

WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## **Community Newsletter No 3**

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### TE WHAKATIPU ME TO HONOHONO 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.

The school has felt rather quiet this week with our Year 7 and 8 students on camp in Curious Cove, with Rata classrooms at Te Papa on Tuesday and our Pohutukawa Team at the Zoo on Wednesday! I know the students have been excited to be involved in these trips and learning experiences and that the parental support has once again, been overwhelmingly positive.

Education outside of the classroom (EOTC) experiences such as these provide a wide range of learning opportunities for our students and better yet, take them out of their comfort zones. Events and trips such as these see our students having to apply the 'key competencies' from the New Zealand curriculum. Skills such as 'managing self', 'participating and contributing', and 'relating to others' are all key competencies that our students are encouraged to employ.

Last week the teachers enjoyed seeing the parents and students for our annual Term One "Whānau/Kaiako" (Family/Teacher) discussions. Having these discussions at the beginning of the year provides all parties with an opportunity to get to know one another and to start to build positive relationships focused on the individual learner. Thank you to all those families who attended.

If your child's discussions had to be rescheduled, these discussions are happening today afternoon for students in Rooms 4 and 12.

Ngā mihi nui Amanda Frater Tumuaki/Principal

#### Scooter Behaviour

It has been brought to my attention that some recent student scooter behaviour has been putting others at risk. While we encourage students to scooter, we also need to be assured that they can do so safely and without endangering others.

If your child is using a scooter to or from school or around the community please remind them to:

- 1. Wear a helmet at all times
- 2. Walk it down to the Scooter Shed when arriving at Rose Street
- 3. Look out for and be aware of pedestrians and slow down in congested areas
- 4. Get off their scooters if they are unable to safely pass others.

#### 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 at Rose Street or beside the second hand uniforms at Weld Street to collect a box or two. 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.



We continue to monitor cases of Covid across the school. Although the number of cases has been low, cases still remain. The symptoms of this strain are less evident in children and we have had families report that their children have very mild symptoms.

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

#### Science Garden - Thank you Mitre 10

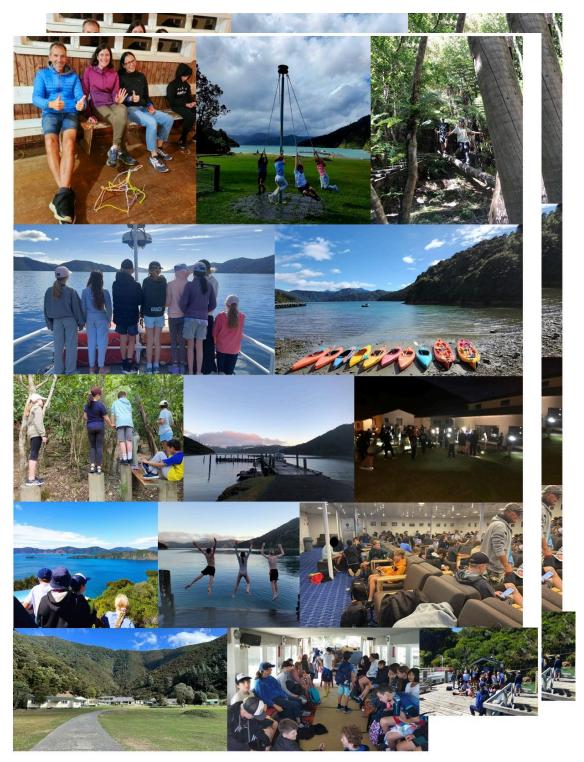
A small but dedicated group of students (Lola, Matthew and Ariana) have this week spent much of their time working on replanting our Science Gardens. Working with Mel Beirne they redesigned the four planter boxes, budgeted for and then purchased new plants and weeded the gardens. Their hope is to be able to grow a wide range of vegetables that can then be harvested later in the year. If you are down there you might also notice their new signage.

We want to thank our local **Crofton Downs Mitre 10** for their generous donation of 4 bags of compost for each of the gardens. This has made a significant difference to the quality of the soil.

#### Curious Cove Camp 2024 - Kōwhai Team

Every second year our Year 7 and 8 students travel to Curious Cove in the Marlborough Sounds for their Kōwhai Camp. On Monday morning, despite the dubious weather, the teachers reported a relatively calm crossing over to Picton. The subsequent photos show blue skies as our students, teachers and parents enjoy a walk up Mt Kahikatea, trips out on the launch, fishing and wharf jumping to start their week away.

We are ever grateful to our parent helpers who are in attendance. Trips such as these couldn't happen without this level of support.





**Our Rimu Team** are currently preparing for their upcoming Camp at El Rancho in Waikanae, later in the month.

#### **Netball Registrations**

Netball registrations are now open. To sign up please go to <u>https://www.sporty.co.nz/wadestown</u> and enter your child's details there. The competition is open to players of all abilities, skills and gender.

Any questions please reach out to Charlotte at <u>charlotteandbeth@gmail.com</u> or text 021 0801 3263. Looking forward to seeing you all out there this season.

#### Year 7 Leadership: Peer Mediation

Over the first half of the term, a group of our Year 7 leaders have undergone an intensive programme facilitated by the Cool Schools Peace Foundation. The primary focus of their training has been on understanding the dynamics of conflict and equipping them with the skills necessary to mediate and resolve disputes among other students in the playground.

The students have delved into the intricacies of conflict resolution, learning about effective communication, empathy, and active listening. These are vital skills that will not only serve them well in their current roles as peer mediators but also prove invaluable throughout their lives.

Currently in the final stages of peer assessment, our Year 7 leaders are gearing up to take on their roles during lunchtimes later this term.



### Second Hand Uniforms

We have recently stocked up our second hand uniforms at both Rose and Weld Streets. If you are in need of additional uniform items, this is a quick and easy way to do so on the spot.

If you select an item for your child, please follow the instructions for payment.

If you have any uniform items that you wish to donate, please drop these off to the Rose Street office for processing. We are very grateful to our families who have already donated items this year.

#### 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 <u>office</u> if you are interested in purchasing one of these.

# 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 8 March	Kōwhai Camp @ Curious Cove returns
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
Thursday 21 March	Rimu Camp - El Rancho
	Pohutukawa - Sport Day at Benburn Park
	Ki o Rahi Festival PSW Western Zone Schools - postponement day

Friday 22 March	Rimu Camp - El Rancho return
Thursday 28 March	Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Friday 29 March	Good Friday - School Closed
Monday 1 April	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 2 April	Easter Tuesday - School Closed
Thursday 4 April	Kapa Performance Group (Year 7&8) visiting Wadestown Kindergarten

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## Madagascar: The Musical National Tour 2024

Step into the wild with Madagascar: The Musical - an adrenaline-packed extravaganza that brings your favourite animated characters to life on stage! Join Alex, Marty, Melman and Gloria on a thrilling adventure filled with infectious music, sensational dance numbers and laugh-out-loud moments. This high energy production is a feast for the senses, delivering an unforgettable experience for audiences of all ages. Get ready to 'Move It, Move It' to the jungle and embark on a journey like never before. Madagascar: The Musical – where the stage sizzles with excitement, and the fun never stops!

## Roar & Snore | Te Papa



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 korero 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



## Late Night Lights

Late Night Lights Trust is proud to present 'HighLighting Talent!', showcasing the diverse talents of the Wellington region's solo performers and groups.

HighLighting Talent will focus on performances that creatively incorporate a light component.

Participants will captivate event attendees, and winners will be determined through judges each night as well as People's Choice vote through our Facebook page.

To find out more and register: highlight.org.nz/highlighting-talent

#### Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 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 and run a holiday programme. For more information phone 475 9688 or email wcmp@xtra.co.nz.



