



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 1

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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.

Welcome back for 2024!

The Wadestown School staff and I are delighted to welcome you all back for a brand new school year. We trust that you all had a safe and enjoyable summer break and that your children are excited and ready for the year ahead.

Rooms 11 and 12 and the School Library are now back in operation and it has been wonderful to watch our students being able to reinhabit these spaces once again. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the staff, students and parents who assisted with the move back into these spaces.

Final work will continue over the upcoming weeks but thereafter, we are looking forward to officially opening these spaces and inviting our community in to have a look. Further information to follow.

Ngā mihi nui

Amanda Frater

Tumuaki/Principal

We welcome the following students who have joined us here at Wadestown School:

- Archie, Natalie, Thomas, Freddie and Kayson (Pohutukawa Team)
- Maura and Adela (Rata Team)
- Logan, Amelia and Daniela (Rimu Team)
- Han and Michael (Kōwhai Team)

Beginning of Year Teacher Only Days 2024

The teachers and I enjoyed two days together before the start of school as part of our annual beginning of year, Teacher Only Days. This year, the two days were focused on Teacher Wellbeing, Student achievement and learning. Additionally, we had half a day working with a guest

presenter, Marianne Brown who provided professional development for all teachers around our Structured Literacy approach and the Science of the Brain.

A key piece of work for us this year is going to be around the teaching of Writing. Aligned to this, is the explicit instruction of handwriting for all students across the school. Further information will be shared through our Term 1 Team Newsletters so please keep an eye out for that.

Beginning of Year Events

There are a number of beginning of year events which we welcome parents to involve themselves in. These will assist with your child's transition to school (for our new entrant students) but also with the transition into a new classroom, and for some students, into a new team. Please see below for the further details:

Meet the Team Evenings - Next Week

Each team of teachers will be available next week for our annual "Meet the Team" evenings. Parents are invited to attend these evenings as they provide a good overview of the year ahead and also provide you with the opportunity to catch up with parents from within your child's cohort.

Tuesday 13 February

Pohutukawa Team: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm (Weld Street)

Rata Team: 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm (Rose Street)

Thursday 15 February

Rimu Team: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm (Rose Street)

Kōwhai Team: 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm (Rose Street)

Mihi Whakatau - Thursday 15 February at 9:15 am

Invitations have gone out to all parents of students at the school, to attend our beginning of year Mihi Whakatau.

If you have never attended a mihi whakatau before, I would encourage you to join us and to find out more about the way in which we welcome our newest students, teachers and their whānau. Additional information was provided in the email that outlines what will take place and the reasons behind the protocol we follow.

Thank you to Emily Houston and Katy Synge for making this event possible.

Whānau/Kaiako Conversations - Tuesday 27 - Thursday 29 February

Our beginning of year Whānau/Kaiako conversations will take place in Week 5 of this next. Early next week, the booking system will be opened and shared with parents.

These conversations last for 10 minutes and will assist with building a relationship with the classroom teacher, the parent and the student. Further information to be shared shortly.

School Bucket Hats

It has been wonderful to see all our students with their bucket hats on during morning tea and lunchtimes. Thank you all for your support in this.

Please remember to name your child's hat to ensure that if lost, it can be returned to its rightful owner.

The office is continuing to supply brand new school hats for purchase. These are available from Rose Street for \$20.00 each.

Second Hand Uniforms

A big thank you to the PTA for running the Second Hand uniform sale ahead of the start of school.

Tomorrow is your final chance to access all the uniforms from Room 7. Please speak to [Helen](#) or [Megan](#) in the office if you require access.

Year Books from Previous Years

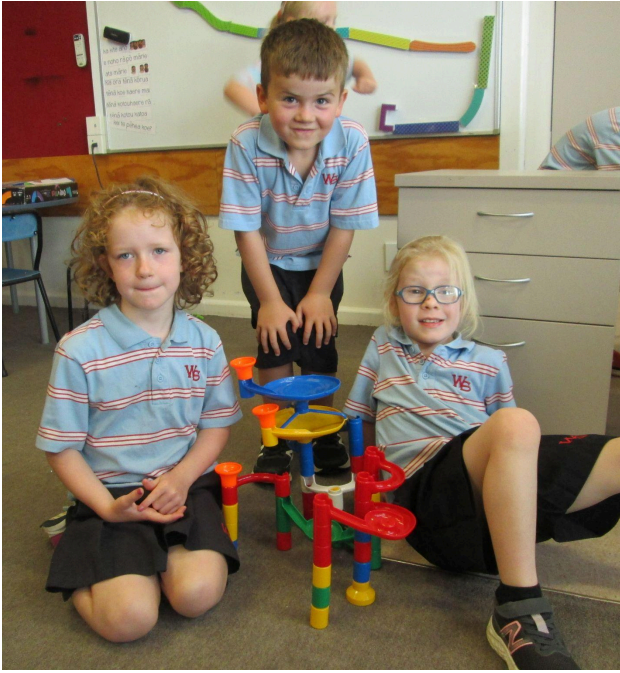
If you are interested in purchasing year books from previous years, please come into the office. These are now priced at \$5.00 per book. All of these are in brand new condition so it is a great opportunity to stock up on books you might not have purchased at the time.

Discovery Time

It was all smiles on Friday with our first Discovery Time at Weld Street.

There was a challenge to cooperate with others in constructing something as well as time for making.





SCHOOL NEWS

2024 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 9 February	Year 7 Immunisation Education Session: 11.30am
Tuesday 13 February	Meet the Team evening (45 minutes) - Pohutukawa from 5pm - Rata from 6pm
Wednesday 14 February	Kōwhai Water Safety Lesson 1 - Keith Spry Pool
Thursday 15 February	Whakatau @ Rose Street from 9.15am
	Meet the Team evening (45 minutes) - Rimu from 5pm - Kōwhai from 6pm
Monday 19 February	Board Meeting @ Rose Street from 6.30pm
Wednesday 21 February	Kōwhai Water Safety Lesson 2 - Keith Spry Pool
Thursday 22 February	Whakatau @ Weld Street from 9:15am

	Kōwhai Parents' Information evening (Camp)
Monday 26 February	PTA Meeting @ Weld Street
Tuesday 27 February	Kaiako/Whānau Meetings
Wednesday 28 February	Kōwhai Water Safety Lesson 3 - Keith Spry Pool
	Kaiako/Whānau Meetings
Thursday 29 February	Kaiako/Whānau Meetings
Monday 4 March to Friday 8 March	Kōwhai Camp @ Curious Cove

COMMUNITY NEWS

KELLY SPORTS TERM 1 – BACK TO SCHOOL SPORTS HELD AT THE WELD STREET SCHOOL!

Kelly Sports is back for Term 1 with our fun and exciting classes!. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go.

We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, teamwork and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Back to School Sports (Years 0-4) held at the Weld Street School – Thursday's 3.05pm-4.05pm – The sports we will focus on this term are: Athletics, Ultimate Frisbee, Turbo Touch and Dodgeball.

It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games & drills to teach game sense and team play. Your child will learn the basic fundamental skills for all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more – all while having a great time!

Sessions start on Thurs 15 Feb 2024 and runs for 8 weeks.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz.

High Quality Early Childhood Education available

Northland Community Preschool has spaces available for children aged 18 months to 5 years. We are a not for profit, community run Preschool with 100% trained and qualified kaiako. Our centre is

small and friendly with plenty of room and resources for your tamariki to thrive. If you are looking for high quality early childhood education please contact our Supervisor, Maeve O'Neill on 04-475 8062 or email office@ncpreschool.co.nz

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.

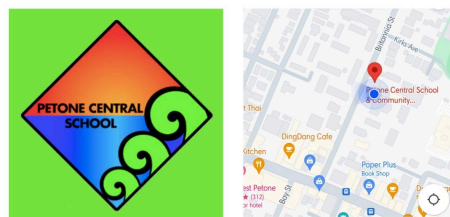
Petone Rotary Fair Car Parking



\$5

**Petone Central School
Saturday 17th Feb
Open from 8:00am**

Fundraising for Year 7/8 leadership trips.



Closest to the Fair

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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.

Start Care Study Programme

With the START CARE study we are comparing two different ways of treating asthma to find out which one is better at preventing asthma exacerbations in tamariki.

- A separate preventer (Flixotide, Serotide or Symbicort) taken every day and reliever (Ventolin or Respigen) taken when needed; OR
- A single combined preventer and reliever (Symbicort) taken when needed and/or every day

The inhalers being used are called "Turbuhalers", they are breath activated and do not require a spacer like most common inhalers currently used. During the first visit the child is taught how to use the Turbuhaler safely. At the second visit, if their asthma is stable, the child will be given one of the treatments (decided at random) to take for one year.

If the child's asthma is bad, or they have an asthma exacerbation, we might want to increase the amount of the study inhaler(s) they are taking.

During the study, we will meet with each participant and their whanau 6 times at our clinic. We will ask questions about their asthma and perform some breathing tests.

All study medication is provided free-of-charge during the study and parents will be reimbursed for their travel expenses.

This study is for children aged between 5 years to 11 years old who have asthma.

The START CARE contact details:

More information: <https://trials.mrinz.ac.nz/surveys/?s=7TKDWXJ4NC>

Our study website: <https://www.mrinz.ac.nz/currently-recruiting/startcare>

Email: startcare@mrnz.ac.nz

Telephone: [+64 4 805 0201](tel:+6448050201) / [027 665 8448](tel:+6446658448)

GirlGuiding for girls 7-9 years

Is your daughter interested in having fun trying new challenges, making new friends, learning leadership skills, having fun outdoors and earning badges?

GirlGuiding NZ has spaces available in your local Brownie group. We meet on Wednesdays in Wadestown from 5:30 until 7pm.

Email Julia and Inge at Wadestownbrownie@gmail.com for more information.

Wellington Dance

"It's not too late to start dance in 2024! At our Thorndon Quay studio, we offer fun and age-specific ballet & jazz classes for 5, 6 & 7 year olds. Choose from Mondays & Tuesdays or Saturday mornings. We also offer Wednesday & Saturday morning classes in Khandallah! Visit wellingtondance.co.nz to see why hundreds of Wellington families love our dance classes."

Drama Club

We run fun weekly drama classes to help your child express themselves creatively as well as learning some valuable performance skills along the way. Our drama classes work alongside the Trinity College London syllabus. Classes are based in Karori, we have small classes that are grouped by age. Email Bridie - admin@dramaclub.co.nz for more information or to trial a couple of classes. Alternatively, check out our website - www.dramaclub.co.nz for more information.



WIN A VOUCHER!

Order eZlunch for delivery dates 12 – 23 February to enter the draw!

Every order goes in the draw for a chance to win. Three chances per order. Winners will be drawn on Friday 23 February 2024 and will be notified by phone or email. No correspondence will be entered into.

Visit eZlunch.co.nz to order.

\$50

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KARORI ARTS & CRAFTS
7 Beauchamp Street

Sculpting Animals
5 February to 25 March
3:30 to 4:45
Mondays

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

Beginner Sewing
13 February to 9 April
NO CLASS 2 April
4:45 to 5:45
Tuesdays

KACC.org.nz
info@KACC.org.nz
04 476 6817

Afterschool Art for Ages 11 to 13
7 February to 27 March
4:30 to 5:45
Wednesdays

Kid's Afterschool Classes
Term 1 2024

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