



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 20

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TE WHAKATIPU ME TO HONOHOHO 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.

In the final week of the last term of the year, we have spent much time reflecting on the year that has been.

A key part of 2023 has been the major building project at Rose Street. We have continued to be impressed that the students, staff and teachers have continued to keep things running as normal, despite the disruptions. Their flexibility and adaptability is testament to the commitment everyone has shown to the school and most importantly, our students' learning.

The stunning leadership of our students has remained another key feature and our younger students have continued to benefit from the stunning leadership and service that our Year 8 students have provided.

Our students have been provided with a wide range of rich and varied learning opportunities outside of the classroom. Trips to the City Art Gallery, a range of camps, a trip to Matui Somes Island, a trip to visit the bees at the Botanical Gardens to name but a few.

We have seen outstanding academic and sporting achievements. We have seen students grow in their resilience, in their ability to relate to others and in the way in which they treat their peers.

And at all times, our students have remained happy and engaged and our teachers and wider teaching staff have kept the students at the centre of what they do.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the ongoing success of Wadestown School once again this year. It takes a village to raise a child, and this has been evident once again.

I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday period.

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

## **Staff Announcements**

Kate Dammer has won a position at Amesbury School beginning in 2024. This is a permanent position working with Year 2 and 3 students. We wish her all the very best for her next chapter.

Sophie McLellan has been with us over the course of the year as a Teacher Aide. She began working in Room 1 at the start of the year and then after some time in France, returned to work in the Kōwhai Team. Sophie has connected superbly with the students and has been a real asset to each of the teams she has worked in. Sophie is returning to France at the end of December and is pursuing a career in Teaching in 2024.

## **Farewell Assembly**

Amy Maddock organised a stunning and very heartfelt farewell Assembly yesterday afternoon for our departing staff. The students' haka and school song were spine tingling.

## **A message from Pip Honore to our students**

*Dear students,*

*The assembly that you were all part of yesterday and the card I brought home and read afterwards was the perfect end to my teaching career. Your comments were so kind and thoughtful. Knowing that some of you have even kept some writing and poetry you've created with me is very special. And I love that you remembered such a variety of fun things we did together from class novels, to outdoor games to the secret job - even The Minister's Cat got a mention! Please know that I enjoyed them just as much as you did.*

*I'll remember you all via the end of year book and will keep a lookout for your progress via the school and college newsletters.*

*Have a wonderful Christmas holiday.*

*All my love*

*Mrs Honore*

## **Rata Build 2024**

The practical completion of the Rata Block will commence next week. Teachers have had a tour of the building this morning and were thrilled with what they saw.

I extend my sincere thanks to the outstanding team that ensured that this project was possible. The Year 3 and 4 students for next year will be in a state of the art teaching environment from 2024, onwards.

## **Rata Move 2024: Seeking Parent Help**

A community moving day is to be held on the afternoon of **Friday 19** (between 1:30pm and 4:00pm) and then on the morning of **Saturday 20 January** (between 9:00am and 12:30pm) to get the equipment back into the classrooms and Library, ready for the start of school.

If you are available for a few hours to assist with this please email Tania Williams at: [tania.w@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:tania.w@wadestown.school.nz)

With a few families chipping in, we believe that we can get this job completed fairly quickly.

## **End of Year Reports**

End of year reports were sent home with students yesterday afternoon and parents would have received these after school.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the teachers for their work on these and more so, for the support that they have provided to all students over the course of the year.

## **Meet Your Class for 2024**

Our students were able to meet their class for 2024 yesterday and I know that the teachers and students enjoyed this opportunity to get to know one another.

When working with the future Room 6 class, the students were very keen to be referred to as their next year's level!

## **Stationery Drop off and Meet your Teacher for 2024**

This will happen again in 2024 on **Tuesday 30 January**.

Teachers will be in their classrooms from **2:00 pm until 3:00 pm** for students to drop off their stationery and to meet their teachers.

Parents are welcome to accompany their children for this.

## **Second Hand Uniform Sale for 2024**

This will also take place on **Tuesday 30 January**, at Rose Street. This will take place in **Room 7** from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

If you have uniforms that you would like to either sell or donate, you are welcome to drop these off to the school office on **Monday 18 January** between 9:00 am and 10:00 am.

Another collection of second hand uniforms will be taken on **Monday 29 January** between 11:00 am - 12:30 pm.

## Wadestown School Yearbook 2023

The Yearbook is being issued today and will be sent home with your child. It is another example of the stunning opportunities, learning experiences and community events that have taken place at Wadestown School for 2023.

Thank you to all those involved in making this year's book possible.

## Rata Dioramas

In Rata we made dioramas full of native birds and animals. The first step was to make a plan for the diorama. The second step was to bring a box to school. The third step was painting the diorama like the sky, forest and ocean. The fourth step was putting things in your box like your birds or animals or food. The fifth step was to take a photo of you and your diorama. The final step was to take them home. We think everybody's parents were impressed.

By Walter Fu and Lyo Mclean



## Book Bingo Awards at Weld Street

Congratulations to the students that completed their Book Bingo awards prior to the end of the year.

Thank you to Mr Piper for coming to our assembly and presenting the award certificates.



# Year 8 Leavers Dinner





## House Day Action

2023 saw Tui House receive the 'House Patu' for best Waiata performance.





## Weld Street House Day led by the Year 8 House Leaders





## Christmas Family Picnic At Weld Street Last Friday

Weld Street students enjoyed a wonderful celebration time with their families on Friday. Thank you to Ms Synge for leading the singing and the Christmas Jump Jam dance. When students saw Mr Whippy arrive it was hard for them to contain their excitement. Thank you to all our parents, grandparents and caregivers that supported this event...it made it so special and the teachers LOVED seeing everyone dancing on the field.

Juliette McIvor was the visiting storyteller which was a treat as we have many of her books in our Weld Street library. Congratulations to Andre who won the book bag that Juliette gifted to our school. We are most grateful to **Thorndon New World** for donating the lemonade ice-blocks for the preschoolers.



## Wadestown School Prize Giving 2023: Cup Recipients

<i>Cup</i>	<i>Award</i>	<i>Recipient</i>
Leslie Cup	Yr 8 All Round Excellence - Leslie Cup	Elise Hargreaves
Barrett Cup	School Values - Sally & Bill Barrett Cup	Louis Kelly Magnus Hodgetts
Paviour - Smith Cup	Paviour-Smith Cup for Citizenship	Blake Carden
McHardy Cup	Contribution and Leadership in Sports	Emma Ward
Hickey Trophy	Sporting Excellence - Hickey Cup	Isaac Thompson
Tracey Wilson Cup	Netball - Tracey Wilson Cup	Beth Comer
David Hairstylists Cup	Outstanding Contribution' to Netball Cup	Lucy Gray
Ferrier Cup	Cross Country - Ferrier Cup	Isaac Thompson
Maita-Maurice Cup	Performing Arts - Maitra-Maurice Cup	Macy McLellan
Norgrave Cup	Impromptu Speaking - Norgrave Cup	William McKee
Perfect Cup	Prepared Speaking - Perfect Cup	Elise Hargreaves
Julian Cup	Humourous Speech Competition Y 7 & 8	Louis Kelly
Yr 5 & 6 Speech Trophy	Yr 5 & 6 Speech Competition	Ellie Pilcher
Cultural Cup	Mōu e Whakarangatira nei i tō Ahurea For you who enrich your culture	Lucy Gray Maea Forbes-Ballard

## RATA'S TRIP TO ZEALANDIA

On Thursday 23 November, all of Rata went to Zealandia. We got split into four groups and went with a guide who showed us around. We got to a gate and our guide said that, if you had a bag, you had to look inside to check that there weren't any predators before you could go inside the gate. Then we entered the gate and saw some ducks but if you went too close to the babies, the mother would attack you. We walked on a path to another gate and further on through there we saw a dead skink. We walked a bit further and got to another gate that had tuatara that blended into the beautiful bush. At first we couldn't see them but a few minutes later we saw two tuatara

with serious looking faces. Then we saw a lot of kaka flying to get their food. One kaka randomly dropped a piece of food in a duck's mouth. The duck was a brown teal and it is endangered. I had a good time at Zealandia.

By Jamie Whyte



## Gate Duty with Michelle Crutchley

Last week Michelle with the help of Finn turned Gate Duty into some festive fun....there was Christmas music and bubbles. The photo is **Michelle** Crutchley assisting **Michelle** Berridge.



# RECENT SPORTING SUCCESS

## Regional Athletics



- Our Wadestown School Year 6 4 x 100m Relay team celebrated a winning performance at the recent Regional Athletics Championships, clocking an impressive time of 1:00.47 to claim the title of Regional Champions.
- Congratulations also to Isaac Thompson who ran the 1500m in a credible time of 4:47 minutes to earn second place in the Year 8 Boys

The **Wadestown School Touch** teams have finished the season on a high note, with several of our teams making it to the finals. This achievement is a testament to our talented players' dedication, skill and teamwork. We extend our appreciation to everyone who supported the teams throughout the playing seasons. A special thank you goes to: Pete McLellan, Leah Watts, Gwyn Baretta and Genevieve Hancock.



# YEAR 4 - MATIU SOMES ISLAND YEAR 4 TRIP

The Year 4s went on an amazing trip to Matiu Somes Island. We were really bored on the way there but when we arrived our eyes almost popped out of our heads. A bird had swooped down over us. Then we went to a small room where a man told us about Matiu Somes Island. He also told us to check our bags for any pests. We had soon started our long journey around the Island. After about 5 minutes we had lunch. After lunch we went to find skinks, tuataras and birds. While we were walking we saw a dead skink but we also saw lots of living ones sunbathing in the hot sun. Unfortunately we did not see any tuataras. We came across the gun emplacements. They were deep and creepy like a maze. On the island there was a big long house which used to be an animal quarantine. When animals came into the country they had to stay there for 30 - 60 days to check they were free of disease. got sick they would go to the long house to get looked after. We had a great trip and thank you to the parents who came.

By Dani Mayo, Sylvie Langford and Imogen Prebble



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# 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).

## Tots to Teens

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3:30 to 4:45

**Mondays**



Art for 8 & Up  
13 February to 9 April  
NO CLASS 2 April  
4:00 to 5:15

**Tuesdays**

**Sewing & More**

Check the website in early January for times  
and dates for Kids Sewing and an  
Intermediate Art Class for kids 11 to 13.



Julie's Art  
Adventures  
8 February to 28 March  
4:00 to 5:15

**Thursdays**