



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

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

E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi, he toa takitahi
My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective.

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

I hope this finds you all refreshed after the school holidays and ready for the final term of the year. Our teachers and students worked diligently last term to complete a number of visual arts projects and the staff and I have been delighted to be able to showcase these over the past fortnight. Our 'Creatives in Schools' opening at Weld Street last Friday saw the artwork that our Pohutukawa students completed with Kerala Heap, celebrated by teachers, students and parents. If you haven't already visited Weld Street, I encourage you to pop over there to view the stunning works of art that are displayed around our Weld Street school site. You will notice the newly installed plaque that acknowledges this particular project. Later in the newsletter you can read more about the process and learning that our students took out of this project.

Following on from this, our whole school Art Exhibition in the school hall has its final day today. The feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive and I know that the students have continued to return to the hall to look at both their own art and the art of other students from across the school.

Being able to celebrate the arts in these ways brings art to life and demonstrates what it is to be an artist. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Robyn Grover and Cathrine Wilkinson, and our teachers for making these events happen.

Ngā mihi nui
Amanda Frater
Tumuaki/Principal

House and Garden - Major Fundraiser 2024

We are thrilled to be once again running our House and Garden fundraiser. This event only happens every 3 years and is our major fundraiser for the school.

Ways in which you can support this event:

1. Promoting this event to friends, family and colleagues
2. Selling tickets (if each family sells 4 tickets we will sell out)
3. Signing up for a 2 hour gate duty slot on the day
4. Providing items for the deli stall sale
5. Baking for refreshment houses on the day.

In speaking with people who have come into the office to collect their tickets, there is a lot of excitement about the return of this event, post Covid.

Strategic Planning 2024 - 2025: Community Engagement

As you will be aware, our community engagement survey is now live. Thank you to those of you who have already taken the time to provide your feedback and suggestions.

If you have not already done so, we would encourage you to take the time to share your thoughts and opinions. Every parent has been emailed the link to this survey. Your feedback will help the Board to frame up our key strategic goals and schoolwide direction for 2024 - 2025.

Transitioning Students ahead of 2024

Plans are underway to start preparing our students for their upcoming transitions, ahead of 2024. This will look and feel different for individual students for a number of reasons.

This can be both an exciting and a confusing time for our learners. If your child is feeling apprehensive or has questions about this change, please discuss this with your child's teacher in the first instance.

Beginning of the Year: Meet the Teacher and Stationery Drop Off

On Tuesday 30 January, the day before school starts, we will again have our "Meet the Teacher" and Stationery drop off afternoon. This is an opportunity for students to come and see their teacher and classroom after the long holiday break and to drop off their stationery ready for the first day of school.

Further details to come - please save the date.

Ballot 2024

We currently have a ballot available for out of zone places. If you are aware of any families who are looking to attend Wadestown School in 2024, please ask them to make contact with us via the ballot link below: <https://www.wadestown.school.nz/ballot-term-1-and-2-2024/>

Bucket Hats - Term 4

A friendly reminder that all students are required to wear a Wadestown School regulation bucket hat in Term 4.

If you need to purchase a new hat for your child, we have these available for purchase at our Rose Street office for \$20.00 per hat.

Principal for a Day

Thank you to Lily-Mae, Milly Batt, Alexia and Sylvie Langford (Deputy Principals) for their contributions to this year's Principal for a Day.

Cathrine, Robyn and I had them join our Friday Senior Leadership Meeting to brainstorm possible changes for our school. They also attended our Weld Street Assembly and enjoyed handing out the certificates, reading the students a special picture book and spending time with the teachers in the staffroom over morning tea. We also took time for a special trip to Duck Island to sample Simone's new ice cream flavour and enjoyed a special sushi lunch. The afternoon saw them participating in a special Room 7 oral presentation by Isla.

Planning for 2024

If your plans for 2024 will see your child leaving Wadestown School, it is helpful for our schoolwide planning to be told about this. Please [email me](#) to let me know if your child will not be returning at the end of the year.

CREATIVES IN SCHOOLS

On Friday 13 October, Weld St had an 'official' unveiling of our Creatives in Schools project. Our guest of honour was the artist for the programme: Kerala Heap and Michelle Crutchley was our photographer extraordinaire. We were thrilled to see so many parents attending and we were exceptionally proud of the way in which our students spoke about the timeline to creating their artworks with Kerala. They had to compete with a strong prevailing wind so for everyone who was unable to hear or attend the unveiling, here is what they said...

Our Creatives in Schools Timeline

When we first started working with Kerala we learnt what a symbol looked like. We tried to make some symbols out of coloured paper. [Lena Kennedy-Good](#)

Everybody had their own sketchbook. We used these nearly every lesson. We drew our ideas using pencil and this helped us plan our work. [Harvey Mintrom](#)

One day we walked to Fernhill Terrace to see the very first Wadestown School. It is a very old house and the lady who owns the house is 96 years old. [Rose Nacey](#)

We were very grateful to go into her garden and sit down and reflect on what it would have been like going to school there over 100 years ago. There weren't many houses in Wadestown at that time. [Isla McDonald](#)

When we came back to school we drew large maps of the Wadestown Streets that we walked down, using brown paper and charcoal. [Finn Crutchley](#)

We listened to the legend of Wellington Harbour and drew taniwhas . Eventually we painted taniwha pictures and Kerala taught us how to build up depth in our artwork. This means there were lots of things in the background. [George Griffiths](#)

One day we came into Room 2 and it smelt like the ocean. There were lots of different types of seaweed on the tables. We learnt how to look at the seaweed and try to sketch it without looking at the paper. This was called 'Blind Drawing' and it was quite tricky. [Sadie Flynn](#)

During our art lessons with Kerala we used lots of different materials like chalk pastels, oil pastels, paint, charcoal, ink, dye, crayon and pencil techniques. [Ashton Maharaj](#)

We used different types of paint brushes to create different effects. We experimented mixing paint to create different colours that would look good on our finished art pieces. [Sophia Baxter](#)

We learnt words like symbol, form, texture, depth, structure and tone. [George Pilcher](#)

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Sometimes we pretended our classroom was an art gallery. Kerala taught us how to walk around the class and respectfully look at other people's artwork and make comments about it. Sometimes we were inspired by other people's ideas. [Rita Churchouse](#)

We learnt a lot about patterning and how to enlarge a small pattern onto a bigger piece of paper. These ideas became part of our finished art work. It felt unusual painting on a piece of wood because we had only ever used paper to do our work. [Simi Bannister](#)

From all the children:

"I am very proud of my finished piece of art and I get to see it every day at school."



RATA PROJECT UPDATE



WADESTOWN SCHOOL
HOUSE
&
GARDEN
WALK

TICKETS \$55
ON SALE NOW

Sun 5 November 2023
10am - 4pm

Tickets available from
www.wadestown.school.nz
or scan the QR code below



Book Bingo

Congratulations to our Year 2 children who have taken up the challenge of Book Bingo. Mr Piper presented the awards at the end of last term to this group of Weld Street students.....some students have taken up the challenge for the next level.



RECENT SPORTING ACTION

Inter-Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to Isaac Thompson, Flo George, and Hugo Jones for their participation in the Inter-Regional Cross Country Championships in Christchurch! Here's a summary of their experiences and successes:

'In the last week of the last term, I travelled down to Christchurch for this year's Inter-Regional Cross Country. It was a great experience and very enjoyable. The course was very flat with the occasional small hill which personally I didn't enjoy because it was a very fast pace and that doesn't suit my race. This year I came 6th which I am very proud of.' - Isaac Thompson



'The 2023 Inter-Regional Cross Country was held at Kakaha Park Selwyn, in Canterbury, on the 21st of September. A team of approximately eighty Wellington runners flew down the day before the race. The course was a mix of flat grass, gravel hills and concrete pathways. The run was three kilometres for the Year 7 and 8 race. It had challenging hurdles, one of which was a horse jump that you could either run around or jump over. I was pleased with my result as I came 12th overall and in the Team event, I came third. Overall, Wellington came first against Canterbury, South Canterbury and Tasman. It was a great experience and I am extremely proud to have qualified.' - Flo George



When my parents and I went to Inter Regionals we got there pretty early so we could walk the track and have some time to get prepared for the race. I was very nervous before the race and wasn't too keen on doing it but my family all convinced me I'd be alright. We watched the races before mine and I saw some of my friends. I did warm-ups for 15-20 minutes to get my body warm and ready. Then I did stretches so I didn't get stiff muscles. The regions that were running were Wellington, Tasman and Canterbury. There were also three independent runners (I was one of them). When the starter went off lots of people sprinted and used all their energy. They soon fell behind everyone. There was a part of the course with a horse jump that you could go over or around. I chose to go around because I think it saves time and energy. There was also a little zig-zag made out of hay that would slow you down. I went at a speed faster than my pace but slower than my sprint at the start. Then I paced the rest of the way and at the last bit, I sprinted. My final time was 7:33 for 2km. By Hugo Jones

Wellington and Kapiti Primary School Tennis Tournament



Congratulations to Chloe Grant for her impressive performance at the Wellington and Kapiti Primary School Tennis Tournament. Chloe secured a well-deserved third place, showcasing her outstanding tennis skills. She narrowly missed the opportunity to advance to the finals, losing in a thrilling super tie break during the semi-finals.

Chloe's performance has earned her a spot in the upcoming Regional Primary School Tennis Tournament in Palmerston North this November. We wish Chloe all the best in her upcoming competition and have every confidence in her ability to shine on the tennis court.

Peaks over Wadestown

A blanket of luscious green covers the unique landscape of rough edges
Hills surround me tightly as I sit
On tips of peaks, trees painted the darkest tone tower in a cover of shade
Metal towers connected by cables are accompanied by the wide sky, as a void
of bright blue hides behind hills
Tangled paved roads twist and turn like jellyfish tentacles
Deafening shouts of cars echo through the hills, breaking tranquil silence
Colourful houses hiding behind trees scatter over the hills like sprinkles on
a cake
Deep valleys hiding down below, filled with trees and shadows.

By Harri C

Hello Moon Goodbye Sun

Hello moonlight.
Goodbye burning sun.
Hello stars prancing in the sky.
Goodbye fluffy clouds.
Hello quiet kiwi.
Goodbye noisy tui.
Hello glowing critters.
Goodbye traffic.

By Olivia Reynolds - Year 7

YEAR 5 & 6 EPRO8 INTER-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Last Thursday afternoon, 12 October, our two Year 5 and 6 EPro8 teams participated in the Inter-School Epro8 challenge at South Wellington Intermediate School. Our two Rimu school teams this year were; the Wadestown Wonders and Wadestown Wizards. I was in the Wizards team with Poppy, Kate and Jack and in the Wonders team was Ciaran, Emma, Will and Oliver.

When we first walked into the competition we were like “Wow! Look at all these electronics.”

The first thing we did was find our station and look at the material. Ours was next to the other Wadestown team.

Next, the person who ran it told us some rules and showed us a few demonstrations of electronics and how to use the string cutter (which was surprisingly satisfying!). Then, we got to choose our challenge. Both teams picked the carwash challenge because it seemed the easiest. We had to make a car wash on wheels to go over the car with a feather duster. We had two and a half hours to complete it.

The build was still hard but not as hard as the rat wheel or any of the other challenges other teams did. Although we didn't finish the challenge, we still tied for second place with four other teams (including the Wadestown Wizards), so we had to do a BUILD OFF to decide who would go through to the next stage. We had to make the tallest tower with a big gear and they would measure from the bottom to the big gear.

Neither of the Wadestown teams qualified to go through to the next stage, but we still got a certificate and we all really enjoyed the experience.

By Charlie Tietjens (Year 5, Room 4)



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:
Thursday 19 October	NZ Shake Out Drill - 9:30am
	Half of Kapa Haka Performance Group visiting Northland Community Pre School - @ 9.15am
Monday 23 October	Labour Day - school closed
Tuesday 24 October	Student Council - Talent Quest at lunchtime
	Board drop-in session (consultation for strategic planning) @ 5:30 pm with Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Thursday 26 October	Half of Kapa Haka Performance Group visiting Wadestown Kindergarten- time tbc
	Whanau Hui - Rose Street Hall @ 6.00 pm
Monday 30 October	PTA Meeting at 6:30pm - Weld Street
Tuesday 31 October	Year 3 Sports Festival from 9.10am to 1pm
Wednesday 1 November	Year 4 - 8 Wadestown School Athletic Sports
	Year 2 Transition Visit to Rose Street
Friday 3 November	Year 4- 8 Wadestown School Athletic Sports -postponement date
Sunday 5 November	House and Garden
Tuesday 7 November	(Year 3- 8) Netball Prize Giving - (12.30 -1.30 pm)
Friday 10 November	Western Zone Athletics
Friday 24 November	Teacher Only Day

YEAR 8 INFORMATION

Wellington High

Te Kura Tuarua o Taraika ki Pukeahu / Wellington High School is looking forward to hosting those year 8s who have enrolled with us for 2024.

This will be on the afternoon of **Thursday 30 November**.

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

Aikido for juniors

Aikido is a martial art with a difference, its focus being on defence rather than attack: a non-violent, defensive art. Aikido is renowned for its benefits for self-control, co-ordination and posture, and like all martial arts promotes confidence and provides fun, fitness and friendship. We are a not-for-profit organisation teaching the art of aikido, based in Kaiwharawhara, in our 30th year. Classes for 'Aiki Kids' (around 6+ to 12 years) 5:30pm every Monday in school terms, and our 'Aiki Teens' train every Monday and Wednesday 6:30pm. First 3 lessons free, then \$80 per term, with 10% discount for families. City Dojo, 132 Hutt Rd, Kaiwharawhara, Wellington, directly above Animates pet shop. Turn up and give Aikido a try - and parents, you can join in too :-). Contact Conrad at conrad@aikido.org.nz or 021 843 467, or visit www.aikido.org.nz.

KELLY SPORTS IS BACK FOR TERM 4 – SPRINT INTO SPORTS held at Weld street!

Thursday's 3.05pm – 4.05pm, starts Thursday 17 October 2023 for 8 weeks.

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 4 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!

To Enrol go to www.kellysports.co.nz and in the school box put “Wadestown”



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.



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 24th October**

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