



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 4

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TE WHAKATIPU ME TO HONOHOHO HEI AKONGA: GROWING AND CONNECTING AS LEARNERS

He rā whatiwhati kō  
A day of hard work.

Kia ora, Kia orana, Ni Hao, Hola, Namaste, Hallo, Bonjour, Talofa and greetings to you all.

Yesterday Matua Alwyn and I had the privilege of spending the day with our Rimu Team at El Rancho Camp. Our Year 5 and 6 students have spent the past 3 nights in Waikanae with a stunning team of teachers and parent helpers; all of whom have provided our students with an outstanding School Camp experience.

On arrival, I was impressed by the atmosphere of the camp and the ability of our students to get along with one another. Throughout the day, I saw a number of students acting as both role models and leaders.

It is no accident that our students are given this experience at the beginning of the year as we know that attending camp in the first term assists our students in a wide range of ways, namely:

- Opportunities to grow independence, a sense of responsibility and leadership skills
- Opportunities to work collaboratively alongside new people and as part of a team
- Opportunities to develop decision making, problem solving and effective communication skills
- Opportunities to have new experiences, to sit outside their comfort zone and to overcome challenges
- Opportunities to support and care for others

The teachers work incredibly hard to plan camps that provide our students with a range of learning opportunities and we are very grateful to them for the time that they put into this.

I'd like to thank Amy, Clare and Liberty for their hard work this week and also Cathrine, James and Emily for the work that they put into the earlier camp at Curious Cove.

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

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

- Cairo (Pohutukawa Team)
- Charlie (Pohutukawa Team)
- Isaac (Pohutukawa Team)
- Lily (Pohutukawa Team)
- Cooper (Pohutukawa Team)

We hope your time with us at Wadestown School is a positive and rewarding one for you and your families.

## **Change of Presiding Member - Wadestown Board**

At our last Board meeting, Genevieve Hancock stood down from her role as Presiding Member. She originally was voted in as Presiding Member back in September 2022.

Gen remains on the Board as a very committed Board member but after giving a generous amount of time to the role she has made the decision that it is now time to hand over the role.

In her time as Presiding Member Gen has been a focused and hardworking leader of the Board. She has championed a number of key pieces of work to further progress our work as a Board and I know that she has given much thought to the transition of the incoming Presiding Member. I have appreciated her ongoing support of both the school and of me as Principal.

We welcome Nick Wells into this role and look forward to working with him now and into the future.

## **Change of PTA Leadership**

On Wednesday evening, the PTA held their AGM. This also saw a change over of the key roles within our PTA.

I would like to extend our thanks to the following people who have stepped down from these roles:

Michelle Crutchley - PTA Chair

Danielle Davin - Secretary

Matthew Gan - Finance

Heidi Loudon - Class Coordinator Lead

This group of parents have worked extremely effectively together as a core group. This has seen the PTA go from strength to strength over the past few years. They leave the PTA in a strong position for the future. We extend our heartfelt thanks to them all for the work, time and effort that they have given to these roles. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you all.

Thank you in particular to Michelle Crutchley for your work as the Chair of the PTA. Under your leadership, the PTA has remained committed to being inclusive of all and undertaking initiatives that kept the students and teachers at the forefront.

We welcome to these roles:

- Alice O'Styke - PTA Chair
- Hayley Morrison - Secretary
- Heidi Loudon - Finance
- Anna Hewitt - Class Coordinator Lead

## **New Parents Information Morning**

On Wednesday, Robyn Grover ran a new parents' information morning to help induct new parents. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with parents of students with new entrant children.

Thank you to the PTA for supporting this morning by providing homemade baking.

## **Upcoming Teacher Only Day: Thursday 28 March**

A reminder that school is closed for instruction next Thursday. Our teachers will be attending a Teacher Only Day with our Kāhui Ako at Wellington College. This will see a large number of teachers working together to learn from each other.

## **Easter Tuesday - 2 April**

Please note that all schools are closed on Tuesday 2 April - the day after Easter Monday. School will reopen on Wednesday 3 April.

## **NZEI Paid Union Meetings for Teachers and Deputy Principals**

As previously communicated, teachers will this time be attending these meetings during the school day. This is to reduce the disruption on families.

Teachers will be released within the school day by their teams to attend these meetings.

## **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.

Please speak to your classroom teacher or James Shelton if you have any questions about the best device to purchase and/or how these devices are used in the classroom.

# REFLECTIVE WRITING SNIPPETS FROM THE MOUNT KAHIKATEA CLIMB AT THE CURIOUS COVE CAMP

## Taming Mount Kahikatea

An untamable mountain, huge, wild and empowering. It fills you with awe, but also doubt. Can you conquer the mountain or will it reach out and drag you into its shadowy depths of despair? It is full of elegance and beauty. But as you clamber further into its feral lair, it shows you its tricks and you wonder, will it ever be tamed? As it dares you to climb further, it peels away its harsh exterior and you eventually reach the ridgeline. You feel accomplished and hope slices through you, if you let it... When you reach the top, if the mountain hasn't yet won the battle, between hope and despair, it might reveal its secrets. Exquisite, picturesque views and maybe, just maybe, a tiny slither of success. Going down, it reluctantly gives up its hold on the people it had claimed. Reaching the end of the treacherous climb brings freedom. Panting becomes laughter, despair becomes joy and dreams become reality. You will think, I have tamed the mountain.

By Gabby Walter

## The Crazy Climb

Screams echoed down the valley. As people slipped on the blanket of dead orange leaves, words of motivation lifted them back up. The group scrambled up the eerie path, enclosed with charred trees. Mossy roots engulfed the narrow unkempt track. Pained looks washed over those who fell. Blood streaked down legs. Emotions surged through as the ridge broke through the trees. Sunlight flooded the path as we scrambled towards the view. The azure blue sky shone brightly as the Marlborough Sounds calmly glistened in the sunlight. The treacherous climb down was a memorable experience. Safely back at camp tired bodies let out sighs of relief and satisfaction.

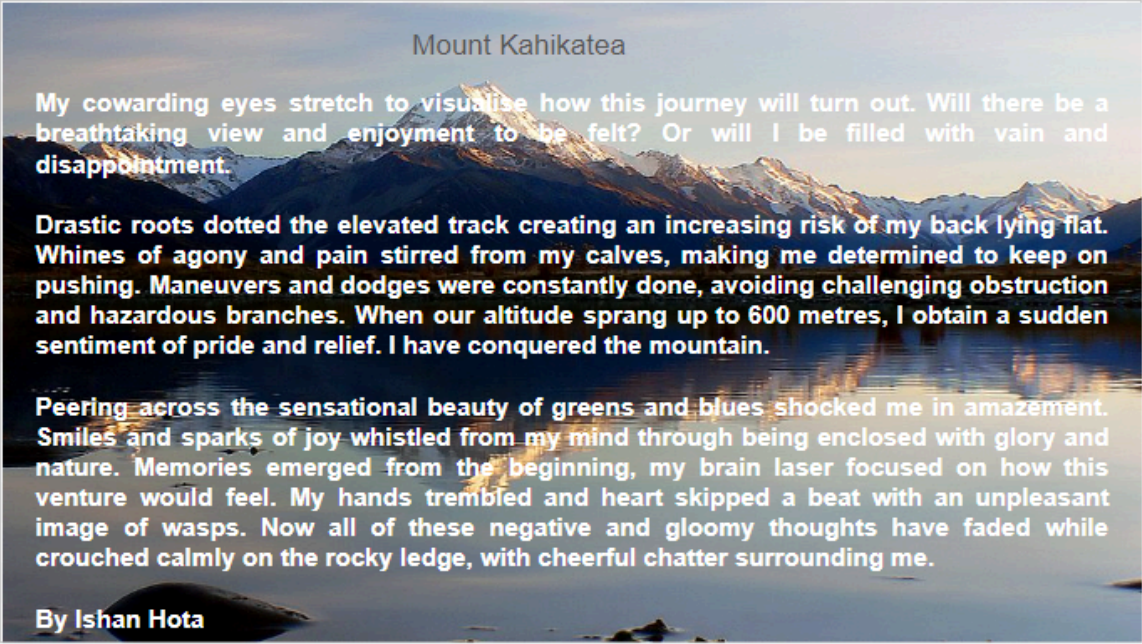
By Zara Delahunty

## Mt Kahikatea

Clambering through the rough foliage, I could feel the risk of falling down the evergoing mountain, Mount Kahikatea. Throbbing pains pounded like a drum in my stiff legs. Dense nature packed around the unclear track not easily giving us a sense of direction. Was this my imagination? Signs of exhaustion was all I could hear muting the whistling birdsong. Charred trees, giving the effect of a wildfire, was the only source of equipment to heave us closer to the summit of achievement. Beams of sunlight flooded our eyes as the 646 metre sign came into view. Our worries were lifted off our shoulders and immense smiles crowded everyone's faces. Stunning blue water emerged around the existing islands creating amazing imagery. We had conquered the challenge!

By Alex McKeown





## Mount Kahikatea

My cowardly eyes stretch to visualise how this journey will turn out. Will there be a breathtaking view and enjoyment to be felt? Or will I be filled with vain and disappointment.

Drastic roots dotted the elevated track creating an increasing risk of my back lying flat. Whines of agony and pain stirred from my calves, making me determined to keep on pushing. Maneuvers and dodges were constantly done, avoiding challenging obstruction and hazardous branches. When our altitude sprang up to 600 metres, I obtain a sudden sentiment of pride and relief. I have conquered the mountain.

Peering across the sensational beauty of greens and blues shocked me in amazement. Smiles and sparks of joy whistled from my mind through being enclosed with glory and nature. Memories emerged from the beginning, my brain laser focused on how this venture would feel. My hands trembled and heart skipped a beat with an unpleasant image of wasps. Now all of these negative and gloomy thoughts have faded while crouched calmly on the rocky ledge, with cheerful chatter surrounding me.

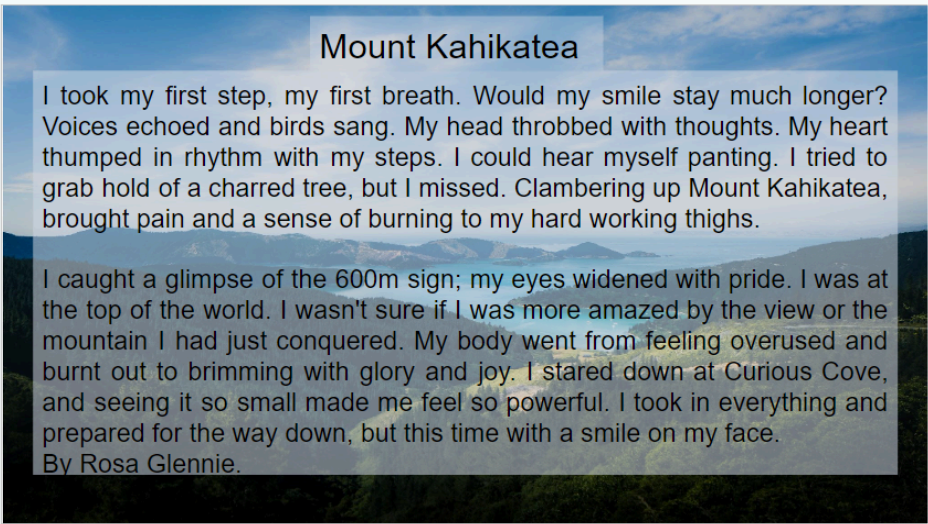
By Ishan Hota



## The Mt Kahikatea Hike

The amazing green and blue scenery creates a beautiful view from the top of Mount Kahikatea to endure. Students excitedly point at the view so photos can be taken. The lush greenery surrounds them. Amazing blue water shines in the sun. A triumphant view of hope at the top of a completed climb. Heading down everyone is exhausted but happy to be safely back at camp. A challenge to never forget.

By James Savage



## Mount Kahikatea

I took my first step, my first breath. Would my smile stay much longer? Voices echoed and birds sang. My head throbbed with thoughts. My heart thumped in rhythm with my steps. I could hear myself panting. I tried to grab hold of a charred tree, but I missed. Clambering up Mount Kahikatea, brought pain and a sense of burning to my hard working thighs.

I caught a glimpse of the 600m sign; my eyes widened with pride. I was at the top of the world. I wasn't sure if I was more amazed by the view or the mountain I had just conquered. My body went from feeling overused and burnt out to brimming with glory and joy. I stared down at Curious Cove, and seeing it so small made me feel so powerful. I took in everything and prepared for the way down, but this time with a smile on my face.

By Rosa Glennie.

# YEAR 7 IMMUNISATION

Our public health nurses are coming to your school during the week of **Thursday 11 April** to provide immunisation for Year 7 tamariki.

- If you have changed your mind or your situation has changed please contact us at [res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz](mailto:res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz), or call us on 04 587 2949
- If you have not yet consented, but want to, please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949
- If you declined the vaccines last year but you have changed your mind and you now want your year 8 child to receive the vaccine(s) please collect a consent form from the school office or contact us on 04 587 2949
- If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at [res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz](mailto:res-immunisation@huttvalleydhb.org.nz), or call us on 04 587 2949



# 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.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Upcoming Event:</b>
<b>Friday 22 March</b>	Rimu Camp - El Rancho return
<b>Tuesday 26 March</b>	Massey University - Bio Diversity Study
<b>Thursday 28 March</b>	<b>Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day - School Closed</b>
<b>Friday 29 March</b>	<b>Good Friday - School Closed</b>
<b>Monday 1 April</b>	<b>Easter Monday - School Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 2 April</b>	<b>Easter Tuesday - School Closed</b>
<b>Thursday 4 April</b>	Kapa Performance Group (Year 7 & 8) visiting Wadestown Kindergarten Hui-a-Whānau @ 6:00pm
<b>Tuesday 9 April</b>	Western Zone Football (Years 5 - 8)
<b>Thursday 11 April</b>	Western Zone Football (Years 5 - 8 ) - postponement date Year 7 immunisations Boostrix & Gardasil (Dose 1) Kapa Performance Group (Year 5 & 6) visiting Northland Community Preschool
<b>Friday 12 April</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>
<b>Monday 29 April</b>	<b>Start of Term 2</b>
<b>Wednesday 1 May</b>	Kōwhai Team at Technology
<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	Kōwhai Team at Technology
<b>Tuesday 14 May</b>	School Cross Country (Rose Street)
<b>Wednesday 15 May</b>	Kōwhai Team at Technology Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
<b>Friday 17 May</b>	Wadestown School Cross Country (Rose Street) - postponement date Pink Shirt Day



# 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!



## Little Dribblers FREE Have a Go Days!

Bring your Little Dribblers aged between 1 and 7 years old, and their friends, to any of our 7 Venues at Petone, Johnsonville, Upper Hutt, Pokeno, Paremata, Hamilton North or Vogelhorn Green in Brooklyn and have a go for FREE!

[Click to register!](#)



## Piano Lessons At Wadestown School

Our one-on-one piano lessons are held after school in the music room. All ages are welcome!

The Wellington Music Academy has been providing music lessons in the Wellington region for over 28 years. Our experienced and enthusiastic teachers will ensure all lessons are fun and appropriate for your child's level of musical development. Please contact the Music Academy for more information and to book a place.

Email: [admin@musicacademy.co.nz](mailto:admin@musicacademy.co.nz)

Phone: 021 885 289



**PRIDE LANDS**  
TEACHING CONFIDENCE AND RESPECT



**ENROL ONLINE**

Age: 4 - 17 years



**Western Pride:**  
Ian Galloway Park, 149 Curtis Street, Northland, Wellington

**Other locations:**  
Hutt Valley Pride: 9 Dyer Street, Epuni, Lower Hutt or  
Southern Pride: 143 Rintoul Street, Newtown/Barkhampore

## Here to support all Tamariki: Neurotypical and Neurodivergent children and Youths.

**Main services:**

- ✓ After School Care
- ✓ Half-Day Programmes & Teacher Only Days
- ✓ Holiday Programmes (+ Overnight Sleepover)
- ✓ 1-on-1 Mentoring Care Support Offered Onsite

**Activities + Life Skills Include:**

- Structured social development activities
- Trip days within the community
- Cooking Programmes
- Structure, creation and execution
- Leadership opportunities

Flip it for more

# YOUNG ARTISTS

## Creative School Holiday Workshops

Spend your next school holidays with Inverlochly Art School!

Our holiday workshops offer young artists & teens the opportunity to work with new materials & processes, and grow confident within their creative practice.



**Children's & Young Artists' Holiday Programme**

MON-FRI, 15-19 APRIL  
AGES 6-10 YEARS: 9:30-11:30 DAILY  
AGES 10-13 YEARS: 12:30 - 3:00 DAILY

Our school holiday programme has been designed to challenge and encourage children & young artists who love art.

Both programmes offer a mixed media experience where drawing, painting and sculpture are used to teach the creative possibilities of various art genres.

learn more →

### Pottery for Teens

TUES - THURS, 16-18 APRIL  
FROM 10 AM - 12:30 PM  
SUITABLE FOR AGES 10-15

Learn how to properly prepare clay for the kiln, and various handbuilding construction techniques.

This workshop is all about having a go, trying things out and putting your own stamp on your work. Your work will be bisque fired which will allow you to paint your pottery afterward if you choose.

learn more →

### Whānau Sculpture with Clay

MONDAY 22 APRIL, 1 PM - 5 PM  
TUESDAY 23 APRIL, 10 AM - 12 PM  
SUITABLE FOR AGES 4+

Children and their caregivers are invited to make artwork together these holidays!

Learn how to sculpt out of pottery a fish and a bird, or another animal of your choice. Your creations will be fired once (bisque) and can be decorated with paint at home.

Up to two children can attend with one adult. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver.



learn more →

### Jewellery Making for Teens

HALF DAY WORKSHOP  
MON 15 APRIL & TUES 16 APRIL  
FROM 10 AM - 1 PM  
SUITABLE FOR AGES 12+

Craft your own rings in this introduction to metal-smithed jewellery making!

In this quick paced one session workshop with practicing jeweller and artist Thom Richards, you'll learn some metalworking fundamentals to turn raw metal into shining wearable rings. Use hammers and stamps to add textures and simple lettering to customise your creation.

learn more →

### Printmaking for Teens

MON - WEDS, 15-17 APRIL  
FROM 10 AM - 1 PM  
SUITABLE FOR AGES 10+

Experiment and develop confidence in your printmaking skills in a friendly, fun environment. Learn how to translate your own sketches, photographs and found images into bold printed pieces of art: exploring monoprinting, linocut, drypoint & collagraphs.

learn more →

**More Young Artists in Term Two...**

*Young Artists After School*  
MONDAYS, 3:30 - 5 PM

*Fundamentals of Drawing for tweens and early teens*  
TUESDAYS, 3:30 - 5 PM




[www.inverlochly.org.nz](http://www.inverlochly.org.nz)

# THE WINTER PROJECT




**WHO WE ARE:**

The Winter Project is a student-led charity group run by five Year 12 students from Samuel Marsden Collegiate School in Karori. We collect second-hand winter woollens and deliver them to schools in the wider Wellington region who are in need of warmth for the cold winter months ahead.

**CONTACT US**

**FACEBOOK**  
The Winter Project


**INSTAGRAM**  
@\_thewinterproject

**EMAIL**  
winterprojectwgtn@gmail.com

**WHAT WE NEED:**

Please bring any preloved, clean, warm clothing items in good condition. These can be anything like scarves, beanies, gloves, blankets, jerseys, tops, jackets, raincoats, puffers, warm pants or shoes. There will be a box placed somewhere around the school to put your items in. Thank you for your help!

# LEARN TO SWIM



**Early Childhood**  
3-36 months

**Preschool**  
3-4 years


**School Age**  
5 years+

**Adult Lessons**

**SIX YEAR-ROUND LOCATIONS**  
Plimmerton, Tawa, Johnsonville,  
Rewa Rewa, Khandallah and  
Newtown School Pools

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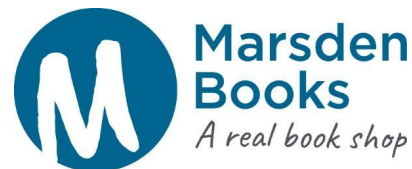
 EasySwim Swim School



## Children's Bookclub!

Come join us on the first Saturday of each month at Marsden Books at 2pm for a fun and interactive kids bookclub. Suitable for ages 7+

- Quizzes
- Discussion
- Reviews
- Fun and laughter
- Prizes!



Email [info@marsdenbooks.co.nz](mailto:info@marsdenbooks.co.nz) for more information

## Wellington Harriers Children's Cross Country

Our Open day is Saturday 6 April at 1.45pm.

We meet at the Wellington Harrier Club rooms on Alexandre Road Mount Victoria.

The season will start with a relay (Donaldson Memorial) near our club rooms on Mt Victoria. This relay race is a fun introduction with mixed teams of adults and kids, laps are about 1.5k, and new members are very welcome to come along and give it a go!

We offer two midweek after school cross country trainings, run by Athletics New Zealand Accredited Coaches.

Close to our clubrooms we are lucky to have 8 different training locations, providing lots of variety to keep trainings interesting and fun! Our clubrooms couldn't be in a better spot. They're also a fun place to hang out in, before and after training. A pool table, table tennis table and foosball table are also available for indoor amusement.

We also assist with training for primary/intermediate age children competing in the school's cross country competition and help with fitness for other sports.

Our races are held on Saturday afternoons except for Wellington Cross Country Champs. They are held on a Sunday.

There are 5 club races and 7 interclub races. throughout the season and entry to these races is free. (Note interclub races are only open to club members) The membership period lasts for 12 months so if you join in the winter it also covers the summer athletics program which is held at Newtown Park.

Register at - <http://www.whac.org.nz>

For more information please contact:

Julie Richards

Children's Manager

[juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk)

0212959026

## WADESTOWN OUTDOOR GROUP STRENGTH CLASS

Run by Experienced P.T.

Every Monday 9:15am

Izard Park Field

Rain or Shine



[greyscalefitness.com](http://greyscalefitness.com)



### St Ninian's Karori Holiday Programme

# Peacekeepers



Discover how to be a peacekeeper at home, school and beyond!

In the April holidays, discover what it means to be a peacekeeper!

With an ANZAC theme, we are visiting the RSA to talk with veterans. We also have a great programme of crafts, songs, games and more, as we learn about the importance of peace in the world.

**Numbers are limited, registrations now open!**

**22-24 April 2024**

**9am-1pm**

**208 Karori Road**

Cost: Koha  
Morning tea & lunch provided

Register by 21 April

Ph: (04) 476 7137 or email: [stnup@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stnup@xtra.co.nz)  
For 5-13 year olds



Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

The programme is packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

We have some exciting days planned: *Wheels Day, Kelly Club Ninjas Day, Musical Mayhem Day, Colour Me Crazy Day, plus trips to Zealandia, Police Museum, Aotea Lagoon and Zappo the Magician and the Kelly Sports Bouncy castle is coming to Kelly Club plus lots more!*

Kelly Club is available at the following schools: **Amesbury School, Churton Park School and West Park School**

To enrol [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201



## APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

**Football** – Green Room, Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway park, Wilton

Week 1 - Tues 16, Weds 17, Thurs 18 April 2024

9.30am-12.30pm

For years 1-8

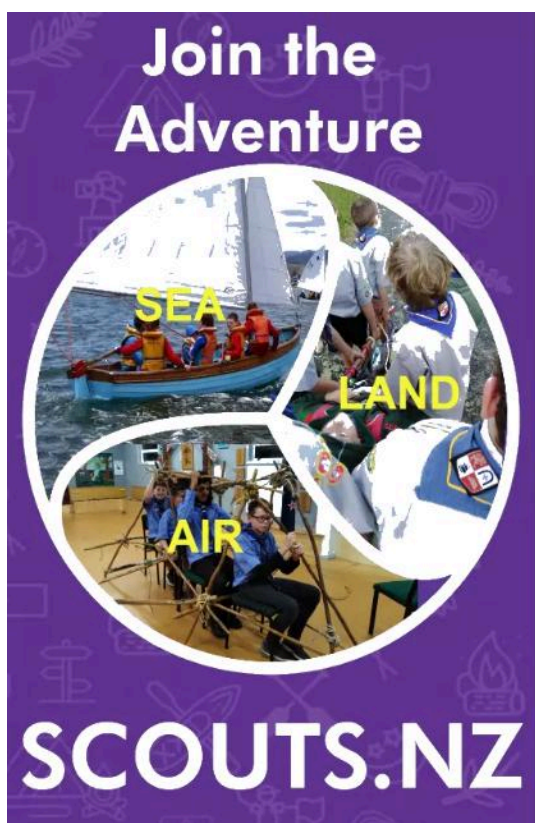
Perfect for "Beginner's" and those just wanting to have fun. Come along and improve technique, knowledge and skills. We will focus on the core skills of control,

dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting but MOST importantly having as much FUN as possible!

Sign up for 1 day or all 3 days!

Its great practice for over the holidays and to keep your football skills going.

To enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201.



## Wadestown Scout Group

Come join Wadestown Cubs, Scouts and Keas!!

We have an exciting programme for the rest of the year, with the opportunity to get outside, make new friends along the way and even have an adventure or two.

All our groups are open for new members: Keas (age 5½-7), Cubs (age 7-11) and Scouts (age 10 ½ -14) sections.

Contact us: [wadestown@group.scouts.nz](mailto:wadestown@group.scouts.nz)



**OPEN DAILY  
10AM - 5PM**

**Nga Manu**  
NATURE RESERVE



# EASTER WEEKEND

**29 March - 1 April**

Hunt for the hidden Easter eggs to win  
over \$3000 worth of amazing prizes!



- ▶ Daizy Design face painting
- ▶ Take a selfie with Ngā Manu's giant kiwi
- ▶ Sausage sizzle
- ▶ Colouring competition and Lil' Explorer Trail
- ▶ Bring a picnic blanket and make a day of it
- ▶ Eel feeding at 12pm and 2pm

**[ngamanu.org.nz](http://ngamanu.org.nz)**



**74 Ngā Manu Reserve Road, Waikanae 5391**

**04 293 4131**

