



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 15

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

He pai ake te iti i te kore  
A little is better than none.

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

Nga mihi o te ahihi (greetings of the afternoon)

It is hard to believe that we are again at the end of another school term. Term 3 has been an action packed term. When I reflect back to the first weeks of this term, and the celebrations that we had as a whole community with our Matariki Breakfast and mihi whakatau, our hangi and multicultural feast, through to the end of the Creatives in School project at Weld Street, the NIWA Science Fair, the Mathswell Competitions, the Rimu Team Camp and most recently, the Artsplash festival last week, it is fair to say that this has been one of our busiest terms yet. Let's also not forget the outstanding 2023 Rose Street Working Bee and all that was achieved by our community in ONE day.

The stunning thing is, that at all times, our students, teachers, staff and parents have given their absolute best to every single event and have continued to represent our school with complete pride and respect. The attitude of our students and their conduct continues to be an absolute standout feature of our school and I think we should all step back and acknowledge this fact.

There are a number of additional successes to celebrate again this week so please continue to read on (or skim on if you wish!) to learn more about the goings-on at Wadestown School. Please continue on to the end of this newsletter where we have selected some fantastic student poetry.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday period.

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**Amanda Frater**  
**Tumuaki/Principal**

## **Rose Street Working Bee 2024**

I cannot emphasise enough just how impressed I have been with the Working Bees since I arrived at Wadestown School. This event epitomises our community and the commitment and support that sits behind our students. Every day as I walk around the school, I notice something that I hadn't seen the other day.

A key feature of this year's Working Bee (and there were many) was the installation of artwork by some of our former Rata students. These are now proudly displayed along the fence at the top of our staircase. This is a project that Liz Chater undertook with her Rata students over 2 years ago. Its intended purpose was for the students to create a tile to gift back to the school.

## **Thank you Malcolm and the Working Bee Crew**

I am uncertain of how to properly thank Malcolm McKee not only for his efforts in organising this year's Working Bee, but for his efforts over the past 6 years. Malcolm makes this job look effortless on the day, but I know just how much time, effort and thought has gone into these events. Your leadership, organisation and sense of humour will be greatly missed.

I also wish to acknowledge Blair MacDonald, Chris Gray, Michelle Crutchley and Danielle Davin for the key roles that they undertook on this day.

## **Simone's Ice Cream "Flavour Creators" Success - Duck Island**

One of our Year 6 students, Simone Kelly, recently entered a competition to create a new ice cream flavour. Simone Kelly won this competition with her "Grannies Afternoon Tea" creation. There is a wonderful story behind this and the references to her experiences of enjoying afternoon tea and a game of Uno with her great granny Dorothy.

We would like to thank and acknowledge Duck Island for bringing this ice cream creation for all the students in Room 4 to sample and also for the generous sponsorship that this has generated for the school. All profits from this ice cream will go back to our school to help fund projects around innovation, creativity and science!

If you are looking for something to do in the upcoming school holidays, why not pop down and sample this delicious new ice cream flavour.

## **Rimu Camp - Forest Lakes**

From all accounts the recent Year 5 and 6 camp to Forest Lakes Camp was a huge success. The feedback from parents and students has been overwhelmingly positive and we are so grateful that our students were able to enjoy this experience.

My sincere thanks goes to Amy Maddock for all her hard work to plan and prepare for this camp, and to her team, Clare Gilligan and Kate Dammer for their contributions to the organisation of this camp. As a number of parents have commented, camps are 'non-stop' and provide an interesting insight into teaching. We also wish to extend our thanks to all the parent helpers who attended this year's camp. We simply couldn't have done it without your help!

## **Principal for a Day**

Tomorrow will see our Principal and her Deputy Principals get to see what life as a Principal is like. Lily-Mae and her team have planned a number of different initiatives and are looking forward to their day. I would like to also thank the staff in advance for their support of this initiative.

One of their requests was to visit Duck Island ice cream parlour to sample Simone's ice cream flavour. If only every day of Principal life was filled with ice cream sampling!

## **Artsplash 2024**

Another huge success for us this fortnight was the involvement of our Rata and Kōwhai teams at this year's Artsplash festival. From all accounts Wadestown School shone on stage and our students embraced the opportunity to perform to a live crowd at the Michael Fowler Centre. My sincere thanks to our students for representing our school so beautifully in the arts, to our whānau who supported them on the evening and to our teachers for the time and energy that they put into these performances. A special mention to Ali Clearwater, Melissa Kosmadakis, Liz Chater, Emily Houston and Cathrine Wilkinson.

## **Website Update**

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 [megan@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:megan@wadestown.school.nz)

Equally, we are open to any feedback on the new content. One new feature is our online enrolment forms.

## **Keep Weld Street Beautiful Clean-up**

Yesterday afternoon Pohutukawa Leaders from Rose Street came over to Weld Street to help our students clean up the grounds following on from the high winds on Sunday evening. There was a great deal to do with plenty of debris having been flown all over the place. Whilst this was a pre-planned event (nationwide) the timing was perfect for us at Weld Street. Students worked cooperatively in small groups with one student from each of the three classes working together with their tuakana helpers from Rose. The photos tell the story.

Amanda Lamble  
Year 1 Teacher (Room 1)  
Pohutukawa Team Leader



## Wheelie Wednesday!

We're thrilled to share the excitement of our recent Wheelie Wednesday event, run by our fantastic Wheels Team. This special lunchtime gathering was a wheeling success, and we want to thank the team for their exceptional efforts.

Wheelie Wednesday is a unique tradition at our school, and this term's one didn't disappoint. During the lunch break, students rolled into the courts with an array of wheels - from scooters to skateboards and rollerblades. The atmosphere was buzzing with wheeling enthusiasm!





## Te Wiki o te Reo Māori

In the past week, our kura (school) came alive with the vibrant celebration of Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, Māori Language Week. This was a time when our ākonga (students) and kaiako (teachers) came together to embrace and promote the beauty of te reo Māori.

One of the highlights of the week was the distribution of "Tu Meke Te Reo Māori" tokens to our ākonga who were caught speaking Māori. This not only encouraged the use of the language but also served as an incentive for our ākonga to engage in conversations, big or small, in te reo Māori. The tokens added an element of excitement and motivation to the week, as our students proudly accumulated them.

Additionally, we organised a lively colouring competition, adding a creative and artistic touch to our Te Wiki o te Reo Māori celebration. Students eagerly participated, expressing their connection to the language through colourful artwork.

We are thrilled to share with you our colouring competition winners. Ka pai tō mahi! (Well done!)



## School photos close off

Just a reminder that school photos through School Memories close off is Sunday 8 October.

Parents can order photos online at [www.schoolmemories.co.nz](http://www.schoolmemories.co.nz)

Please use the order code clearly marked on the proof cards. Follow the instructions printed on the proof card.

School Memories have requested that parents contact School Memories directly if they have misplaced their cards. They can be contacted on Freephone: 0800 437 447 or email: [admin@schoolmemories.co.nz](mailto:admin@schoolmemories.co.nz)

## **Kōwhai Dance Splash Performance**

Last Thursday was a big day for a majority of the Kōwhai Team; the night of Dance Splash! An exciting night for us all as we had put many hours into preparing for the show. We were all filled with nerves when we got called backstage in our bright costumes. We were third out of a total of 14 performances. Before we knew it we were on stage, the blinding lights hid the crowd of schools watching and a sea of proud parents. Our performance went to plan and it seemed to be over in a flash. The crowd went wild, we took our final bow and sat back in the audience to enjoy the rest of the show with lasting memories of an amazing experience.

Quotes from some of the performers:

*Beth: "It was an amazing night. I was really nervous beforehand but as soon as I got on stage I knew all the moves and I couldn't stop smiling."*

*Will: "I was absolutely terrified to go on stage. But then I saw my mother and all my fear left me instantly. I am very happy and excited about future events like that one. Thank you to the Performing Arts team for an amazing evening."*

*Sylvia: "I wasn't quite sure what to expect on the night of Dance Splash but it turned out to be an amazing night. Watching all the other schools was an amazing experience and I can't wait to do it again next year."*

*Macy: "As a Dance Splash leader I was really excited for us to show everyone all the hard work we had put into our routines. Everyone looked stunning."*

*Lucy: "I was nervous waiting on the wing but it felt really good when we all got on stage. I think it was really cool to watch the other schools."*

By Macy McLellan - Performing Arts Leader



## Inter Zone Swimming Results

Congratulations to the following students who achieved podium placings at the recent Inter Zone Swimming Event.

Sylvie Langford (Year 4)	1st - 25 m Freestyle 2nd - 50 m Freestyle 3rd - 25m Backstroke
Alex McKeown (Year 7)	2nd - 25m Backstroke

Isaac Thompson (Year 8)	2nd - 25m Breaststroke 3rd - 25m Butterfly
Isaac Thompson Will McKee Theo Lees Magnus Hodgetts	2nd - Year 8 Boys Relay

The following students gained selection for this event, however, due to other commitments and the Year 5 and 6 Camp, not all competitors were available to compete at this event.

Callum Best (Year 4)	Lucas Batt (Year 6)
Amelia Batt (Year 5)	George McKeown (Year 6)
Hugo Jones (Year 6)	Henry Robinson (Year 8)
Peter Cottingham (Year 6)	



*Sylvie Langford heading to a win in the Freestyle event.*

## **The Wild Wet Wellington Wind**

**The wool hats swoop high,  
Pushed by the wild wet Wellington wind.**

**So many crunchy leaves blow by,  
Snatched by the wild wet Wellington wind.**



**Feathery seagulls struggle to fly,  
Escaping the wild wet Wellington wind.**

**Fish dive low,  
To hide from the wild wet Wellington wind.**

**Dotty picnic blankets flap high,  
Controlled by the wild wet Wellington wind.**

**Cushiony jackets glide away,  
Stolen by the wild wet Wellington wind.**

**By Walter (Room 7)  
September 2023**

## **Wok City**

Imagine living in a Wok.  
Dumplings everywhere, unlimited pork.  
People collecting water from steam,  
like birds collecting seeds.  
Eternal warmth.  
Scoffing down dumplings,  
All day long.  
Hidden away from prying eyes,  
Until the end of time.

By Jarvis Ting

WADESTOWN SCHOOL  
HOUSE  
&  
GARDEN  
WALK

TICKETS \$55  
ON SALE NOW

Sun 5 November 2023  
10am - 4pm

Tickets available from  
[www.wadestown.school.nz](http://www.wadestown.school.nz)  
or scan the QR code below



Just a quick update regarding our major fundraiser, happening early in Term 4. We are less than 7 weeks away!

Our ticket booklet has gone to print this week, which is a big achievement and has involved a lot of work. Our grateful thanks to past parent Victoria Smith who has provided hours of design work to make this happen.

We sold over 300 tickets at the presale - thank you to those that supported this. Please help us to continue to try and reach our target of 800 tickets sold! Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

Attached is a poster with all the details of the event. Please feel free to share this poster, print it, place it up at work or any other place you think will have good visibility. If you would like copies that are already printed, please email us at [wadestownhouseandgarden@gmail.com](mailto:wadestownhouseandgarden@gmail.com) and we can get some to you. Alternatively, some will be available at the school office.

We are also in the process of getting corflute signs printed to promote the event. The public signs will go up after the election, however, we will have some spare signs (available earlier) that can be used on private fences - if you think you can help advertise the event, especially if your fence is on a main thoroughfare, please also let us know via email.

Our refreshments team are up and running and are sorting rosters to help with providing continuous refreshments on the day at two of the homes. We will be relying on the school community to provide food on the day to feed all the ticket holders. We will also be needing your help to provide items for our famous deli stall - we will offer some suggestions in Term 4 of top sellers!

Early next term a Gate Duty Roster will come out - this will have 2 hour slots for you to volunteer to do ticket checks at a house.

Lastly, a big thanks to all those that have volunteered houses, sponsorship and time so far. This event would not be possible without your generosity.

Please also follow us and share the event on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Ngā mihi nui

The Wadestown School House & Garden Walk Organising Committee

Andrea Davidson, Kris Mayo, Lauren Langford, Heidi Loudon, Sarah Fullarton-Boyce, Mark Crofskey, Anya Zohrab, Sally Day, Lizzie Borowy and Kirsty Bennett

# 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.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Upcoming Event:</b>
<b>Monday 9 October</b>	<b>Beginning of Term 4</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 October</b>	Art Exhibition - TBC
<b>Thursday 12 October</b>	Year 5 and 6 EPro8 Competition at SWISS (9:30 am-12:30 pm) (2x Teams)
<b>Friday 13 October</b>	Unveiling of Art Work at Weld Street 12pm
<b>Monday 16 October</b>	School Board meeting - Strategic Planning 6.30pm to 8.30pm
<b>Wednesday 18 October</b>	Art Exhibition - TBC
<b>Thursday 19 October</b>	NZ Shake Out Drill - 9:30am
	Half of Kapa Haka Performance Group visiting Northland Community Pre School- time tbc
<b>Monday 23 October</b>	Labour Day - school closed
<b>Tuesday 24 October</b>	Board drop-in session (consultation for strategic planning) @ 5:30 pm with Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday 25 October</b>	Kōwhai STEM work experience day with Aurecon (30 students)
<b>Thursday 26 October</b>	Half of Kapa Haka Performance Group visiting Wadestown Kindergarten- time tbc
	Whanau Hui - Rose Street Hall @ 6.00 pm
<b>Tuesday 31 October</b>	Year 3 Sports Festival
<b>Wednesday 1 November</b>	Year 4 - 8 Wadestown School Athletic Sports
<b>Friday 3 November</b>	Year 4- 8 Wadestown School Athletic Sports -postponement date
<b>Sunday 5 November</b>	House and Garden
<b>Friday 10 November</b>	WZ Athletics

# KAHUI AKO EVENT

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).**



To sign up please click [HERE](#)

# YEAR 8 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.

## Wellington Girls' College Orientation Year 8 Hui: Thursday 23 November 2023

We are pleased to advise that the students enrolled at WGC for 2024 from your school, are invited to attend our Year 8 Orientation Day Hui. All enrolled whānau will be directly sent this information to inform them of this experience day.

An outline for the day is shown below:

- 9am - 9:15 - Arrival - WGC Gymnasium (own arrangements for transport) Name tags & sign in sheets
- 9:15 - Emergency Information
- 9:30 - Welcome from the Principal
- 9:45- Warm up activity
- 10:00 - Life at WGC
- 10:30 - Morning Tea

### GROUP ACTIVITY

- 10:45 - Group 1 - Q & A session with old girls

### Group 2 - ID Photos

- 11:15 - Group 1 - ID Photos

### Group 2 - Q & A session with old girls

- 12:15 - Tour
- 1pm - Lunch (Gym)
- 1:30 - Rotation Activity #1
- 2:30pm - Rotation Activity #2
- 3:10pm - Farewell & Finish

- 3:20 - Students depart (Normal School buses waiting for Karori/Northland/Brooklyn)

Transport will need to be arranged by families to arrive at WGC; however we have our normal school buses to return students back to their suburb if they reside in Karori, Wilton/Northland, Brooklyn. If students prefer to not use the school buses provided, it is their whānau responsibility to organise pick up. If students are not attending our orientation day they should be attending your school as usual.

Students are required to bring their own morning tea and lunch and wear comfortable clothes and shoes that will enable the students to move around the school for the orientation activity.

On arrival please use the Murphy Street Sports Entrance which takes you straight to the school gym to sign in and start the day's event

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Wadestown Tennis Club

Enrolments are now open for the 2023/24 season!



The Wadestown Tennis Club is a community tennis club for school-aged players 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 kids 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 three fun tournaments each year.

If you are interested in joining, feel free to pop along to one of our Club Nights (from Friday 27 October) to see what it's all about. For more information including enrolment details see our website at <https://clubspark.kiwi/WadestownTennisClub> or email [wadestowntennis@gmail.com](mailto:wadestowntennis@gmail.com).



## Karori Arts and Crafts Centre

Enrolment has begun for Term 4 classes at Karori Arts & Crafts Centre. There is something different on Monday to Thursday for kids to do after school.

Monday is *Sculpting Animals* with Sara Dean, running 16 October to 4 December, 3:30 – 4:30.

Tuesday is *Art for 8 & Up* with Rowena Fry, running from 17 October to 5 December, 4:15 – 5:30.

Wednesday is *Beginner Sewing for Kids* with Brenda Turner, running from 18 October to 22 November, 3:30 – 4:45.

Thursday is *Julie's Art Adventures* with Julie Moonlight, running from 19 October to 7 December, 4:00 – 5:15.

For complete details, please visit our website: [www. KACC.org.nz](http://www.KACC.org.nz)

## Empower your child with Resilience, Independence and Confidence!

**FREE Parent Online Summit** - 3 days, 3 themes, 21+ world-class speakers: 6th - 8th October. If you want tips, tools and ideas to parent your child to be resilient, confident and independent - this FREE summit is for you! Register for your FREE ticket here: [www.spectrumparentsummit.com](http://www.spectrumparentsummit.com)







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**Parenting for Resilience,  
Confidence & Independence**

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6-8 Oct 2023

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[www.spectrumparentsummit.com](http://www.spectrumparentsummit.com)



## Do you know a child who loves to sing?

Bring them along to our CHORISTER OPEN DAY, where they can experience what it is like to sing with the Cathedral Choristers.

Includes a tour of the Cathedral and Fish and Chip supper.

Thursday 19 October, 3:30-6:30pm



Register here: <https://www.wellingtoncathedral.org.nz/chorister>

## Tots to Teens - latest issue

To see the latest issue for Tots to Teens [click here](#).



St Ninian's Karori Holiday Programme

## Who Do You Want to Be?

Explore the possibilities with us!

Whatever you want to be when you grow up, have fun exploring your options with us!

Along with games, crafts, fun activities, music & drama, we'll have some cool visitors: police officer, fire fighter, doctor, nurse, vet, teacher, musician, builder, missionary, minister and more!

**2-5 October**  
**9am-1pm**

**208 Karori Road**

Cost: Koha  
Morning tea & lunch provided  
Register by 1 Oct

Ph: (04) 476 7137 or email: stnup@xtra.co.nz



**2023 – 2024**  
**Summer Season**

**WELLINGTON COLLEGIANS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB**

FROM

Nursery  
Grade

THROUGH TO

Year 8  
BOYS

AND

Year 11  
GIRLS

**Registrations Open Now!**



Grades & Registration | Collegians  
wellingtoncollegians.co.nz

wjcc.membership@gmail.com

Wellington Collegians Junior Cricket Club

## Staglands

A quick message to let our school community know about our up-and-coming October School Holiday Clue Hunt Challenge.

Kids can take our Clue Hunt Challenge these school holidays and get a free kid's meal on us from the Staglands Cafe!

To take The Challenge simply download the [Challenge Sheet](#) from [our website](#) or collect from the Ticket Office when you visit. Then complete the challenge correctly and head to the Cafe to claim your meal!

Make sure you enter our bonus draw also to be in with a chance to win a Staglander Annual Family Pass valued at \$220.

## Clue Hunt Challenge

**free kid's meal**  
for every  
completed  
challenge  
sheet!

**Staglands**  
Wildlife Reserve & Cafe

## **Junior Summer Programme for players in Years 1 to 6 (Monday/Tuesday afternoons)**

Wellington Hockey's Junior Summer programme is a great opportunity for young players to try the sport for the first time or for existing players to grow their skills in a fun and inclusive environment.

This programme is led by WHA Coaches and involves a combination of skill development, and small games suitable for the age and stage of the players.

We are aiming for the programme to run in the following locations, however, the exact locations will be registration-dependent.

- Elsdon, Porirua
- TBC, Karori/Kelburn
- National Hockey Stadium, Newtown
- Fraser Park, Lower Hutt
- Maidstone Upper Hutt

The 6-week programme starts on Monday 30th October/Tuesday 31st October, with the last session the week of 4th December 2023. The hour-long sessions start at 4pm.

An individual registration fee of \$45 is due at registration.

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/b9182c>

Entries close: **Tuesday 24th October**

## **Year 7/8 Twilight Competition (Monday Evenings)**

The competition is for years 7/8 players and is suitable for experienced hockey players or those new to the sport. It is a 6-week league and starts on Monday 30th October. The last game will be played on December 4, 2023. Teams can be school-based teams or just a group of friends.

Locations are Elsdon, Fraser Park and the National Hockey Stadium, Newtown. These locations are registration dependent.

It is a 6-a-side competition with one game per night 2x20 mins with 5 mins break on half turf. The earliest game will start at 5.00 p.m. and teams will need to provide their own umpires.

A team registration fee of \$90 is due at registration.

Entries close: **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/e1f15e>



## Art Through the Ages | Toi Puta Noa i Ngā Tau

From the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September to the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, our libraries are putting on over 50 free art-themed events for young people. Highlights include:

- A 'Festival of Ultra-wild Design' with local graphic artist and maverick inventor Steve Mushin
- Getting up-close and personal with extremely old and rare items from our Rare Books collection – some from the 1400s – and learning how they were decorated and illuminated
- Creating micro-masterpieces for an exhibition of tiny art at the library
- Taking on the role of Michelangelo and painting the undersides of our tables and desks like you're painting the Sistine Chapel
- Traditional Chinese painting, Japanese wood-block printing, raranga papercrafts, and much much more!

Visit our blog for the full list of events, times and locations: [School Holidays: Art Through the Ages | Toi Puta Noa i Ngā Tau – Kids' Blog \(wcl.govt.nz\)](#). Some events require registration, but all are totally free.