



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 19

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

**Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa**  
**Let us keep close together, not far apart.**

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

As we head into the final weeks of Term 4, our students continue to keep positive and engaged in their learning. It is their enthusiasm and keen interest that I believe is assisting the teachers to rise to the challenge of ensuring that our students continue to stay happy and engaged in the final weeks of the school year.

Many special events happen in these final weeks and I am aware of how much additional time and effort goes into ensuring these things happen for our students. Thank you to the parents who continue to support and contribute their time by attending school trips and providing behind-the-scenes assistance.

Preparation is underway at Rose Street for tomorrow's House Day. This is a genuine highlight of the year for our students. One of the most special parts of this event is seeing the time and effort that our House Leaders put into organising this day for the rest of the students. This year's Year 8 leaders have led with real heart and have kept the other students at the centre of their decision making. I am very proud of their efforts and in particular their ability to act as role models to the younger students across the school. For me, events such as this are an outstanding demonstration of our Wadestown School GROW values in action.

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

### **Staff Announcements**

We are pleased to share that Liberty Cook will be joining our teaching staff from 2024 onwards. Liberty is well known to a number of you for the work she did in the Rata Team in Room 9, in the second half of 2022.

Prior to working at Wadestown School, Liberty taught at Karori West Normal School. Earlier in her career, Liberty was a lawyer before she made the decision to teach. Most recently, Liberty and her family have had 6 months living in France as a family. Liberty has a keen interest in the visual arts and also in supporting individual students with their learning.

Kate Dammer will finish in Room 6 at the end of this year. She is in the process of making a decision about what she will do next year. We were grateful to her for the time she has given to the students of Room 6 and for the support she has given to the Kapa Haka Performance Group, and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Pip Honore has made the difficult but understandable decision to conclude her time as our Classroom Release Teacher (CRT) in the Rimu Team. Pip has had a long connection to the school and we wish her well for her retirement. I know that Pip has had a positive impact on a number of our students.

## **Wadestown School Board**

Last night saw our final Wadestown School Board meeting for 2023. We were able to warmly welcome our newly co-opted members to the Board, as we continue to induct them into the unique nature of governing in an educational setting.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all our Board members; a number of whom have dedicated an incredible amount of their time and energy to special projects over the course of this year. To have the level of expertise and skill within the group has allowed us to complete work to a high level.

As a Principal, I feel privileged to work with this stunning group of parents. My sincere and heartfelt thanks goes to Genevieve for her support and leadership in the role as our Presiding Member.

## **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

This week also saw us have our final PTA meeting. I would like to thank and acknowledge Michelle (PTA Chair), Matthew, Danielle and Heidi for being such an enthusiastic and motivated team.

I also acknowledge and thank this year's Class Coordinators for their ongoing commitment to bringing together the parent groups across the school.

We are very fortunate to have such a supportive group of parents.

## **Structured Literacy - Professional Development**

The teachers and I enjoyed an engaging session on 'Structured Literacy' last Friday, during our final Teacher Only Day. We invited a guest speaker; Marianne Brown, to work with the teachers on a number of different aspects of Structured Literacy. Marianne works at Central North School in Palmerston North. As a highly experienced teacher Marianne began her own learning journey around Structured Literacy over 8 years ago. As an intervention teacher and parent of a child with dyslexia, Marianne's experience and insights were invaluable to us.

Marianne's focus is on the science of the brain in relation to student's learning to read. Our time with her included sessions on; dyslexia, the impact and importance of intervention in supporting students to learn to read, the explicit teaching of handwriting and the importance of deliberate and explicit instruction in reading and writing to accelerate students in their learning.

We are thrilled that Marianne has agreed to return to work with us all again, at the beginning of next year.

## **End of Year Reports**

My sincere thanks to our teachers, Team Leaders and Cathrine and Robyn for their work on the end of year reports. These will be issued in the final week of the term.

This year an email will be sent out to all parents the day before the issuing of reports to explain the curriculum levelling that informs our Overall Teacher Judgements (OTJs). Please look out for this.

## **School Uniforms**

A reminder that while we allow students to exercise choice in their footwear, students still need to wear shoes that are appropriate for running and walking around our school site. This is especially important at Rose Street.

If your child's footwear is deemed to be inappropriate or impractical, the teachers will discuss this with a student in the first instance. Thank you for your support in this.

Where school uniforms are generally looking untidy, teachers will also raise this with students. It is our aim that all our students wear their Wadestown School uniform with pride and look smart and tidy.

## Schoolwide Organisation for 2024

Team	Team Leader	Team Member	Team Member
Pohutukawa Team	<b>Amanda Lamble</b> Room 1 New Entrants	<b>Joy Henderson</b> Room 0 Year 1 - 2	<b>Ali Clearwater</b> Room 3 Year 1 - 2
Rata Team	<b>Robyn Grover</b> (DP and SENCo)	<b>Melissa Kosmadakis</b> Room 11 Year 3 - 4	<b>Katy Synge</b> Room 12 Year 3 - 4
Rimu Team	<b>Amy Maddock</b> Room 4 Year 5 - 6	<b>Clare Gilligan</b> Room 5 Year 5 - 6	<b>Liberty Cook</b> Room 6 Year 5 - 6
Kōwhai Team	<b>Cathrine Wilkinson</b> (DP/Team Leader) Room 16/17 Year 7 - 8	<b>James Shelton</b> Room 13 Year 7 - 8	<b>Emily Houston</b> Room 14/15 Year 7 - 8

## Parental Requests

We respectfully ask parents to refrain from making requests for their child's placement for 2024 to teachers or other staff members as this can often place additional complications on an already complex job. The teachers and I spend a lot of time working through class placements using our knowledge of our students and their individual learning needs.

## Wadestown School Yearbook 2023

My sincere thanks goes to Katrina De Graff for her tireless work on this year's Yearbook. This is never a small job and she has kindly provided her time and expertise for this year's publication. Alongside Katrina, Matthew Gan, Megan Smith and Derek Piper have provided their time and support to make this happen.

As I have said before, the quality of the Wadestown School Yearbook is the best I have ever come across, and is another testament to the high standards that school continues to reach. t

# VISIT FROM NGAIO PLAYCENTRE

In the highlights of this week, we had a visit from Ngaio Playcentre on Tuesday morning. In addition, students from Years 2, 3, and 4 eagerly witnessed the captivating performance by the Kapa Haka group. The talented performers presented a diverse array of waiata, and to everyone's delight, Year 3 and 4 students joined in the Christmas songs in te reo Māori alongside the Performance Group.

Adding to the cultural exchange, Ngaio Playcentre treated everyone with a beautiful waiata. For Year 4 students, this served as a tantalising taste of what it could be like if they decided to join the Kapa Haka Performance Group next year. The event was truly fantastic, and it successfully immersed us in the joyful spirit of Christmas.



# KŌWHAI SPEECH FINALS - RESULTS 2023

The annual Kōwhai Year 7 and 8 Speech Finals marked the culmination of countless hours dedicated to research, writing, and rehearsals. Each Kōwhai student skilfully presented their unique perspectives, captivating their class audiences through persuasive lenses. From this pool, twenty-four students were selected to advance to the Impromptu and Prepared Speech Finals.

The judging panel for the Finals comprised of esteemed speechmakers: James van der Zouwe and Ed Malcolm-Tait, the 2022 winners, Chris Gray, contributing Toastmasters expertise and Pip Honore, a seasoned professional with a wealth of experience.

Following a morning filled with engaging and thought-provoking presentations, the judges had the formidable task of selecting the winners. After careful consideration and deliberation, the awards were announced amid celebrations. Valuable insights were shared, and speeches of appreciation were given.

Congratulations to all Kōwhai students, whose dedication and hard work shone through in the delivery of outstanding speeches. You have all done yourselves proud and demonstrated the progress made on your public speaking journeys. Well done.

Kōwhai Prepared Speeches		
Name:	Topic:	Place:
Elise Hargreaves	<i>Why Teen Vaping is a Major Problem</i>	1st
Lucy Gray	<i>Te Reo Māori Should be Taught in Schools</i>	2nd
Sylvia Palmer	<i>Why Teachers Should Get Paid More</i>	3rd
Magnus Hodgetts	<i>Why A.I. is a Threat</i>	Highly Commended
Kōwhai Impromptu Speeches		
Will McKee	<i>The Best Way to Keep Fit</i>	1st
Esmee Thompson	<i>The Best Things to Do at the Beach</i>	2nd
Oliver Williamson	<i>The Benefits of Gaming</i>	3rd
Macy McLellan	<i>The City or the Farm?</i>	Highly Commended
Humorous Speech Award		
Louis Kelly	<i>Why Marmite is Better than Vegemite (Prepared)</i>	1st



## WELD STREET ATHLETICS LED BY KELLY SPORTS

Students had their 2nd session of athletics on Monday led by Kelly Sports coaches: Connor, Ava and Jayden. It was a hot morning so lots of energy was spent and new skills were learnt.



# LIBRARY NEWS

## Summer Book Borrowing

We will be giving all returning students (Weld and Rose St) the opportunity to borrow school library books over the summer holidays. Parental permission will be required and the books will be due back by **9 February 2023**. Students will be able to issue up to 20 books either at lunchtime or after school from 3-4pm at the Rose St library on **Monday 11, Tuesday 12 and Thursday 14 December**. More details to follow in a notice closer to the time.

## MARK THIS DATE

**Friday 8 December - Pohutukawa Family Christmas Picnic:**

**Weld Street field 12pm (noon) to 1pm** along with a visit from a story teller from 1:00pm-1:30pm.

## BACK TO SCHOOL STATIONERY



Back to school stationery – order now!

We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make your back to school shop super easy. And if you order in December, you'll go in the draw to WIN 1 of 5 \$1000 cash prizes\*.

Your child's class list is already loaded. Just go to [myschool.co.nz](https://myschool.co.nz). Simply add your details, check that you want everything on the list, then click and confirm — and OfficeMax will get your delivery underway with free delivery on orders over \$70^.

You can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. Laybuy\* is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments and still get your order right away. Plus you'll be helping our school earn school rewards\* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school.

We encourage you to order early to ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1.

So go ahead and beat the back to school rush, order today and give them the best start possible.

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## 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:
Friday 1 December	House Day
Tuesday 5 December	Regional Athletics
Wednesday 6 December	Pohutukawa Funday
Thursday 7 December	Kapa Haka
	Regional Athletics postponement date
	Kaitiaki Day
	Rimu Trip to Ākau Tangi Centre (10:00am - 1:00pm)
Friday 8 December	Weld St Assembly @ 10:15am
	Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
	Non-uniform Fundraiser - food donations for City Mission
Monday 11 December	Kōwhai to Adrenalin Forest
	Rimu Team to Kilbirnie Rec Centre/Kilbirnie Library
Tuesday 12 December	Kōwhai - Iazard Park Picnic and Games
	Rimu Team Animal Survivor - pm
	Christmas in Rata (Christmas crafts and science)
Wednesday 13 December	Rimu Team Banqer Day
	Kōwhai to Kilbirnie Rec Centre (Roller Derby) and WRAC
Thursday 14 December	Kapa Haka with Hemi
	Te Reo with Alwyn
Friday 15 December	School closes at 12.30pm

# 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).



## January 2024 Holiday Programme – Northland Kidz Club

We'll be having scavenger hunts, making scones and ice-cream, planting seeds and having a water fight. Bring your wheels for the Wheels Day, enjoy the all-you-can eat pancakes for afternoon tea, and create another unique painted art work with Maria.

We'll be going to lots of play areas, exploring Tinakori//Te Ahumairangi Hill, splashing in the Albemarle Stream and visiting Kai Cycle, a community vegetable growing venture.

We'll be wandering around Victoria University, going to the Botanic Gardens, and Ruut will be showing us how to make diamond pictures

\$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 ( [www.nkc.org.nz](http://www.nkc.org.nz) ) , or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail ([nkc.jan@gmail.com](mailto:nkc.jan@gmail.com)).

## WCL Summer Reading Adventure – short promo for school newsletters etc.

This summer, Wellington City Libraries is inviting kids, teens and adults on a Summer Reading Adventure! From the 1 st of December 2023 – 31 st of January 2024, you'll be able to log your reading, write, draw or film book reviews, and complete activities and challenges to earn rewards like collectible badges, free books, ice-cream vouchers, and go in the draw to win one of our fabulous Grand Prizes.



Visit the library website today at [wcl.govt.nz/summerreading](http://wcl.govt.nz/summerreading) to pre-register for the Summer Reading Adventure, or visit any of our libraries from the 1 st of December to pick up your Adventurer's Guide and get started.

## KELLY SPORTS IS BACK THIS JULY 2023 WITH THE EVER POPULAR FOOTBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME!

Tues 16 Jan, Weds 17 Jan, Thurs 18 Jan 2024

Tues 23 Jan, Weds 24 Jan, Thurs 25 Jan 2024

9.30am-12.30pm

For children aged 5-12 years

Held in the Green Room (artificial turf) at the Wests Rugby clubrooms, Ian Galloway park, Wilton.

This programme is perfect for "Beginner's" and those wanting to find out more about the game and have fun.

Come along and improve technique, knowledge and skills.

In this programme we will focus on the core skills of control, dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting but MOST importantly having as much FUN as possible!

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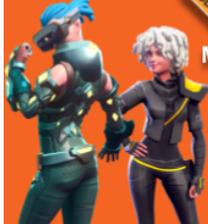
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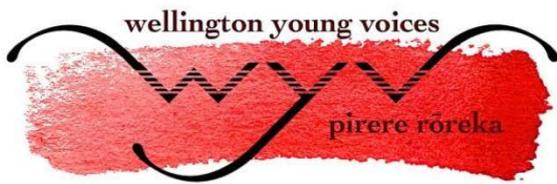
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Where: Queen Margaret College

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[www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz](http://www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz)



# A WADESTONN CHRISTMAS

with...

Wadestown Play Area  
Sunday 17th December 5-7pm

Music Box Academy End of Year Concert  
Live Music  
Christmas Carols  
Family Picnic Event

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