



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL

## Community Newsletter No 6

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TE WHAKATIPU ME TO HONOONO 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.

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone was able to enjoy the School Holidays and that families found or took some time to spend together as a family. The students and teachers have returned to school looking refreshed and relaxed. Visiting the classrooms over the past few days it is evident that the students have got straight back into the routines of school and that they are ready for another great term of learning here at Wadestown School.

Yesterday afternoon we celebrated our new Year 8 Leaders for 2024 at a dedicated assembly. This beginning-of-year Leadership Assembly is always a special one. The delight on the students' faces as their names were called, and the support from their peers, teachers and the rest of school demonstrated the supportive and rich culture that we have as a school.

Each year the Year 7 and 8 students review the leadership roles and responsibilities. This year we have three new teams. These have been developed in response to student voice. The new teams for 2024 are; Cultures, STEM and Visual Arts and Media Team.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all our Year 8s who have worked hard to get to this place. In order to be appointed to their leadership positions, they are required to write and submit a letter of application before going through an interview process. I wish them all the very best for the year ahead and look forward to the initiatives and hard work that will no doubt follow.

I would like to thank the Kōwhai Team teachers; Cathrine, James, Emily and Mel for the work that they have undertaken to make this all happen. These authentic experiences provide real life learning that will help our students in their future endeavours.

Ngā mihi nui

**Amanda Frater**

**Tumuaki/Principal**

## **Teacher PLD - Structured Literacy and Writing**

We are continuing to work as a staff with our facilitator, Marianne Brown on Structured Literacy. Staff have been involved in a number of after school workshops that explicitly unpack the science of learning and take a deep dive into the progression of learning in writing. As this professional development continues, we believe that we will see further shifts and increases in student achievement in writing. This is both exciting and challenging work as teachers reflect on how they teach writing and the impact of this on their students.

## **Reporting to Parents - Mid Year Reports and Three Way Conferences**

At the end of this term parents and students will receive a mid-year report, followed by a Three Way Conference.

We are currently reviewing the information that we share with you through this mid-year reporting cycle.

## **Absenteeism and Lateness**

If you experience any kind of issue with getting your child to school, please make contact with your child's classroom teacher to discuss how we can support you and your child. Alternatively, you are welcome to talk to our SENCo, Robyn Grover.

While our overall school attendance is high we do monitor absenteeism across the school, as we know that there is an impact on students who miss large numbers of days from school. These absences lead to students missing key learning and in some instances, there can also be an impact on them socially too.

## **Cell Phone Policy - School Docs**

As you'll likely be aware, there have been changes to cell phone policies for all schools across New Zealand. For us here at Wadestown School this has not seen any high level change as cell phones have not been part of our classroom culture and our students do a good job of managing these devices outside of school time.

If you are interested in our cell phone policy you can find a copy of it [HERE](#).

# BOOK WEEK 20-24 MAY

Our annual Book Week celebration will be happening from 20-24 May. Here is the outline of book-related activities that have been planned:

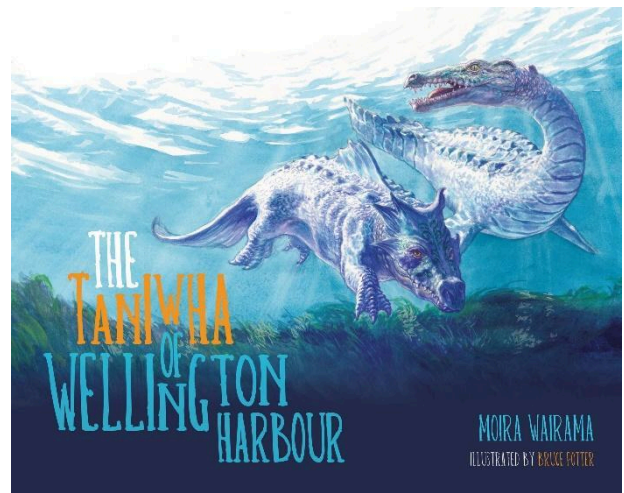
**Book Fair** – The Book Fair will be open after school each day from 3-4pm in Rooms 9 and 10 at the Rose St site. There will be hundreds of books for sale supplied by the Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie. We are seeking parents who can help record sales at the Book Fair between 3-4pm on any day during Book Week so if you are available please email [derek@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:derek@wadestown.school.nz)

**Competitions** – There will be various book-related competitions for different ages and an information sheet about these will be given to all students next week.

**Book Quizzes** – During the week Year 1-4 students will have the opportunity to participate in a lunchtime quiz. On the Friday Year 5-6 and Year 7-8 students will compete in quizzes in House-based teams.

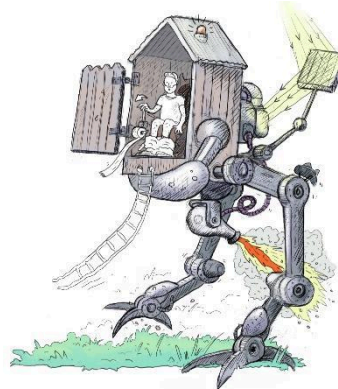
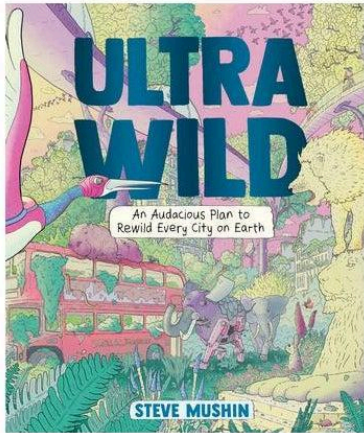
**Parents Reading to Year 1- 4 classes** – A notice will be sent home next week giving parents of Year 1-4 students the opportunity to come along and read a favourite book to their child's class.

**Visiting Authors** – We have two fabulous authors visiting us during Book Week. Our Year 1-4 students will be visited by Moira Wairama on Monday 20 May. Moira is a storyteller, playwright, poet and children's book author. Her book 'The Taniwha of Wellington Harbour' is well known by our students and has been recognised as a Storylines Notable Book.





Steve Mushin is the author of 'Ultra Wild: an audacious plan to rewild every city on Earth' On Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 May each of our Year 5-8 classes will participate in a 90 minute workshop with Steve exploring his belief that 'ludicrous ideas are bootcamp for brains'.



**Book Character Parades** – A highlight of the week is the book character dress-up day which will be on Friday 24 May. Parents are warmly invited to come along and enjoy the parade.

## Science Garden - Update

The four garden beds that were planted mid last term, have really come into their own over the school holidays. A number of students were delighted to return to the Science Gardens after the holidays to see what the garden has produced.

I would like to thank Mel Beirne for both her work on this and also for the guidance that she continues to provide to our students.





## Pink Shirt Day - Friday 17 May

**Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora –**

**Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!**

Once again this year, Wadestown School students and staff will support Pink Shirt Day. Pink Shirt Day is about working together to stop bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

Students are encouraged to wear pink on this day and so now is a good time to start hunting out those pink wigs, t-shirts, tutus, onesies and anything else you can find. Further details to follow.

<https://pinkshirtday.org.nz/>



# WELD ST SLIDE

The Weld Street slide had a refresh over the school holidays. The students returned back to school to discover that it had been painted bright yellow.

We are grateful to our school Caretaking Team who worked on this over the school holidays. Thank you Jareth and Rowan. Further work will continue on this over the upcoming weeks.



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL YEAR 8 LEADERSHIP ROLES

The Student Leadership Programme at Wadestown School provides meaningful experiences for our entire Year 8 cohort of 48 students, to foster confident, organised, independent and thoughtful learners and leaders.

During Term 1, our focus was on guiding students through a structured process to apply for leadership roles of their creation. They have assessed their leadership abilities, reflecting on strengths and areas for growth. Students crafted articulate application letters, and all candidates participated in individual interviews where they formally presented their visions and strengths. We are excited to support their ambitious and meticulously planned initiatives and events.

If you have skills or connections that could support our Student Leadership Programme, please contact [cathrine@wadestown.school.nz](mailto:cathrine@wadestown.school.nz) to explore potential opportunities.

Congratulations to the Year 8 students who were appointed to their new roles at our Leadership Assembly yesterday afternoon.



# 2024 LEADERSHIP TEAM



## Wheels

**HEAD:** FELIX BARBER, HAN STANFORD  
**TEAM:** FINN MARSHALL, LOUIS MARSHALL



## Student Council

**HEAD:** ZARA DELAHUNTY, SYLVIA PALMER, MAX MCARTHUR, LUKE STEELE



## Pohutukawa

**HEAD:** JACOB WILLIAMS, HARRIET DREYER  
**TEAM:** THOMAS TAYLOR, LUCY LOUDEN, LACHLAN BEST



## Visual Art & Media

**HEAD:** HENRY STABLES  
**TEAM:** FLYNN DU PLESSIS, HARRIET CURTIS, LIVVY SCHOWERER



## Performing Arts

**HEAD:** ESMÉ THOMPSON (MUSIC), SOPHIE LANGFORD (DRAMA), ROSA GLENNIE (DANCE)  
**TEAM:** ISABEL BOWLER, AMAANI MORGAN, SERI TIETJENS, MAYA APPLEBY



## Cultures

**HEAD:** MAYA APPLEBY, GABBY WALTER, LIZA VIGASIN



## Health & Medical

**HEAD:** JAMES SAVAGE, TOM FORREST, OLIVIA REYNOLDS



## Fundraising

**HEAD:** LUCY SANTURE, GABI LÓPEZ BUEKE, MARLO MARTIN, ABEL ANISH



## Kereru House

**HEAD:** THOMAS TAYLOR, SERI TIETJENS, BREANNA MCKAY-LAWN, LUCY LOUDEN



## Sport

**HEAD:** LEO SMITH, ALEX MCKEOWN, CHARLOTTE ROBINSON  
**TEAM:** HARRIET DREYER, FELIX BARBER, OLIVER WILLIAMSON



## Clubs

**HEAD:** SAM GRIFFITHS, NATHANIEL BERRIDGE  
**TEAM:** OLIVIA REYNOLDS, JAMES SAVAGE



## Kōtare House

**HEAD:** ISABEL BOWLER, LOLA MCCALLUM-MALLARD, AMAANI MORGAN, AVA ROSSON-BROWN



## Tui House

**HEAD:** OLIVER WILLIAMSON, TERRY FARRELL, LIVVY SCHWOERER, HARRIET CURTIS



## Ruru House

**HEAD:** LACHLAN BEST, FLYNN DU PLESSIS, LOUIS MARSHALL, FINN MARSHALL



## Environment

**HEAD:** ADAM PARKER, NATHANIEL BERRIDGE, L BERRIDGE,



## Mātauranga Māori

**HEAD:** LUCY SANTURE, ESMÉ THOMPSON



## Library

**HEAD:** CONNOR SHRAPNELL, ELISE RAE, GABBY WALTER



## S.T.E.M.

**HEAD:** DANIEL EBERSOHN



## Kōwhai

**HEAD:** HENRY STABLES, MILLI KANE



## Technology

**HEAD:** CONNOR SHRAPNELL, HAN STANFORD



# WADESTOWN SCHOOL PARENTS PARTY



# DEAD FAMOUS

7:30PM MAY 25 - WILTON BOWLING CLUB - TICKETS \$65  
FOR TICKETS EMAIL: [PTAWADESTOWNSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PTAWADESTOWNSCHOOL@GMAIL.COM)

INCLUDES PRIZES, BUBBLES, BEER, WINE, SOUNDS AND SUPPER

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# YEAR 5&6 KAPA HAKA PERFORMANCE GROUP VISITED NORTHLAND COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

During the last week of Term 1, the Year 5&6 Kapa Haka Performance Group had the privilege of visiting Northland Community Preschool. The visit was filled with cultural exchange and excitement.

The students showcased Whakawhanagatanga (support and encouragement) and Tuakana Teina (mentoring). Their visit left everyone buzzing with excitement, eagerly anticipating their next visit.



# 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. These dates are correct as at publication of this newsletter. For the online calendar please click [HERE](#).

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Upcoming Event:</b>
<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	Kōwhai Team at Technology (need to be at school - 8.25am)
	Kelly Sports for Rata starts at 3pm
<b>Friday 10 May</b>	Rata Block Opening @ 9.15am
<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>Thursday 16 May</b>	Wadestown School Cross Country (Rose Street) - postponement date
<b>Friday 17 May</b>	Pink Shirt Day
<b>Monday 20 May</b>	Book Week Starts
	PTA Meeting @ Weld Street
	WGC Online Session for parents and students @ 4pm
	Book Fair open 3-4pm daily in Room 9
<b>Tuesday 21 May</b>	Western Zone Miniball (Years 5 - 8)
<b>Wednesday 22 May</b>	Kōwhai Team at Technology (need to be at school - 8.25am)
	New Zealand Playhouse - "The Reluctant Dragon" performance @ 1:50pm
<b>Thursday 23 May</b>	WGC Principal Visit for prospective students. Info session with parents @ 3:15pm (Room 17)
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	Book Character Dress Up Parade @ 9.15am - Rose St
<b>Saturday 25 May</b>	Parents' PTA Party @ Wilton Bowling Club



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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

## 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)

## FREE writing workshop

FREE writing workshop series, run by The Academy of Dramatic Arts and generously sponsored by The Wellington City Council Creative Community Scheme.

This is a unique opportunity for young writers, actors, and theatre enthusiasts to be involved in this FREE writing workshop series, which runs over four Saturdays in May and June 2024.

Hosted at the Inverloch Arts School in Te Aro, Wellington, this workshop is for 7- to 18-year-olds, who will collaborate on a stage script inspired by the **Mad Hatter's Tea Party** from Alice in Wonderland, infused with elements specific to Wellington. This script is for young people (children and teenagers, 7 – 18 years old) by young people.

**Participants are expected to attend all four sessions**, which are scheduled on the following dates: May 11th, May 25th, June 1st, and June 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The application deadline is May 3, 2024. Please contact Andrew at [theacademy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:theacademy@xtra.co.nz) for application form and more info.



**TERM 2**  
**SPRING INTO WINTER SPORTS**  
Thursday's, 3:05pm - 4.05pm - held at Weld Street  
Starts Week 2 of term 2 for 8 weeks!  
**BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!**  
[www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz)

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- ✓ Football
- ✓ Basketball
- ✓ Rippa Rugby

Contact Information  
[adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz)

## Wadestown Scouts

Wadestown Scouts have space for youth between the ages of 5-14. Keas age 5-8, Cubs 8-11, Scouts 11-14

Every year we help 13,000 young people in New Zealand enjoy new adventures, experience the outdoors, make new connections, and gain confidence. This includes outdoor activities and Leadership

Come along and see what we are all about

To make contact with us, please email [wadestown@group.scouts.nz](mailto:wadestown@group.scouts.nz)





# COMICFEST 2024

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

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## ST MARY'S COLLEGE WELLINGTON



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St Mary's College

# OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024 9AM-11AM



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[www.stmw.school.nz](http://www.stmw.school.nz)



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# 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!