



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 2

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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.

As classes and teachers are continuing to settle into their new routines the school is humming once again. There has been much discussion in the media about the “One hour of Reading, Writing and Mathematics” instruction recently, and this was part of the Government’s 100 Day Plan for Education.

The teachers and I have had a number of discussions about this, and I am confident that this legislation is something that was very much already in place at Wadestown School. However, it has been a timely reminder for all of us, to review the classroom programmes and to look at how each teacher is structuring their day. For our teachers and their teaching programmes, it has simply been a matter of making ‘small tweaks’ to what has already been in place.

You might have heard the term ‘integrated learning’ recently too. This term refers to an approach by teachers to integrate the core curriculum areas (of reading, writing and mathematics) across the wider curriculum. So, for example, this might see a child writing a report during Science, using Oral Language in a drama lesson, or reading for information during a Social Studies unit. This application of the core curriculum is important, and becomes more evident as your child moves up the school.

Ngā mihi nui

Amanda Frater

Tumuaki/Principal

We welcome the following students and their families to Wadestown School:

- Norah (Pohutukawa Team)
- Zander (Rimu Team)
- Marlo (Kōwhai Team)

Whole School Organisation for 2024

Teaching Staff

Principal

[Amanda Frater](#)

Deputy Principal Y1-4/SENCO

[Robyn Grover](#)

Deputy Principal Y5-8

[Cathrine Wilkinson](#)

Year 0/1 R1 *Pohutukawa (Y1/2) Team Leader*

[Amanda Lamble](#)

Year 1/2 R0

[Joy Henderson](#)

Year 1/2 R3

[Ali Clearwater](#)

Rata Team Leader, Rata CRT Teacher

[Robyn Grover](#)

Year 3/4 R11

[Melissa Kosmadakis](#)

Year 3/4 R12

[Katy Synge](#)

Year 5/6 R4 *Rimu (Y5/6) Team Leader*

[Amy Maddock](#)

Year 5/6 R5

[Clare Gilligan](#)

Year 5/6 R6

[Liberty Cook](#)

Year 7/8 R13

[James Shelton](#)

Year 7/8 R15

[Mel Beirne](#)

Year 7/8 R17 *Kōwhai (Y7/8) Team Leader*

[Emily Houston](#)

[Cathrine Wilkinson](#)

Kapa Haka Tutor

Hemi Prime (Rose and Weld St based)

Te Reo Teacher

Alwyn Rees (Rose and Weld St based)

Part-Time Staff

Reading Recovery Teacher

[Angela Clark](#) (based at Weld St)

CRT Teacher for Pohutukawa

Ann Marshall (based at Weld St)

CRT Teacher for Rimu

Gretchen Elliott (based at Rose St)

CRT Teacher for Kōwhai/DP Release Teacher

[Mel Beirne](#) (based at Rose St)

Support Staff

Librarian

[Derek Piper](#) (Rose and Weld St based)

Office Manager

[Megan Smith](#)

Office Assistant

[Helen Dammer](#)

Teacher Aide

Helen Dammer (8 hrs a week)

Teacher Aide

Fraser Asghar (Rose Street)

Teacher Aide

Lachlan Bruce (Weld Street)

Teacher Aide

Nicola Parsons (Weld Street)

IT Support

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Chinese New Year - The Year of the Dragon

A number of our families celebrated Chinese New Year over the past fortnight. In 2024, we welcome the Year of the Dragon.

At school, we set up our first ever Chinese New Year display at Rose Street and students have enjoyed coming to look at the various artifacts we had on display and discussing what each artifact represented.



At Weld Street, students enjoyed making their own 'red pockets' which they filled with gold coins made from yellow paper.

Return to Rata - Rooms 11 and 12 and the School Library

We were delighted to be able to start the year back in the Rata Block as it feels like a 'return to normal' across the school.

Our Year 3 and 4 teachers have settled into Rooms 11 and 12 well and are enjoying being back in these renovated spaces complete with new carpet, lighting, skylights and a purpose point art area. In the Library, I know that Derek Piper has been working tirelessly to get the Library up and running. The students are once again enjoying this space both for their class Library visits but also during lunchtimes.

Beginning of Year Organisation

A friendly reminder to please ensure that all your beginning of year organisation has been completed and sent back to school.

All students are expected to have returned the following:

1. Emergency Lunchbox (high priority for emergency planning)
2. Permissions Form for 2024
3. Contacts Form for 2024

4. ICT Responsible User Contract for 2024 (Years 3 - 8 only)

BYOD - Bring your own Device (Years 7 - 8)

We have seen a good uptake of BYOD in the Kowhai Team for 2024. Please note that students can select to opt into this at any point in time throughout the year.

Whānau/Kaiako Conversations - Tuesday 27 and Thursday 29 February

A reminder that our beginning of year Whānau/Kaiako conversations will take place next week (Week 5). As previously communicated, the booking system is now open and has been 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.

Pohutukawa Team teachers will be available on **Tuesday 27 February** at Weld Street.

Rata, Rimu and Kōwhai Team teachers will be available on both **Tuesday 27 and Thursday 29 February** at Rose Street.

If you are unable to make these evenings, please make an alternative time with your child's classroom teacher.

Year 5 - 8 Camps - Term One, 2024

This year will see our Kōwhai Team head back down to Curious Cove in the South Island in Week 6 and then in Week 8 our Rimu Team will head out to Waikanae. Having a camp in Term One enables students to make connections and build relationships that will set them up for the rest of the year.

These Camps are a fantastic learning opportunity for our students who get to experience new challenges, step out of their comfort zones and enjoy new experiences.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time to attend these camps as Parent Helpers. Events such as these cannot go ahead without your support. Once again, we have had more offers of help than we can take. We are grateful to everyone who put themselves forward for these camps.

Information Evenings for Camp Parent Helpers will happen ahead of the camps and these evenings are essential briefings for our camp helpers.

Upcoming Opening of the Rata Block

Later in the term we are looking forward to hosting an 'official' opening of the Rata Block and being able to give parents and students a tour to showcase the upgrades we have made.

This event will also include a number of key people who have been essential in making this happen. Further details to come. If you are interested in assisting with the organisation of this event, please make contact with Megan Smith - megan@wadestown.school.nz

Child sized facemasks - free for families

If you and your family would like some brand new child-sized face masks please come to the office and request these from Helen or Megan. We have boxes of 50 child sized face masks to give away. Classrooms will also be stocked with these and students are welcome to wear them whenever they wish too.



Thank you to families for continuing to report any cases - this helps us to track any possible cases within teams and classes.

Meet the Teams Evening - Thank you

We were thrilled with the turn out of parents to all of our “Meet the Teams” evenings last week. Thank you for giving up your time to attend these hui (meetings) and to engage in the messaging from our teaching staff.

I know that our teachers put a lot of thought into these sessions and were encouraged by your support at these events. These home school partnerships are key in ensuring that our ākongā (students) are able to achieve their highest possible academic outcomes.

A reminder that these events go ‘hand in hand’ with the Term One Team Newsletters which have been designed to outline the teaching and learning programmes for Term One. If you haven’t already, please take the time to read these. They can be found [here](#).

Mihi Whakatau - Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the organisation of our recent Mihi Whakatau at Rose Street. Events such as these require a big team effort from a wide range of people and last Thursday, this is what we saw. It was outstanding to have such a large turn out of parents, Grandparents and younger siblings.

It was wonderful to be able to welcome our newest students and our newest staff member, Liberty Cook.

School Bucket Hats

It has been wonderful to see all our students with their bucket hats at school. 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.

Wadestown School Yearbooks

We have a collection of Wadestown School Yearbooks for sale at a reduced rate of \$5:00. Students enjoy looking through these books and this is a great chance to complete your sets of Yearbooks. There are books available from 2019 - 2022.

Please ask the office if you are interested in purchasing one of these.

Lost Property

We have a baby doll sitting in the office that we would like to return to its owner. This was left at the gum tree a week or so ago. Please email the office or come in to collect it.

ACTION FROM THE KŌWHAI WATER SAFETY LESSONS

Water Safety preparation for the upcoming camp at Curious Cove in the Marlborough Sounds



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:
Monday 26 February	PTA Meeting @ Weld Street
Tuesday 27 February	Kaiako/Whānau Meetings
Wednesday 28 February	Kōwhai Water Safety Lesson 3 - Keith Spry Pool
Thursday 29 February	Kaiako/Whānau Meetings
Monday 4 March	Kōwhai Camp @ Curious Cove
Tuesday 5 March	Kōwhai Camp @ Curious Cove
	WZ Cricket (Year 5 & 6)
Wednesday 6 March	Kōwhai Camp @ Curious Cove
Thursday 7 March	Kōwhai Camp @ Curious Cove
	WZ Cricket (Year 5 & 6) - postponement date
Friday 8 March	Kōwhai Camp @ Curious Cove
Wednesday 13 March	Kōwhai Water Safety Lesson 4 - Keith Spry Pool
	Board meeting @6.30pm
Thursday 14 March	Rimu Parents' Camp Information evening
Monday 18 March	PTA meeting @ 6.30pm
Tuesday 19 March	Rimu Camp - El Rancho
	Ki o Rahi Festival PSW Western Zone Schools
Wednesday 20 March	Rimu Camp - El Rancho

COMMUNITY NEWS



The Big Little Sponsorship is back, so spread the word and nominate your school for the chance to win one of two \$10,000 sports grants – one for the North Island and one for the South Island. You can spend it on whatever you need, like new equipment, sports uniforms or coaching sessions. Anything to help your little champions play a little freer.

Entering is easy!

Winning takes teamwork, so get the whole community involved by nominating your school. Teachers, students, parents, friends and whānau can all share the love and show their support for your school by nominating here or by visiting aainsurance.co.nz/big-little

Entries are now open so get your nominations in today!

Calling all footballers from 5-15 years....!

Onslow Junior Football Club is accepting registrations now for the 2024 winter football season.

Boys and Girls are welcome to register for Mixed Football (U7-U15) on Saturdays or First Kicks (for children turning 5 or 6 this year) on Sundays.

Girls also have the option of playing Girls Football (U8-U14) on Sundays.

Register via our website: <https://onslow.org.nz/registrations/>

For more info see our website: <https://onslow.org.nz/> or e-mail football@onslow.org.nz

Registrations close 12th March

Tots to teens

The latest Tots to Teens is now available. Click [HERE](#) to read more

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Fri 15 – Sat 16 Mar 2024, 7.00pm–9.00am

Dinos probably didn't roar, but the kids will at this one-of-a-kind, whānau-friendly sleepover at Te Papa!

Roar & Snore is an extraordinary opportunity to sleep among the dinos of *Ngā Taniwha o Rūpapa - Dinosaurs of Patagonia*. Bed down next to tiny Manidens, ferocious Tyrannotitan, or the colossal 30-metre-long Patagotitan.

Whānau Day, 2023. Photograph by Jo Moore. Te Papa.

Explore the exhibition after hours, hear kōrero from Te Papa's scientists and researchers, and enjoy a hot drink and treat.

Roar & Snore offers a unique way to engage with prehistory. Tickets are limited, so book your spot now for the sleepover of a lifetime!

Continental breakfast included

GIVE RUGBY A TRY!

SEASON STARTS 3 MAY

All welcome at our pre-season events at the Marist St Pats Gym!

CANES IN CLUB
Tue 5 March, 4:30-6pm

REGISTRATION EVENTS
Sun 10 March / 12-1:30pm
Sat 16 March / 10-11:30am
Mon 8 April / 5-6pm

Find out more about Marist St Pats junior rugby
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mspjuniorrugby@gmail.com



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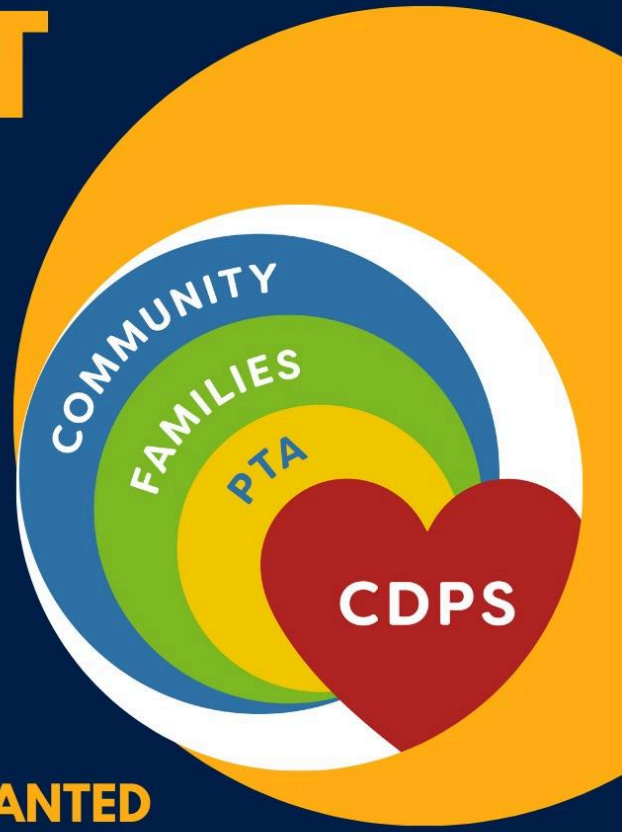
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