

# **WADESTOWN SCHOOL**

# **Community Newsletter No 14**

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

Ahakoa he iti kete, he iti n**ā** te aroha It is the thought that counts

Kia ora, Kia orana, Ni Hao, Hola, Namaste, Hallo, Bonjour, Talofa and greetings to you all.

We have much to celebrate around the school and as the term starts to come to a close, it is helpful to reflect back on some of the successes we have had as a school.

Our Kōwhai students outdid themselves at the recent NIWA science fair with their student-lead science fair projects. These projects require a significant amount of time and learning and this work is not without its challenges. As a school we are thrilled with the number of students whose work was recognised and for the top placings that we received. The results placed us well against other primary and intermediate schools in the wider Wellington region. Read on further for full details of this.

Term 3 has seen our students delve into the Arts curriculum and their hard work is evident to see. Next week will see two of our teams participating in the Artsplash Festival at the Michael Fowler Centre, where they will perform alongside other schools, to a live audience. We are also working towards a whole school art exhibition in early Term 4. This will showcase the recent 'Creatives in School' project that our Pohutukawa Team undertook.

As always, there is much to celebrate and acknowledge across all our students and staff.

Ngā mihi nui

**Amanda Frater** 

Tumuaki/Principal

### **Rimu Camp - Forest Lakes**

We wish our Rimu students, teachers and parent helpers all the very best for their upcoming camp to Forest Lakes, in Otaki. This camp was postponed earlier in the year so we are delighted that our Year 5 and 6 students can finally have this opportunity together.

We are very grateful to the parent helpers who have given up their time to attend this camp and to the Rimu teachers for their hard work to prepare for this camp.

### **Student Attendance and Trips During term time**

We continue to monitor student attendance across the school. The staff and I have noticed a significant increase in the number of students and families taking holidays within term time.

While we are understanding of trips to visit family, we are also keenly aware of the impact on students and the disruption to their learning when they are away for extended periods of time.

Please remember to email your classroom teacher, <u>myself</u> and the <u>office</u> in advance, if your child will be absent from school.

### **Principal for a Day**

Congratulations to Lily-Mae McLellan who is this year's "Principal for the Day".

Lily-Mae and her Deputy Principal Team (made up of Milly Batt, Alexia and Sylvie Langford) are in the process of planning what their day will look like and how they can extend some benefits of this experience to other students in the school.

They are hoping to be able to teach some lessons at Weld Street, to have morning tea in the staffroom with the teachers, and are in discussions about a possible non-uniform day. More details to follow.

# Planning for 2024

If your plans for 2024 will see your child leaving Wadestown School, it is helpful for our 2024 planning to be told about this. Please <u>email me</u> to let me know if your child will not be returning at the end of the year.

# Artsplash 2024

Next week will see our Rata and Kōwhai students involved in this year's Artsplash event. This is an opportunity for our students to be actively involved in 'the arts curriculum' and to do so alongside other students of their age. Artsplash provides our students with a positive experience performing to a live audience.

On Tuesday evening our Rata students will sing as part of the large choir and on Thursday evening our Kowhai students will dance as part of the dance festival. We wish all our students the very best of luck for these performances and thank their teachers for the hard work that they have put into this.

### **Creatives in School - Weld Street project**

Our Year 1 and 2 students have worked incredibly hard over the past term and a half on their 'Creatives in School' art project. If you have visited Weld Street recently you will have seen this artwork on display. A big thank you to Kerala Heap for leading this project, and to Robyn Grover for assisting her.

If you haven't taken a look at the artwork I encourage you to do so.

### **Road Congestion**

I appreciate that the building works continue to put pressure on parking around Rose and Mairangi Roads. Thank you for your patience with this.

### **Website Updates**

We are continuing to make small changes, improvements and updates to our school website. If there is information that you would like to see on the website, please send an email to <a href="Megan">Megan</a> <a href="Smith">Smith</a>.

# Wadestown School Working Bee - Saturday 9 September

A reminder that the Working Bee is **this Saturday**. Thank you to those who have already registered interest. The forecast is looking great at this stage. If you find yourself at a loose end and wish to drop in for a few hours, then please do.

Some of the bigger jobs are kicking off at 8am (while streaming the All Blacks on phones!). If you wish to join after the game, totally fine too.

Thank you to everyone who's offered kai to keep our volunteers fueled on the day. We would appreciate donations of milk (dairy and plant-based), and juice. We are looking ok for food, thanks to our wonderful school community. Get in touch with Danielle at <a href="mailto:pta.secretary@wadestown.school.nz">pta.secretary@wadestown.school.nz</a> if you can help.



# **Terrific Tuesday with Transport**

The Pohutukawa Team had a wonderful morning last Tuesday with a Discovery Time on "Transport". Students could bring along a model car, plane, train or boat. There was a challenge to make a paper plane and to see whose plane could fly the furthest (the corridor became the runway).

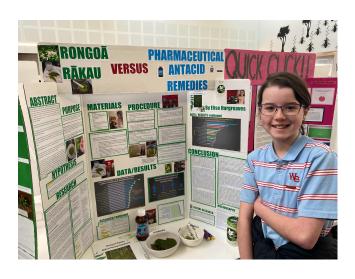
# NIWA SCIENCE FAIR SUCCESS FOR WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Last Thursday, 18 Year 7 and 8 students travelled to Victoria University for the NIWA Science Fair. These students had put a huge amount of effort into their projects and now they had come to compete against the rest of the greater Wellington region. I was one of these students, so let me tell you my experience. Arriving at 9:00 a.m., we walked past tonnes of amazing Science Fair projects. I settled in beside my board and waited. Judges passed by, admiring Wadestown's stunning projects. Waiting was nerve wracking, but when the judges came to talk to us they were friendly and inquisitive about our projects. It was a great experience and Wadestown School collected 13 prizes, which was the largest number of prizes won by a single school. So to all the younger students at Wadestown School, who will eventually complete a Science Fair project, work hard because, like these students, your hard work will absolutely pay off.

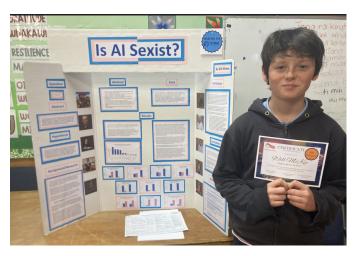
By Elise Hargreaves
NIWA Science Fair Winner - 1st place winner (Year 8)



Prize Winners	Name of Science Fair Exhibit	Prize
Elise Hargreaves	Rongoā Rākau vs Pharmaceutical Antacid Remedies	1st in Class 2 (Year 8)
Will McKee	Is A.I. Sexist?	4th in Class 2 (Year 8)
Thomas Taylor	Upstream? Downstream? Does it make a difference?	Highly Commended
Zara Delahunty	What makes it Grow?	Highly Commended
Harriet Dreyer	Feed the Worms!	Highly Commended
Lucy Gray	Planting by the Nights of Maramataka	Highly Commended
Zara Delahunty	What makes it Grow?	Special Prize - Hugh D Gordon Memorial Prize
Sylvia Palmer	Mould Busters	Special Prize - Australasian Corrosion Association
Will McKee	Is A.I. Sexist?	Special Prize - NumberWorks'nWords
Elise Hargreaves	Rongoā Rākau vs Pharmaceutical Antacid Remedies	Special Prize - Society for Māori Astronomy Research and Traditions
Lucy Gray	Planting by the Nights of Maramataka	Special Prize - Society for Māori Astronomy Research and Traditions
Caleb Buxton	Exhausted	Special Prize - Balance Agri-nutrients Sustainable Agricultural Award
Koko Jackson	Heart Hydration	Special Prize -Wellington Medical Research Foundation









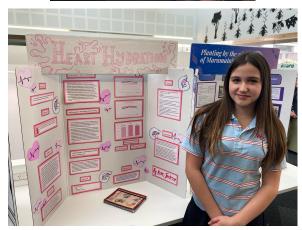












# WELLINGTON MATHSWELL COMPETITION

Last Wednesday night, 12 Kōwhai students went to compete in the Wellington Mathswell competition, which was held at Victoria University. We entered two teams of six (split into groups of three) into the competition. There were 57 other teams who had also entered the competition.

The room was filled with excitement and anticipation as we tried our hardest on all the questions. Each group did a problem-solving challenge and a set of multiple-choice problems. The problem-solving questions came one at a time and the whole group worked on it together. We had two chances to answer each question and 15 minutes in total to answer 13 questions. During the multi-choice section, we had three sheets of paper, which we split so each person had a sheet. We had 5 minutes to answer the first 6 questions and another five minutes to do the other nine.

Everyone did extremely well and it was a great team effort.

After the first round, all the teams were divided into two competitions. The Cup and the Plate competition. The Cup Competition was for the people who ranked 1-20 in the first round. We made it through to this round. Although we were not placed on the podium, we were very close, with our results being very near to the eventual winners.

Overall, it was a great night. We did really well and tried our best.

### By Beth Comer and Maea Forbes-Ballard





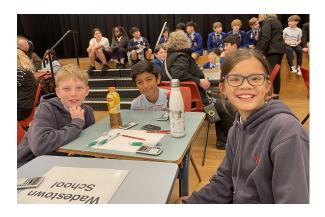
### Year 5 and 6 Mathswell Team

This year our Year 5 and 6 Mathswell team for 2023 were; Ishan Hota, Alek Debski, Peter Cottingham, Emily O'Flynn, Hugo Jones and Ariana Huynh. It was great to be there and everyone was really proud of their efforts. We all thought it was loud and a bit pressured but in the end, we did really well. We are not quite sure of our results but we are certain that out of the 50 schools

who participated, we came in the top ten. Overall, everyone had an enjoyable time solving math problems and we can all say that the whole experience was worth it.

By Ishan Hota





# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL WADESTOWN SCHOOL DISCOS

A few weeks ago, the Student Councilors organised a Wadestown School Disco as we decided it was time to have one after three years of COVID restrictions.

The Year 3 and 4s had their Tropical Disco at lunch and dressed up in colourful and beautiful beachy outfits. They played Limbo and Musical Statues as well as won prizes and admired the beautiful decorations that the Student Councillors spent hours putting up.

At 5:30 pm the Year 5 and 6 students started rolling in and the disco kicked off as everyone was jamming to the music provided by DJ Will. We played Musical Statues and had a fun Limbo competition which was very remarkable as so many students were so flexible.

The Year 7 and 8 disco began at 7:00 pm and everybody was dressed up phenomenally. The Performing Arts Team put together a massive dance circle for everyone to join in and a Limbo competition was started by the Student Councillors.

At the end of the night, we cleaned up the hall with the help of some parent and student volunteers as well as the teachers who helped clean up and helped control the flow of students. Overall, it was a very successful night which we hope everyone will remember for years to come.

By Tanveer Kaur and Will McKee





Student Councillors - the organisers





Year 3 and 4 Disco (Friday lunchtime)





Year 5 and 6 - Disco (Friday night)









Year 7 and 8 Disco (Friday night)





# HOUSE AND GARDEN

Thank you to Andrea Davidson and her team for the organisation of this year's event. I know that this is our key fundraising event and that many hours of preparation and planning are required.

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



#### 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

- 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

# Te Kāhui Ako o te Whanganui-a-Tara

# Let's Talk Parenting!

### Choose two of the available 40 min seminars:

- WGC/WC Guidance Counsellors share common problems that arise for secondary school students
- Parent Evenings Catch-up key messages from our last three presenters: Kathryn Berkett on the adolescent brain; The Light Project on pornography; Joseph Driessen on 'how to be the best parent you can be'
- Transition to Secondary School: what should parents expect and how can they support?
- WGC No-phone Policy: why has this changed and what are the benefits?



When: Wednesday 11th October (first week of Term 4)
Where: Wellington College Girvan Library - parking limited

Time: 5:45pm - 7:45pm

# Sign up here!



Babysitting available! Bring your kids if you need to. We will give them dinner and have senior students (and one teacher) on hand to look after them with books and board games (no devices).



















# SCHOOL NEWS

# 2023 Term Dates

Please note that changes to these dates are possible and that some events will be confirmed closer to the time.

Date:	Upcoming Event:	
Saturday 9 September	Rose Street Working Bee	
Monday 11 September	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week)	
Tuesday 12 September	Rimu Camp	
	Artsplash - Rata rehearsal and show at Michael Fowler Centre 5pm	
Wednesday 13 September	Rimu Camp	
	Rata Team to Weld Street to perform Artsplash songs from 11am	
Thursday 14 September	Rimu Camp	
	Interzone Swimming	
	DanceSplash from 7.30pm - 9.30pm	
Friday 15 September	Rimu Camp	
Tuesday 19 September	Rata: Musical Stars trip Aladdin The Musical	
	Wellington Primary & Intermediate Tennis Champs: Girls	
Wednesday 20 September	Keep NZ Beautiful Clean up Day	
	Inter-Regional Cross Country	
	Wellington Primary & Intermediate Tennis Champs: Boys	
	Wheelie Wednesday - Rose Street lunch time	
Thursday 21 September	Science Roadshow Year 5 and 6 (Northland) from 12.25 - 1.25 pm	
Friday 22 September	Science Roadshow Year 7 & 8 (Northland) from 10.20 - 11.30 am	
	End of Term 3	
Monday 9 October	Beginning of Term 4	

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# YEAR & INFORMATION

# **Wellington College**

Wellington College are having their Orientation/Induction Day for the 2024 Year 9's on **Thursday 23 November.** More information will be sent nearer the time.

# COMMUNITY NEWS





# Calling all 4 to 6 year olds!

Nursery grade cricket involves fun skills-based activities to introduce 4 – 6 year old girls and boys to core cricket skills such as throwing, catching and hitting a ball. It's a great social way to give cricket a go and leads to Collegians cricket pathways for Years 2 - 8 and beyond. Register now for a November start.

https://www.wellingtoncollegians.co.nz/grades-registration

# **Wadestown Tennis Club Open Day**

The Wadestown Tennis Club is holding an Open Day on Sunday 10 September 2023 from 11am to 2pm at the Wadestown School tennis courts as part of the nationwide "Love Tennis" promotion.

We welcome anyone interested in joining the club, as well as returning members. Come and join us for some fun games, free coaching, giveaways and a bbq.

The Wadestown Tennis Club is a community tennis club for school-aged children from year 1 through to year 13. We are based at the Wadestown School tennis courts.

We aim to get kids of all abilities involved, whether they want to join for the fun and social side of tennis or to improve their skills through coaching and interclub.

We hold a popular weekly Club Night on Friday nights from 5.30pm to 7.30pm in Terms 4 and 1, which includes coaching for year 1 to year 8 kids and a bbq. Club Nights are a fun way to introduce your children to tennis, with mini-courts especially for the younger ones and rackets they can use. Club Nights are also a great way to connect with other parents and to unwind after a busy week.

We also enter teams into the Wellington interclub competition, and host Club Championships, a Parent/Child Tournament and a Parents' Mixed Doubles Tournament each season.

If you are interested in joining, feel free to pop along to our Open Day to see what it's all about. For more information including registration details see our website at <a href="https://clubspark.kiwi/WadestownTennisClub">https://clubspark.kiwi/WadestownTennisClub</a>, or email <a href="mailto:wadestowntennis@gmail.com">wadestowntennis@gmail.com</a>.







### Northland Kidz Club - Sept/October 2023 Holiday Programme

These holidays we'll be creating gingerbread art, making mosaics for the community garden at the Northland Community Centre, and learning more innovative painting techniques. The Little Dog Barking Puppet Theatre will be putting on a production, and we'll be having a Wheels Day and a Movie Day.

We'll be scavenger hunting, exploring play areas in Highbury and Kelburn, and going to the Cable Car Museum. The Island Bay Beach and play area (Shortland Park) are beckoning, and fish & Eamp; chips and make-your-own-pizzas are on the menu for our afternoon teas.

\$45 per child per day (third child onwards - \$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day.

For details, check out our website (<u>www.nkc.org.nz</u>), or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail (<u>nkc.jan@gmail.com</u>).



Our season open day is **Saturday 14 October**, at Newtown Park.

We have a new start time of 9am this season and a new Hurdles, High Jump coach!

At our club days athletes practice all events, Including long jump, hurdles, high jump, sprints, middle distance and throws.

Our children's club day caters for all abilities.

New members are welcome!

You can register through <a href="http://www.whac.org.nz">http://www.whac.org.nz</a>

For more information please contact:

Julie Richards

juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk

0212959026



### **KELLY SPORTS NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Raroa Normal Intermediate School, Johnsonville Week 1 – Tues, Weds, Thurs, 9am-12pm.

#### Years 1-4

For Beginners, these sessions will work on improving basic netball skills. Children will work towards the following skills: Passing, Shooting, Spatial Awareness and Defensive skills. **Years 5-8**:

These sessions will work on sharpening the basic skills - Passing and Shooting and we will start to develop a better understanding of the 7-aside game and the different positional roles.



### SPORTS FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

Week 1 - Tues, Weds, Thurs, Week 2 - Tues, Weds, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm, for children aged 5-12 years

This programme is perfect for "Beginner's" and those wanting to find out more about the game and have lots of fun, improve technique, knowledge and skills.

We focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing but MOST importantly having as much FUN as possible!

To book for either programme go to <a href="https://www.kellysports.co.nz">www.kellysports.co.nz</a>



### SUMMER SERIES FOOTBALL/NETBALL COMPETITION!

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.



We are Back for the September/October School Holidays!!

Join us for a fun filled holiday programme!

We have lots exciting days including:

Book Day, Daring Detectives Day, Ginormus Galaxies Day, Kelly Club Favourites Day, Smiles All Round, Year of World Cups Day

plus trips to:

Te Rauparaha Arena for a Swim, Gymnastics, Roller skating and a Magician is coming to Kelly Club.

Kelly Club is available at the following schools:

Amesbury, Churton Park, Island Bay, Kelburn, West Park

to Enrol go to www.kellyclub.co.nz



### **KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 4 - SPRINT INTO SPORTS!!**

The Kelly Sports sessions are a great way to improve your child's motor skills and coordination within a FUN environment. We aim to develop and enhance balls skills, catching, kicking and throwing, while improving strength, flexibility, hand/eye coordination and spatial awareness.

In Term 3 we will be focusing on the following sports:

### T-Ball, Athletics, Cricket and Football!

We teach new skills and improve ability by using games, drills and exercises. It's a great way to try new sports, improve skills and maintain fitness – all while having FUN!

Kelly Sports is available at the following schools:

Amesbury, Brooklyn, Churton Park, Crofton Downs, Houghton Valley, Island Bay, Karori Normal, Kelburn, Khandallah, Ngaio. Northland, Paparangi, St Marks, Wadestown, West Park

To Enrol go to <u>www.kellysports.co.nz</u>



### **Support the Onesie Street Collection!**

After a 3-year (COVID-related!) break our Onesie Street Collection is back!

Our volunteer collectors will be out and about across the region on Thursday 7, Friday 8 and Saturday 9 September.

Everything you give will help to keep the Free in Wellington Free Ambulance so if you see us on the street, please dig deep to support us.

You don't even need to have cash handy; our volunteers will have mobile eftpos so we've got you covered!



### TICKETS TO GIVEAWAY TO THE CAT IN THE HAT

Hello Wadestown School!

The Cat in the Hat is coming to the Wellington St James Theatre during the October school holidays!

For more information on the show please visit our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/Catinthehatnz or website: www.catinthehatlive.com

# **Capital Basketball**

Capital Basketball are holding three basketball camps over the Term 3 holidays at Walter Nash Stadium for all keen basketballers; for more information check out <a href="https://www.capitalbasketball.org/kiwi-hoops-sign-up">https://www.capitalbasketball.org/kiwi-hoops-sign-up</a> or visit their instagram @capitalbasketball

### **Children's Athletics Holiday Programme**

Wellington Harrier Athletic Club is holding a holiday programme to introduce children to Track & Field athletics. It will be provided at 2 levels: 4 to 8 year olds and 9 to 13 year olds.

The programme will run between 10.00 and noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays (26th, 28th, September and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> October) and will be held at Newtown Park.

For further details, or to book places, please e-mail ghenry@actrix.co.nz or phone or text 0274 425 439.

Children's Club athletics will be held from 9.00 a.m. every Saturday for the next 2 terms, from 14 October.

# WKAFC Football Holiday Programmes

Waterside Karori AFC are running two football holiday programmes during the September/October holidays. Open to players of all abilities aged 7–12.

### Mixed Sept/Oct Programme

- Week 1: Tuesday 26 Thursday 28
   September
- Week 2: Tuesday 3 Thursday 5
   October

9am–3pm at Terawhiti Turf (drop-off at Karori Park clubrooms).

\$65 per day!

#### Girls October Programme

Monday 3 & Tuesday 4 October

9.30am–2pm at Samuel Marsden Collegiate

\$50 per day!

Register here: https://www.karorifootball.co.nz/holiday-programme

# **Smash Play Cricket**

A couple of weeks ago, we were very fortunate to have Dylan from Cricket Wellington visit both Wadestown schools and deliver a Smash Play Cricket programme for our tamariki. We played games that involved Batting, Bowling and Fielding like Build a Bridge, Superstars, Junk Yard Smash and Empty the Bucket. We also learnt important values when playing these games that can be easily translated to the classroom and outside of school such as honesty (pono), teamwork (mahi tahi) and support (tautoko).



If anyone is interested in playing Cricket this summer, you can register to play for a junior club via this link Cricket Wellington - Find A Club. There are plenty of junior clubs that you can play for in the Wellington Central area.



Sun 19 Nov, Makara Peak

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MORE INFO & ENTRIES AT:

PNP.ORG.NZ/MTB



