



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 5

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

**Mā te mahi tahu tātou ka eke**  
**When we work together we all benefit.**

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

Last Thursday the teachers and I had the opportunity to participate in our Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day. We listened to key speaker Dr Nina Hood who examined the current educational landscape and unpacked the key challenges and opportunities that we are facing today.

A key focus of this day centred around the teaching of writing and the development of a shared rubric for all schools within our Kāhui Ako. This piece of work is an exciting development and one that has taken over a year to create. For us as a school, it provides us with an opportunity to gauge where our students sit against other students of the same age in writing. It also provides us with further opportunities to begin to understand the expectations of our local Colleges and where they need our students to be at the beginning of Year 9 to ensure future success.

Additionally, all teachers were able to select workshops that centred around the key goals of; well-being, culturally sustaining pedagogy and student agency. I attended an excellent workshop by a teacher who took us through strategies for enhancing student and staff well-being.

Thank you parents and caregivers for giving our staff this opportunity for further teacher development and growth. We hope the extended Easter break provided you all with quality time with friends and family.

Ngā mihi nui

**Amanda Frater**

**Tumuaki/Principal**

### **Driver Behaviour and Student Safety**

I have had a number of parents approach me over the past few weeks raising their concerns about driver behaviour and student safety. This has been in relation to both our Rose and Weld Street sites.

A number of staff and parents have witnessed dangerous driving and/or parking that is putting a number of our students unduly at risk.

I urge all parents to take caution when driving and most especially around our students. It is our collective responsibility to ensure we create a safe environment for our students when they walk to and from school. Parents and staff should not have to call out unsafe driver behaviour.

This serves as a reminder to all parents to:

1. Keep to the speed limit
2. Park only in areas designated for parking
3. Use the Road Patrol crossing to cross the road and to role model safe behaviour on our roads
4. Keep to the time limits in our drop off zones.

If you see poor driver behaviour, please continue to let me know. Thank you to those of you who are doing the right things by our tamariki.

## **Hui-a-whānau - please join us this evening**

We extend a warm welcome to all whānau to join at this evening's hui-a-whānau.

*We would like to invite you to our Term One Hui-a-Whānau. The purpose of this gathering is to bring together whānau to discuss important matters related to our ākonga, school and community. Specifically, we are hoping to gain your feedback and support for upcoming school-wide events (e.g. Matariki, our Te-Reo-a-thon, Mihi Whakatau etc) and to gain your voice around your aspirations for our tamariki.*

*The whānau hui will take place on **Thursday 4 April (tonight)** at 6:00 pm in the Rose Street School Hall. We encourage you to bring your whānau along. There will be kai provided for all attendees as well as activities provided for our younger tamariki. We will encourage older tamariki to participate in the conversations, should they wish. We would love for you and your whānau to join us for this special gathering.*

Thank you to Emily Houston for leading this hui.

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

Thank you to the teachers, Team Leaders and DPs for managing these meetings over the past week and a half. These meetings are important for our teachers to attend but we are also mindful of the impact that these meetings can have on families. We are grateful to our teachers for managing this internally.

## **Education Review Office - ERO**

Over the past two terms, the Senior Leadership Team, the Board and I have been working alongside our newly appointed Evaluation Partner, Jeanette Duffy. This has seen us develop an evaluation inquiry together that will focus on raising the outcomes for all students in writing. This evaluation focus aligns to the current work we are undertaking around Structured Literacy. We will be working alongside Marianne Brown, a teacher herself, who will assist us with our professional development and learning.

## **Upcoming Rata Block Opening - Save the Date**

This term a lot of 'behind the scenes work' has been undertaken to complete the final stages of the Rata Block. I would like to thank Robyn Grover and Megan Smith for leading on this work, with the assistance of our Caretaking Team.

We are excited to confirm that we will officially open the Rata Block on **Friday 10 May** at 9:15am. This is the second week of Term 2. Further details to follow.

## **Visit by our Kapa Haka Performance Group to Wadestown Kindergarten**

Today a group of representative senior students in Years 5 - 8 are **visiting** Wadestown Kindergarten to perform to them. This is an initiative started by Emily Houston last year that has proven to be highly successful for all participants. We are grateful to Matua Hemi and Emily Houston for leading and assisting this group to make connections within our wider Wadestown community.

## **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.

## **POHUTUKAWA SPORTS DAY AT BENBURN PARK IN KARORI**

Our Sports Day at Benburn Park was lots of fun. The students enjoyed dressing in their house colours and they especially enjoyed cheering their parents on in the running races.

A huge THANK YOU Ngā mihi nui to the Parent Helpers who helped support this day and to James Tietjens for taking the photos for us.



# 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 woolens 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!

## YEAR 7 AND 8 KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE AT WADESTOWN KINDERGARTEN

Today, our Year 7 and 8 Kapa Haka Performance students visited Wadestown Kindergarten, sparking connections from last year and fostering understanding between different age groups. Collaboratively singing waiata, they celebrated Māori culture with unity and harmony. Taking on leadership roles, they ensured the safety of the younger children, showcasing responsibility and maturity. This visit emphasised the importance of community engagement beyond the school walls, highlighting the value of relationships.



# 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>Thursday 4 April</b>	Kapa Performance Group (Year 7 & 8) visiting Wadestown Kindergarten
	Hui-a-Whānau @ 6:00pm
<b>Wednesday 10 April</b>	Rimu Banqer Day
<b>Thursday 11 April</b>	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 (need to be at school - 8.25am)
<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	Kōwhai Team at Technology (need to be at school - 8.25am)
<b>Friday 10 May</b>	Rata Block Opening @ 9am
<b>Tuesday 14 May</b>	School Cross Country (Rose Street)
<b>Wednesday 15 May</b>	Kōwhai Team at Technology (need to be at school - 8.25am)
	Board Meeting @ 6.30pm
<b>Friday 17 May</b>	Wadestown School Cross Country (Rose Street) - postponement date
	Pink Shirt Day
<b>Monday 20 May</b>	Book Week Starts
	PTA Meeting @ Weld Street
	WGC Online Session for parents and students @ 4pm
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b>	Western Zone Miniball (Years 5 - 8)



# 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!

## 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

## Northland Kidz Club Holiday Programme

Come and join us for a Movie Day, Wheels Day and a Circus Workshop.

We'll be exploring the new children's playground at the Botanic Gardens, having more art adventures with Maria, and going to Lyall Bay Beach (with fish & chips for afternoon tea !).

Making fritters (both savoury & sweet), and lots of ANZAC biscuits for ANZAC Day, as well as a Treasure Hunt, are also on the programme.

\$45 per child per day (third child onwards :\$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day.

For details, check out our website ([www.nkc.org.nz](http://www.nkc.org.nz)) , or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail ([nkc.jan@gmail.com](mailto:nkc.jan@gmail.com)).



**Karori Junior Hockey Club winter registrations are now open until 28 March for the 2024 season at <https://kjhc.org.nz/>**



## **Blue Dragon Book Fair at Ngaio Town Hall**

**Saturday 4 May 9am to 6pm AND Sunday 5 May**

**9am to 3pm.**

We invite you to come and buy books, puzzles/games, DVDs and CDs at our annual book fair. Books are sold for \$3 each, and, after the first five books, \$2 each. Children's books are all \$1 each. We have a huge number of top-quality books, CDs and puzzles. We encourage you to buy for yourself or as gifts for others.

**All** the money raised will go to the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, which helps to break the poverty cycle for Vietnam's poorest children. This includes street kids, children with disabilities, children from rural families living in extreme poverty, and victims of human trafficking and slavery.

If you have good quality books to donate, please be in touch. We are particularly happy to have more children's books.

*Dinah Dobson, trustee (027 686 4554) Blue Dragon New Zealand,*  
[www.bluedragonnz.wordpress.com](http://www.bluedragonnz.wordpress.com)



**KARORI  
ARTS &  
CRAFTS**  
7 Beauchamp Street

**Sculpting Animals**  
6 May to 1 July  
NO CLASS 3 June  
3:30 to 4:45  
**Mondays**

**Art for 8 & Up**  
7 May to 25 June  
4:00 to 5:15

**Beginner Sewing**  
7 May to 25 June  
3:30 to 4:30 and  
4:45 to 5:45  
**Tuesdays**

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

**Kid's  
Afterschool  
Classes**  
**Term 2  
2024**

**Afterschool Art for Ages 11 to 13**  
8 May to 26 June  
4:30 to 5:45  
**Wednesdays**

**Julie's Art  
Adventures**  
9 May to 27 June  
4:00 to 5:15  
**Thursdays**

**Does your child like  
to sing, dance, act  
and perform?**

**Would you like your child to build more  
confidence and make more friends?**

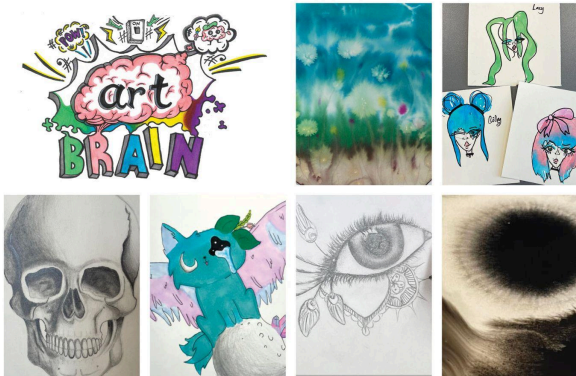


**Performing arts classes led by a  
London West End performer!**

After school and weekend classes in  
Aotea, Johnsonville, Karori, Newtown,  
Lower Hutt, and Upper Hutt!

Two-week trials available.

For more information, please visit  
**www.spotlightperformingarts.co.nz**



**AUTUMN 2024 CREATIVE HOLIDAY CLASSES**  
**Kids Creative Art Classes | Karori Arts and Crafts Centre**

**MONDAY 22 APRIL | Anime, Chibi, Kawaii Art For Beginners Class**

**TUESDAY 23 APRIL | Anime, Chibi, Kawaii Art Character Creation Class**

**WEDNESDAY 24 APRIL | Creative Science Art Class**

**THURSDAY 25 APRIL | 'IF I WERE A LANDSCAPE' Art Class**  
*The above 4 classes are suitable for School Years 4 - 9*

**FRIDAY 26 APRIL | HOW TO MANIPULATE IMAGES AND INFLUENCE PEOPLE**  
*This Friday class is only suitable for School Years 6 - 9*

**ALL CLASS TIMES ARE: 9AM - 3PM | COST: \$85 PER CLASS**

**COURSE OUTLINE:** Step By Step Lessons | Positive Creative Mindfulness | Critical Creative Thinking | Project Planning & Development Skills | Technical Art Skills | Loads of Fun!

**CONTACT:** Lauren Poutawera | artbrainnz@gmail.com | 0220752189 | www.enrolmy.com/artbrain

**COMICFEST  
2024**

4 May 2024, 9am-4:30pm  
National Library of New Zealand, Wellington  
Free event!

Wellington City Libraries | Absolutely Positively Wellington City Council  
Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND | TURNBULL ENDOWMENT TRUST  
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**ComicFest 2024 Go to**

<https://natlib.govt.nz/events/comicfest-2024-may-04-2024> for more programme information.

## Ngā Manu Holiday Fun

**Come join us on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** at 11am for a very special puppet show by the extremely talented String Bean Puppets:

“**Flutter**” A short tailed bat who is afraid of the dark is befriended by a sparkly glow worm who thinks she is a star. The show is for 3-10 year olds. It’s about over coming your fears and includes some of Aotearoa’s unique fauna and flora and the threats they face. The threat of introduced predators to our native species and the relationship between the short tailed bat and Te Pua o te Rēinga (Dactylanthus) is part of this story. The puppet show will be followed by a short talk from our Head Ranger about Te Pua o te Rēinga (Dactylanthus). Then we’ll give you the opportunity to view this rare plant which is in flower at our reserve.

Entry to **Flutter** is by koha. For those wanting to see Te Pua o te Rēinga in flower, standard admission fees will apply.

**On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April (Anzac Day) at 1pm** we have a story telling session with local author **Bianca Begovich**.

Bianca is a children’s writer and yoga teacher. She has published six books for children about caring for the environment through CreateBooks. All will be available for sale at Nga Manu as she reads her story 'The Earth and Me' on Thursday 25th April. She is also a published poet and in 2016 was awarded second place in the Rangitawa short story competition for her story about 'Koro Jack', an old whitebait who travels his local rivers and out to sea. She lives in Kāpiti with her husband, three teenagers, one dog, eight chickens and several thousand bees.

Entry is free for this session. Standard admission fees apply for those who wish to explore the reserve before or after.

We’re also open every day during the holiday break from 10am to 5pm. For families we have concession passes available, which include entry for up to 3 children. Click [here](#) for more detail.

## Spaces are now available at Wadestown Kindergarten in Wellington!

We are a Whānau Manaaki Kindergarten which means we work for whānau and community, not profit.

Our kindergarten offers:

- 20 hours free for ALL tamariki aged 2-5 years old
- 100% qualified ECE teachers
- Te Tiriti o Waitangi based bicultural practices
- Celebration of all cultures at kindergarten



- A welcoming, caring and fun environment for tamariki and their whānau

To find out more, pop in to see us at **45 Oban Street; Wadestown,**  
 call us on 04 472 2227 or email us at [wadestown@wmkindergartens.org.nz](mailto:wadestown@wmkindergartens.org.nz)

# Hoake ki te Taiao City Nature Challenge

26 Apr-29 April 2024

**Join the global wildlife count**

What can you find in nature and record in iNaturalist? Here are a few things to keep an eye out for:

Find out more 

 Absolutely Positively  
Wellington City Council  
Me Hōia Ki Pōtōke

**Did you know that the greater Wellington region is one of the most species-rich areas in Aotearoa**

Help us document as much nature as we can by using the iNaturalist App! It's an easy way to find out what's living in your backyard.

Follow these steps to get set up:

- 1. Download**  
the iNaturalist app and create an account
- 2. Take photos**  
of wildlife around you
- 3. Upload**  
your observations to share with the iNaturalist community. Learn more as your finds are identified by experts.