



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 17

Principal: Amanda Frater

Website: [www.wadestown.school.nz](http://www.wadestown.school.nz)

3 November 2023

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.

By all accounts Wednesday's Athletics Day was a roaring success and our students outdid themselves not only in their sporting pursuits, but also in their conduct and team work.

Our student leaders and House Captains worked hard to ensure that every child got involved and put in their best effort. Days like this certainly put our school 'on display' and are a testament to the high standards of behaviour that our students so ably demonstrate. The teachers were very proud of all our students and I am certain that those parents in attendance also felt the same way.

Congratulations to those students who qualified for Western Zone events; we look forward to following your success over the upcoming weeks.

We have also had word this week of a former student Lucy Pottinger who has had success at Wellington Girls' College. Lucy was recently announced as one of two Head Girls for 2024 which is an outstanding achievement.

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

### **House and Garden - Major Fundraiser 2024**

Further to other communication earlier in the week, we continue to urge all families to support this event (our major school fundraiser) in whatever way you can.

Our ticket sales continue to increase which is simply outstanding. The deli are continuing to take final contributions for this today. These items will be sold at the House and Garden event on Sunday.

The baked goods requested for the refreshment stations will not be sold but instead provided to people walking around the houses. These can be dropped off the two locations on Sunday.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact the team on:

[wadestownhouseandgarden@gmail.com](mailto:wadestownhouseandgarden@gmail.com)

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



## **Adoption of SchoolDocs - School Policies and Procedures**

The Board has now resolved to adopt SchoolDocs.

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and align with the National Education and Learning Priorities. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://wadestown.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "wadestown" and password "6012".

## **Strategic Planning Community Engagement - Thank you**

The Board and I were thrilled with the response to our recent Community Engagement. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their feedback with us.

In addition to the over 90 online responses we received, we also conducted in person consultation with representative student groups, the teaching staff and our whānau group.

The Board will now use this feedback to inform the development of our Strategic Plan for 2024 - 2025.

## **Lost Property**

We are continuing to see increasing amounts of lost property across the school; much of which is not named and therefore, difficult to return to the correct owner.

Please encourage your child to take responsibility for their belongings as part of their own self-management.

## Bucket Hats - Term 4

It has been great to see our students taking responsibility for being sunsmart in this final term. If you need to purchase a new Wadestown School bucket hat for your child, we have these available for purchase at our Rose Street office for \$20.00 each.

## Planning for 2024

If you know of any families wishing to enrol their child into Wadestown School for 2024, please ask them to be in touch with Helen or Megan in the office. This information assists us with our school wide planning.

## Netball at Weld Street

Weld Street up and coming netballers are most grateful to their student coaches from Kowhai Team who have committed time at lunchtime to coach over at Weld Street. Also as well a **big thank you to Charlotte McCallum-Mallard** for taking on the role of Netball Coordinator this year.



## Weld Street Parking - Reminder for Parents

Parents and caregiver - Please respect the **2 minute parking sign outside Weld Street from 8:45am to 9:15am** each morning. Parents of new entrants in Room 1 should take priority for parking. This is a friendly reminder following on from a concerned parent that raised the issue with Amanda Lamble. Thank you.

## BEE VISIT AT WELD STREET

An expert and local Beekeeper 'Martin Toland' kindly visited the Pohutukawa Team on Monday to introduce bee keeping to our students. He wore his own bee keeper suit and brought along some suits for our junior students to try on as well as some beekeeping tools such as his scraper and

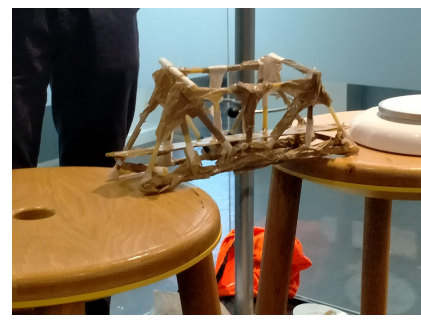


smoker. Martin puts a fistful of pine needles into his smoker and this calms the bees down, then he can safely lift out the trays of honeycomb from the hives. We are grateful to Martin for sharing his knowledge and time with us.

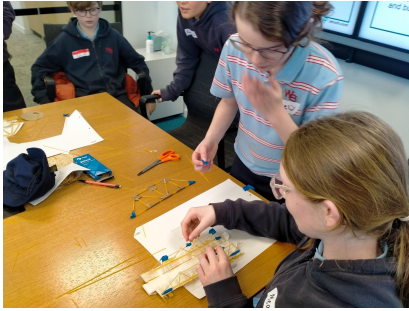


## AECOM YEAR 7 AND 8 ENGINEERING WORK EXPERIENCE VISIT

Thirty Year 7 and 8 students enjoyed an immersive day at Aecom's offices, where they were introduced to the diverse facets of engineering. The day included engaging in team-building activities and problem-solving challenges and exploring the intricate steps involved in project management. The day concluded with an inspiring visit to the Oriental Bay Cycle Way to witness the successful completion of a real-world project.







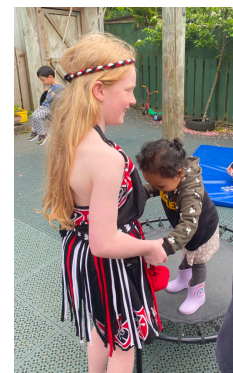
# KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE GROUP VISITING NORTHLAND COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL AND WADESTOWN KINDERGARTEN

We are thrilled to announce the recent visit by the Kapa Haka Performance Group to Northland Community Preschool and Wadestown Kindergarten.

This visit offered an exciting opportunity for our Performance Group to share waiata and strengthen connections with the younger tamariki. The atmosphere was filled with joy, leaving them with radiant smiles and a strong sense of achievement.

In addition to the captivating performances, many of our students had the chance to revisit their old kindergarten and reconnect with the teachers who had looked after them during their earlier years.

A big thank you to Hemi Prime and Kate Dammer for helping make these visits a success.



# 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>Sunday 5 November</b>	House and Garden
<b>Tuesday 7 November</b>	(Year 3- 8) Netball Prize Giving - (12.30 -1.30 pm)
<b>Wednesday 8 November</b>	WWW Day (Wheelie, Wacky, Whippy Day) - Rose Street
<b>Thursday 9 November</b>	Kapa Haka
<b>Friday 10 November</b>	Western Zone Athletics
<b>Monday 13 November</b>	Kelly Sports - Rata
<b>Tuesday 14 November</b>	Year 8 Trip to Government House Booking - 10.00 - 12.00
<b>Thursday 16 November</b>	Kapa Haka
	Orange Day Celebration - in the Hall
<b>Friday 17 November</b>	Western Zone Athletics - postponement day
<b>Monday 20 November</b>	Year 2 Transition Visit to Rose St (for Lunch and Rata Hui)
	Kelly Sports - Rata
<b>Tuesday 21 November</b>	Inter Zone Athletics
<b>Wednesday 22 November</b>	Pre - school information Morning
<b>Thursday 23 November</b>	Kapa Haka
	Inter Zone Athletics postponement day
	Rata Trip to Zealandia
	Wellington College - 2024 Induction Day
	Wellington Girls' College - 2024 Orientation Year 8 Hui
<b>Friday 24 November</b>	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

### 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).



## Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics

Is your daughter or son looking for something a little different to do in Term 4? Come along to a Rhythmic Gymnastics class and give it a try! Email [info@rhythmicgym.nz](mailto:info@rhythmicgym.nz) to arrange a FREE trial. For more information about Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics Inc. and our classes, visit [www.rhythmicgym.nz](http://www.rhythmicgym.nz)

## Montessori

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 11th November, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). If you know of anybody else who may be interested in our Playgroup and/or Preschool and would find the Open Day of interest, please let them know about this opportunity. We currently have a few spaces available for an immediate start. For more information phone 475 9688 or email [wcmp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcmp@xtra.co.nz).

