message from Amanda Lamble

Our senior students heading up The Wheels Team (Wilbur, Theo & Caleb) ran an awesome Wheels Day at lunchtime on Friday. Firstly they coached our students on scooters health & safety and then they set them off on either an easy or hard track. It was such FUN for all. Thank you Wheels Teamand the bonus was we raised \$78 for Mr Piper to purchase some new books for our Weld Street library.



Winter Illnesses

As the winter weather continues we will see a return of winter illnesses. Please monitor your children for symptoms. Teachers are ensuring that their hygiene practices are in place, to reduce the spread of germs, however we are seeing an increase in the number of sore stomachs and headaches.

We are continuing to track a small number of Covid cases across the school. I will provide regular, daily updates, as the situation progresses. Thank you to those families who have let us know that their children are unwell. This really assists at our end.

Winter Uniforms

Students are able to adapt their uniforms in the winter months by wearing:

- woollen tights (navy only)
- thermal, long sleeve polypro tops underneath their school t-shirts (navy only)
- Wadestown School sweatshirts
- Wadestown School fleece pullover
- Wadestown School trackpants
- and/or our Wadestown School beanies

Please encourage your child to bring a waterproof jacket to school each day. And if on Road Patrol, students can bring a change of socks and shoes.

Road Patrol - Parent Volunteers

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful parent volunteers that do Road Patrol on a weekly basis. This role sees you standing in all weather but also comes with the added bonus of greeting students and parents.

A sincere thank you to Danielle Davin and Nick Wells for undertaking this role and to the other parents who help to keep our roads safe by reporting dangerous driving or parking.

Pre-Loved School Uniforms

We are currently looking for donations of all pre-loved school uniforms but in particular have a need for:

- Size 6 uniforms for our Pohutukawa students (tops and bottoms)
- And size 10+ shorts and polo shirts for our Rata to Kōwhai students

Please see [Megan Smith](#) in the office if you wish to donate or sell any pre-loved uniform items.

Wadestown School Park and Stride

A number of years ago, the school worked very hard to set up a “Park and Stride” system. This allows parents to drop their children off at sign posted locations so their children can walk some of the way to school. The advantages of a system such as this is that it both reduces congestion around the school entrances and provides students with some extra exercise.

We would like to encourage parents and students to start taking advantage of this system again.

Rata Build Update

Building works continue and we are receiving regular updates at our fortnightly meetings. Most recently, it was signalled that the project completion will need to be pushed out until January. It is still our intention to start the year with students in the newly refurbished classrooms.

The next stage of the project will see the removal of the scaffolding.

Disruptions to the Admin Area

As previously communicated, the Admin Team have had to relocate themselves upstairs into the staffroom while the Admin Area is being remediated. If you are coming into school, the best way to arrive is through the Hall and then up the stairs. You can still sign your child out at the office but will need to go up to the staffroom if you wish to speak with [Helen](#) or [Megan](#).

Rose Street Working Bee

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

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.

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 – 24 August	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 ❤️

Upcoming PTA Quiz Night - Thursday August 24

Please start thinking about forming a team for our upcoming PTA Quiz Night. This is a fun evening out. Further details below. Thanks to Mark Crofskey for organising this event.

QUIZ The Shepherd's Arms NIGHT

Thursday, 24 August
6:30 arrival | 7:00pm start

Great Auction Items!!!

\$20 per person joining fee

RSVP: ptawadestownschool@gmail.com

"If you want the best for your kids and you like a fun night out and/or you really want to win a big trophy- you'll be there"

Max team size 6 - or we can put you in a team in the night!

Rust

Rust smells like the ozone tang of an abandoned scrapyards
It looks like dead autumn leaves laying lifeless on hard icy ground
Rust is a sunken ship creaking as it slips into an underwater chasm
Rust feels like the sharp clinical sting of an injection in your arm
It tastes like bitter medicine searing aggressively down your throat
Rust is the coarse bristling hide of a lichen coated rock
By Thomas Taylor

Mauve

Mauve feels like a fluffy, warm blanket curled around me,
ensuring a comfortable forcefield of safety.
It looks like a field of fresh flowers, swaying in the gentle spring breeze
at dusk, the sunset shining with streaks and glimpses of purple.
The sharp bittersweet aroma of blooming flowers after a long rain,
is what it smells like.
Tasting of tangy grapes, it fills your mouth with crunch and crispness.
Mauve sounds like a cat purring while it sits on your lap comfortably,
as you stroke it softly.

By Harri Curtis

Charcoal Black

Charcoal is the colour of the storm clouds when the tide rolls in thick waves.
Smelling like the ashes of a burnt cigarette butt,
littering the alleyways behind the carparks.
Charcoal tastes like charred meat, forgotten about, cooking away for hours,
ruining a perfect day.
A rugged rock face, towering over the ocean,
at a height only a brave eagle could nest at.
It's a rusty motorbike, starting after years, riding smoothly through the dim night.

Writer: Louis Kelly

CRIMSON RED

Crimson red, an elegant blood moon, hanging high on the distant horizon.
The familiar and methodical beats of my heart, roaring in my ears.
Crimson red brings the aroma of a crisp apple on a midsummer's morning,
yearning to be picked.
Tongues dancing in sweet, unexpected ecstasy like bittersweet cherries,
sure to lighten an anxious soul.
Crimson red, a smooth one of a kind young and gentle poppy,
dancing in the brisk evening breeze.

By Tanveer Kaur

Arctic Blue

Vicious tears shower down the face of a soulless night.
Ice cubes are the bitter knives charging through your tongue.
A mirror reveals an image of a queen with a heart made of stone.
Arctic Blue is the piercing screech of a fork scraping
against a bruised dinner plate.
Sweet, pure sugar, dusts the tops of the rugged mountains,
leaving a trace of a winter haze.

By Seri

Coral

**Coral is the pink summer sunset, painted across the
dancing waves.**
**It's as if you are floating through a field of tulips,
swaying in the wind.**
Coral is a strawberry gelato melting on my tongue.
A raspberry lemonade on a hot summer day.
Coral is joy and embarrassment at the same time.
Coral is a pink Porsche speeding down a pristine road.

By Florence George

Cyan

A sky themed blanket keeping me warm
The sweetening elderberries that tingle my tongue
Jumping into a crystal clear pool and
Thinking it's a rocking ocean
Up and down splish, splish, splash
The perfect sky in any picture

By Max

Mustard

**Mustard looks like a crisp autumn leaf left falling to the ground,
forgotten and discarded.**
**A sea of yellow overwhelms my senses
as honey trickles down my throat.**
**It smells like a blossoming daffodil before being picked and dropped
into a glass bottle.**
**The silhouette of this rusted colour is rough,
like sandpaper and a cold fresh winter's morning combined.**
Mustard brings the sound of a small yellow finch, calling out for family.

By Macy McLellan

WHAKANUI AHUREA KĀHUI AKO CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Last Thursday, the Kapa Haka Performance Group proudly participated in the Whakanui Ahurea Kāhui Ako Cultural Festival, held at Wellington College. The group's exceptional performance truly shone, reflecting their deep pride and mana. Congratulations to the entire Performance Group — your dedication and hard work truly paid off, and you delivered an amazing performance that left everyone impressed. A special acknowledgement to our remarkable Kapa Haka tutor, Hemi Prime. His dedication, brilliant choreography, and expert teaching played an integral role in elevating the group's performance to unprecedented heights.



Thank you also to Emily Houston and Kate Dammer for their assistance and support of our students.

MATARIKI BREAKFAST





SCHOOL HANGI



Ākau Tangi visits

Weld Street students visited Ākau Tangi on Tuesday afternoons. They participated in three consecutive half hour sessions of: gymnastics, throwing/catching and kicking/dribbling Futsal style. This was a test of stamina and resilience for our youngest students at Weld Street because they then had to walk back up the hill with their backpack on (prior to 3pm pick-up).



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

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 14 August	Immunizations Yr 7 & 8
Tuesday 15 August	Smash Play Cricket Lessons Y1 - 4
	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
	FIFA Fun - Kelly Sports @ Weld
Wednesday 23 August	School photos
	Kōwhai Technology - KWNS
Thursday 24 August	School photos
Friday 25 August	School Council Disco - (to be confirmed) Year 3 - 4 (Lunch time) Year 5 - 6 (5. 00 - 6.30) Year 7 - 8 (7.00 - 8.30)
Monday 28 August	Rimu Team EPro8 (in the hall)
	ICAS Maths in Rimu Block
Tuesday 29 August	Rimu Team EPro8 (in the hall)

Wednesday 30 August	Rimu Team EPro8 (in the hall)
	Kōwhai Technology - KWNS
	NIWA Science Fair Set Up @ 12.30 - 4.30pm (Pipetea)
	Y7/8 - Mathswell 7.00pm Raroa Intermediate
Please note the following events coming up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rimu Camp 12-15 September ● ArtSplash 12 September @ 5pm ● DanceSplash 14 September @ 7.30pm 	

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.

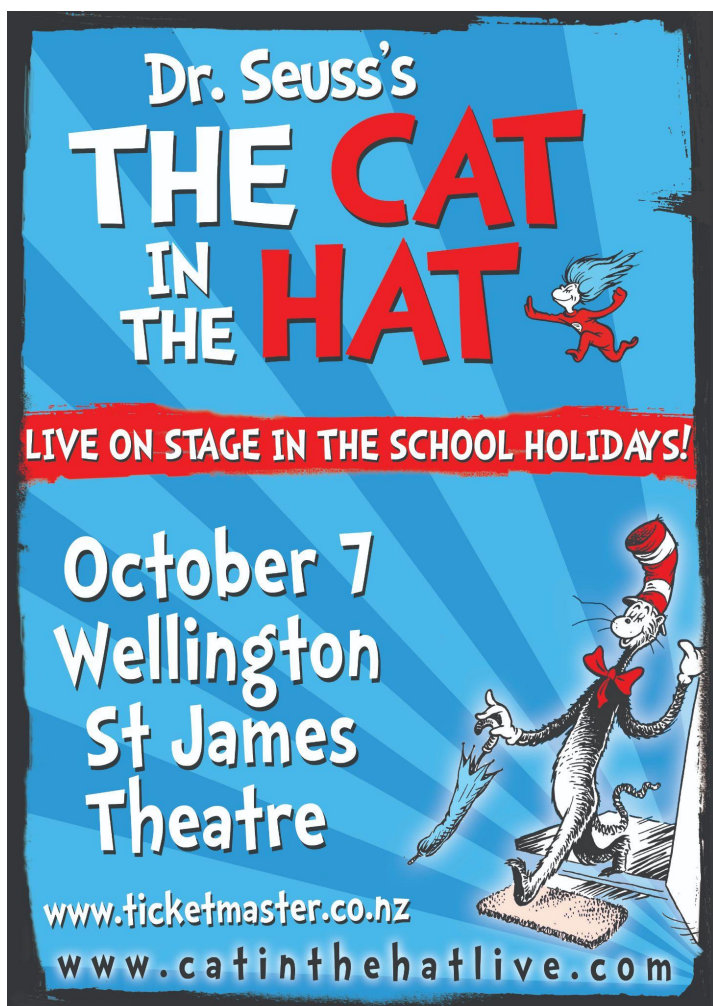
New Beginner class times:

- 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



Play Cricket with Karori This Summer

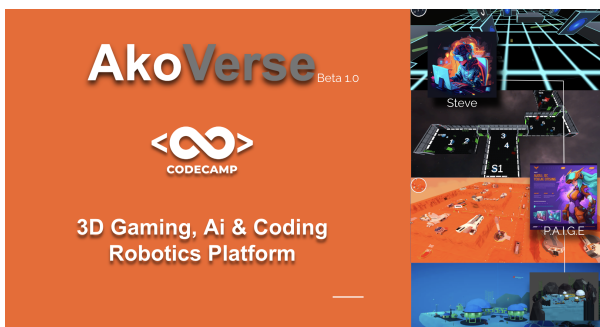
Summer is coming and cricket registrations have now opened! Register early for what is sure to be a fantastic season ahead. We are proud to have teams and grades available for all levels of skills and experience, including have-a-go, juniors, hard ball, girls only soft ball, girls only hard ball and senior and social teams.

Check our website for more details and to register: karoricricket.co.nz

You can now find Karori Junior and Senior Clubs under one banner, and we welcome our new CEO Paul Young and Board Chair Sally Morrison.



CodeCamp October Holiday Programs Now Open



We have multiple courses available for the absolute beginner right through to our expert coders. Our courses are made up of our own 3D gamified, coding and simulated drone course called the [AkoVerse](#) as well as generative AI Art & Animation, Design, Art, Story Telling, Sports, Fashion & Design. Text coders can choose our Python, Web Design or Javascript

courses. Look out for our Unity courses coming soon.

Technical Skills

All students learn the fundamentals of problem solving like debugging, decomposition and algorithmic thinking. Depending on each students ability and experience, our courses ensure students know fundamental Computer Science concepts like: Loops, variables, co-ordinates, conditionals, operators and functions.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 19th August, 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.

Summer Football or Netball

Get your friends/teams together and enrol for the Kelly Sports Summer Series Football or Netball!! Competition starts on Friday 27 October 2023. Football is held at Ian Galloway Park, Netball is held at either Marsden or Karori Normal School.



FOOTBALL  **NETBALL**
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SUMMER SERIES
2023 ——— 2024

SUMMER FOOTBALL 5-A-SIDE
Ian Galloway Park,
Wilton

SUMMER NETBALL
Samuel Marsden School &
Karori Normal School

TEAM ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

TERM 4: 27 Oct – 15 Dec 2023 **TERM 1:** 2 Feb – 22 Mar 2024

REGISTER YOUR TEAM ONLINE TODAY!
kellysports.co.nz/netball2023 ★ kellysports.co.nz/football2023

 **KELLY SPORTS**

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