



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 18

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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.

This morning the students of Room 6 and I had the privilege of teaming up with the team from Aoraki Construction to lay a time capsule outside our new Rata Build. This project has been a team effort with further involvement from our architectural firm; TEAM Architects and with the ongoing support of Genevieve Hancock (Presiding Member) and Tania Williams (Board Property Rep).

This group of Year 5 and 6 students have enjoyed this project over the course of this term. One of the challenges we tasked them with, was working to decide which artefacts would best represent life in 2023. There have been additional discussions about what our 'currency' might look like in 50 years time, what changes might occur across the school, as thought given to the wider, global context that we might be facing in 2073. I have been impressed with the way in which this group of students have come together to complete this project and also their clear delight this morning, as they all got the opportunity to contribute to laying the capsule in the ground. This also provided them with a 'sneak preview' through the windows into the new classrooms and the Library.

Further excitement and discussion has been ongoing with the discovery of an earlier time capsule that was previously laid in 1981 in the School Hall. A small plaque acknowledges this fact and again, we have given some thought to what might be inside that capsule.

Ngā mihi nui

Amanda Frater

Tumuaki/Principal

House and Garden - Thank you Wadestown School Community

The feedback from this event has been overwhelmingly positive. This stunning event showcased the best of our community and was enjoyed by all those who attended.

The heart of our Wadestown School community was evident as you stepped into each person's home and as we moved around the neighbourhood bumping into both friends and new

acquaintances. The warm welcomes, the atmosphere and the genuine connections will have ongoing and lasting impact. For me, a first time attendee at this event, it felt like being welcomed into a friend's home at every place we visited.

I cannot thank Andrea Davidson, her House and Garden Team and all the home owners who opened their homes, enough. I would also like to acknowledge our student helpers on the day and those parents and families who contributed to the deli and refreshment stations.

The record profit from this event speaks to all these things and much, much more.

Kauri Room Deck - Thank you Malcolm and his crew

Another special piece of work by our community has included the upgrade of the Kauri Room deck which concludes this year's Working Bee at Rose Street. The remediation of the deck has been an ongoing goal of ours and to see this realised has been something very special.

This is Malcolm McKee's last year at the school and what a way to end a long running connection through his leadership of our annual Wadestown School Working Bees. I know this latest addition will be enjoyed by many; including our Wadestown Tennis Club.

Staff Announcements

Elizabeth Chater (Team Leader of Rata Team) has won a Team Leader position at Newlands Primary School beginning next year. This will see her leading a larger team of teachers in their Year 3 - 4 syndicate.

In her time at our at school, Elizabeth has worked incredibly hard and contributed much, not only to the students that she has taught, but also to the Rata Team and through her work on Environmental Education, as a Within School Leader working in the Culturally Responsive space, and most recently, using her expertise in Structured Literacy. We wish her all the very best for this next chapter of her career.

Ashleigh Kulwant has also won a new position for 2024. She will be joining the Ministry of Education as a Senior Advisor in the curriculum team. This new professional opportunity will see her working on curriculum and assessment design, development, and implementation of teaching and learning initiatives to support students to lift achievement. I also wish to acknowledge Ashleigh's contributions to Wadestown School and in particular, the work she did with her students, her ability to coach and mentor others and her IT skills.

Many of you may have noticed that our very treasured caretaker, Tani Tumoana, has not been around in the later part of this year. Tani was diagnosed with cancer earlier in the year and has had time away from school to focus on his recovery. We have very much missed his presence around the school but are grateful that he has been able to have the time with his whānau to focus

on his treatment and recovery. He is aiming to join the staff and I at our end of year staff Christmas Lunch.

Class Organisation for 2024

Work on the school organisation for 2024 is ongoing. This will be shared with the community shortly. I thank you for your patience as we continue to work through this.

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.

Term Dates 2024

Teacher Only Days before School starts

Teacher Only Day - Monday 29 January

Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 30 January

Term 1 Wed 31 January to Friday 12 April

Waitangi Day - Tuesday 6 February

Teacher Only Day - Kahui Ako - Thursday 28 March

Good Friday - Friday 29 March

Easter Monday - Monday 1 April

Easter Tuesday - Tuesday 2 April

Anzac Day - Thursday 25 April - during school holidays

Term 2 Mon 29 April to Friday 5 July

Teacher Only Day - Kahui Ako - Friday 31 May

Kings Birthday - Monday 3 June

Teacher Only Day - MOE Accord Day - Tuesday 4 June

Matariki - Friday 28 June

Term 3 Mon 22 July to Friday 27 September

Term 4 Mon 14 Oct to Friday 18 December

Labour Day - Monday 28 October

Teacher Only Day - MOE Accord Day - Tuesday 29 October

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.

YEAR 8 LEADERSHIP VISIT TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

On Tuesday, the Year 8 students went to Government House, as part of their Leadership programme. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the Governor General's role, the history behind the Government House and New Zealand's political systems.

Some key highlights of this visit were when a few special people were selected to receive awards of recognition from our Governor General Louis Kelly, and Military Assistants, Abbie MacAvoy and Ethan Mendis. Macy McLellan and Austin Millar were well-deserving recipients of these service awards. We were all very proud of our peers and enjoyed experiencing a 'mock' investiture ceremony.

We also got the opportunity to tour the inside of Government House, where we could be in the rooms and sit in seats usually reserved for VIP guests. Some students were even lucky enough to spot the Governor General and her dog Lucy as it ran up to some of our excited Wadestown School students.

A speech of appreciation was given by two of our students and the tour guides commented on the fact that our Wadestown School students were always very good at public speaking. So great job Year 8, we are so impressed with your questions and respectful behaviour. As well, a big thanks to our amazing tour guides and our teachers for granting us this leadership opportunity.

Written by Elise Hargreaves and Lucy Gray





WWW DAY - WHEELIE, WHIPPY, WELL-BEING WEDNESDAY

Recently a number of Year 8 Leaders collaborated to create a day of Well-Being activities for the students. It was decided to use 'WWW Day' as the basis for our fundraising and well-being activities. Keeping to the 'W' theme we decided to hold Wheels activities at lunchtime, followed by a visit from Mr Whippy and raise funds for a well-being charity.

The day was a big hit with all of the students. The day began with lots of action at the lunchtime Wheels event, which involved an obstacle course along with a jumping ramp. After lunchtime, the classes were brought out one by one to get an ice cream. We managed to buy a total of 189 ice creams. Our negotiations with Mr Whippy, led to him very generously donating 70c from each ice cream bought. This money and the gold coin donations went towards our fundraiser the Gumboot Friday Charity, which focuses on working towards helping young people with mental health issues by providing the help and support that they all need. By the end of the day, we had raised \$512.

A big thanks to Mr Whippy and the teachers for providing and supporting this amazing experience. The day was a huge success for all of the leaders involved and everyone really enjoyed bringing their wheels and eating their Mr Whippy ice creams, whilst enjoying the perfect weather.

Meara O'Flynn and Macy McLellan

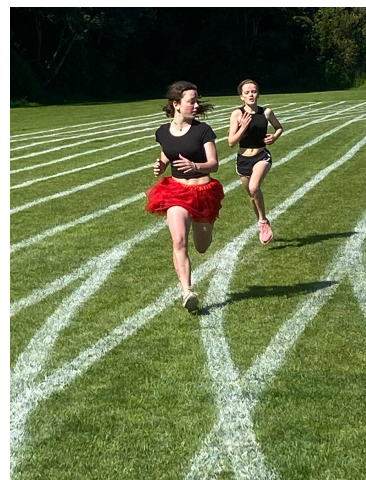
The Kōwhai Leaders



WADESTOWN SCHOOL INTER ZONE ATHLETICS TEAM AND EVENTS 2023

	High Jump	Long Jump	Quoits Y4 - 6 Discus Y7 - 8	Shot Put 7 & 8 only	Vortex	Short Sprints	Long Sprints	400m/ 800m/1200m	Relay
Year 4 Boys					Noah McLean	Noah McLean			Noah McLean Callum Best Ollie Counihan Hudson Maharaj Hunter Hunter Fa'amausili
Year 4 Girls	Emily Gerritsen	Sylvie Langford Halina Borowy	Emily Gerritsen Halina Borowy		Emily Gerritsen	Halina Borowy Sylvie Langford	Emily Gerritsen Halina Borowy		Emily Gerritsen Halina Borowy Sylvie Langford Roxy McArthur Sophia Robinson
Year 5 Boys								Harrison Sutton	
Year 5 Girls		Izzy Coull							
Year 6 Boys			Alek Debski					Peter Cottingham	Jacob Gray Will Bareta Ishan Hota Kun Dowie
Year 6 Girls						Harrie Whyte Alexia Langford	Harrie Whyte Alexia Langford	Naomi Richardson Harrie Whyte	Harrie Whyte Alexia Langford Emily O'Flynn Naomi Richardson
Year 7 Boys								Oliver Williamson	
Year 7 Girls			Zara Delahunty	Zara Delahunty		Rosa Glennie			
Year 8 Boys		Isaac Thompson	Isaac Thompson	Isaac Thompson	Isaac Thompson		Isaac Thompson	Isaac Thompson Henry Robinson	Isaac Thompson Blake Carden Ned Thursby Henry Robinson
Year 8 Girls					Emma Ward				
AWS		Daniel Ebersohn	Daniel Ebersohn		Daniel Ebersohn	Daniel Ebersohn -100m			

ATHLETIC SPORTS IN ACTION





ATHLETICS DAY AT WELD STREET

Connor from Kelly Sports along with two coaches: Jayden and Ava ran a 90 minute session for Weld Street on Monday morning. It was a first for many of our students - new to athletics. The theme was run, jump, throw. A follow-up session will be held on Monday week.

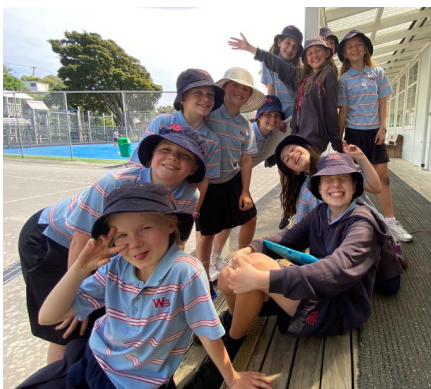


Year 7 Leadership: Tuakana-Teina Teaching

This term, the focus for Year 7 Leadership revolves around fostering connections with the Rata students. Each Year 7 student was paired with 1 or 2 buddies from the Rata team. They took the initiative to write letters introducing themselves to their Rata buddies.

This week, the Year 7 students personally delivered these letters to their buddies. According to the Rata teachers, the recipients were elated to receive the letters and are eagerly writing their responses. Additionally, Year 7 students conducted their first of three lessons for groups of Rata students, starting with a sports lesson. The remaining lessons, covering Te Reo Māori and Art, are scheduled for later this week and early next week.

It was great to witness the Year 7 students embrace their leadership roles with confidence, laying the groundwork for their Year 8 leadership responsibilities next year.



BEES

Weld Street are crazy about "BEES" following their trip to The Discovery Garden. The apiscope made everyone marvel - a real wonder! Students loved their hands-on experience with planting flowers for the bees. It was a wet day but everyone had raincoats and wouldn't have missed it! Marion Saunders was the lead educator and a fount of knowledge on bees (she also knows Martin Toland who came to speak at school on bees as they're in the same beekeepers community).



ICAS RESULTS - 2023

Congratulations to the following students who received commendable results following the recent ICAS examinations:

	Distinction	Credit	Merit
English	Eva Ng (Year 4) Gabbi Lopez-Beuke (Year 7) Gabby Walter (Year 7) Thomas Taylor (Year 7) Ned Thursby (Year 7)	Japot Kaur (Year 5) Ishan Hota (Year 6) Elise Hargreaves (Year 8) Tanveer Kaur (Year 8)	Ellie Pilcher (Year 6)
Science	Gabby Walter (Year 7)	Ishan Hota (Year 6) Thomas Taylor (Year 7)	
Mathematics	Annabeth Gan (Year 4)	Charlie Tietjens (Year 5) William Bareta (Year 6) Alex Debski (Year 6) Ishan Hota (Year 6)	Charlotte Robinson (Year 7) Gabby Walter (Year 7)

LIBRARY NEWS

Lucky Book Club

All orders for Lucky Book Club Issue #8, both online and hard copy, are due by **Friday 24 November**.

Library Book Return Date

All student library books are due back by **Friday 24 November**. This allows us to follow up missing books and prepare for summer borrowing in the last week of the term.

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.

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:
Monday 20 November	Year 2 Transition Visit to Rose St (for Lunch and Rata Hui)
	Kelly Sports - Rata
Tuesday 21 November	Inter Zone Athletics
Wednesday 22 November	Pre - school information Morning
Thursday 23 November	Kapa Haka
	Inter Zone Athletics - postponement day
	Rata Trip to Zealandia
	Wellington College - 2024 Induction Day
	Wellington Girls' College - 2024 Orientation Year 8 Hui

Friday 24 November	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Monday 27 November	Hui-a-Kura
	PTA Meeting at 6:30pm - Weld Street
Tuesday 28 November	Year 2 Transition Visit to Rose St
	Road Patrol Training for 2024 (9:00 am - 20 students)
Wednesday 29 November	Kōwhai Prepared and Impromptu Speech Finals - Hall (tbc)
	Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
Thursday 30 November	Kapa Haka
	Year 5 & 6 Speech Finals in the Hall
	Year 8 to Wellington High 2024 Experience afternoon
	Year 4 day trip to Matiu/ Somes Island (all 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.



Wadestown Residents Association



CALLING ALL RESIDENTS

Did you know

The Wadestown and Highland Park Residents' Associations have merged? Around 2021 the two associations made the decision to merge and have one voice for the wider Wadestown area.

What is it that we do?

The Wadestown Residents' Association exists to represent the interests of our community and strengthen its identity. Our role is to:

- Improve facilities and amenities in Wadestown – we advocated for the retention of our Community Centre and serviced public toilets.
- Provide information to locals about what groups, activities and services are available
- Cooperate with other local groups to encourage and organize community activities – we organise the Wadestown Fair and tree planting.
- Work with government agencies to help represent the people of Wadestown – we are involved with the consultation of cycleways and crime combating initiatives.

Let us know what you think and attend:

**7:00pm Thursday 23 November @
St Lukes Anglican Church, 34 Pitt Street**

Times have changed

Following the pandemic our member numbers have reduced. The Association now questions whether we are still relevant and have a mandate from our community to represent your views and advocate on your behalf.

So what now?

The Committee is holding a community meeting on **Thursday 23 November** to seek your feedback.

The outcome of this meeting will determine if there is enough community interest in retaining the Residents' Association.

If you want to speak with us, visit our Facebook page, the Wadestown Residents Association, and send through a message.

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THIS SUMMER!**

Find your local club at athletics.org.nz

Thanks to our partners **douglas** **GO Media**

PRIDE LANDS FUN HOLIDAY ADVENTURES

**SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT SOUTH WELLINGTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
(SWIS - BERHAMPORE) AND WESTERN SUBURBS RUGBY CLUB (WILTON)**

Dates: 18th DEC 2023 – 2nd FEB 2024 from 7.00am-6pm daily

Fees: Daily \$82.04/cub per session or \$139.47 for two siblings per session

Weekly: \$328.16 per cub/week or \$557.87 for two siblings/week

Social Development: Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games, Kai Cubs Cooking, and Life Skills Programme creating healthy Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Teas provided. No Bag Needed.

Overnight Sleepover: CAMP ELSDON - Porirua (Tuesday 16th January 2024)

Our overnight sleepover will be at Camp Elsdon where we will be sleeping in cabins, learning to cook our own meals in teams and doing a variety of evening activities including, swimming at the pools, some farm experience by feeding and petting animals, skate park and evening entertainment including a glow worm expedition into the forest on our bush walk up Colonial Knob.

Qualified 1st Aid Trained Activities Coordinators and Youth Mentors

One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed at \$12/hr

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: www.pridelands.co.nz or Visit our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare

PRIDE IN ACTION (Home support 1-on-1) Mentors are also available if needed at \$35/her per mentor.



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TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER KAPITI	WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER WELLINGTON	THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER HUTT VALLEY
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SUMMER SWEAT OUT PROGRAMME
SWEAT, STRENGTH & SKILLS

21 NOVEMBER
KAPITI

22 NOVEMBER
WELLINGTON

23 NOVEMBER
HUTT VALLEY

YEAR 7 & 8 | **YEAR 9 - 13**
4:00 - 5:00PM | 5:30 - 6:30PM

\$60 PER PERSON
6 WEEK TRAINING PROGRAMME INCLUDED

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NGĀTAHI TOGETHER

Women's Netball League

Monday Evenings
7.30pm – 10pm
Email for info or to register:
karori.rec@wcc.govt.nz

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TĀKARO PLAY

Men's Futsal League

Wednesday Evenings
6pm – 10pm
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