



# Wadestown School

*Te Whakatipu me to Honohono Hei Akonga  
Growing and Connecting as Learners*



## Rata Team (Year 3 & 4) Newsletter Term 4, 2024

**Tēnā Koutou parents, caregivers, and whānau,**

Nau mai, haere mai - welcome to Term 4, with a special welcome to Mayuri who has joined Room 12 this term, and her family. We've had a very special start to Term 4 with our school concert in Week 1, the Year 3 Sports festival last Tuesday and the School Athletics on Wednesday.

We are very proud of how our students performed on stage and we know that they loved being on stage with their whānau watching.

### Term 4 Curriculum Focus

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Literacy</b></p> <p>Continuing with our Structured Literacy approach to writing, students will be learning to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● expand sentences using adverbs of manner (how), place (where), and time (when)</li> <li>● Identify co-ordinating conjunctions: (but, so, or, and) to form compound sentences</li> <li>● Identify and define complex sentences and subordinating conjunctions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reading</b></p> <p>In Weeks 1 - 4, the focus will be learning how to summarise the information in a text. Students will then start on a novel study, and finish the term with a poetry focus.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Numeracy</b></p> <p><u>Weeks 1 - 4: Multiplication and Division:</u></p> <p>There will be an ongoing focus on students having an instant recall of times tables and corresponding division facts. This helps students use these facts to solve multiplication and division problems, using a range of strategies using e.g place value to solve <math>24 \times 6 = (20 \times 6) + (4 \times 6)</math> or <math>72 \div 4</math> as <math>(40 \div 4) + (32 \div 4)</math>.</p> <p><u>Weeks 5 - 7 Addition &amp; Subtraction</u></p> <p>The focus will continue on using different strategies to solve problems. Understanding that addition and subtraction are inversely related means that sometimes it is easier to use addition to solve a problem e.g. <math>112 - 95 =</math> is easier to solve by adding on from <math>95 + \_ = 112</math>? <math>95 + (5 + 12) = 112</math>.</p> <p><u>Weeks 8-10 Measurement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● learning to measure length and volume.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Physical Education</b></p> <p><u>Weeks 1 - 3:</u> Athletics</p> <p><u>Weeks 4 - 10:</u> small ball skills of cricket/softball/tennis</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Inquiry: Future Minds and Stem</b></p> <p>This term the focus will be on learning the process of designing, planning and creating a product. Room 11 and 12 will mix together in small teams to work on stem challenges e.g. building a table made only from newspapers that is strong enough to hold five heavy books.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Arts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mixed media artwork</li> <li>● Weekly team singing and percussion work</li> </ul>	





Year 3 Sports Festival at Samuel Marsden

<b>Rata Team 2024 Term 4 Classroom Activity Donation</b>		
<i>Amount charged to Student Statement in February</i>		<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Term 1</b>		
Te Papa Visit	\$18.00	
<b>End of Term 1 Balance</b>		<b>\$82.00</b>
<b>Term 2</b>		
Life Education	\$8.50	
Visiting Author	\$2.00	
Playhouse	\$6.50	
Ākau Tangi	<u>\$12.50</u>	
<i>Total Term 2</i>	\$29.50	
<b>End of Term 2 Balance</b>		<b>\$52.50</b>
<b>Term 3</b>		
Musical Stars	\$ 7.00	
Bus cost	\$11.00	
Nanogirl show	<u>\$ 4.50</u>	
	\$ 22.50	
<b>End of Term 3 Balance</b>		<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Term 4</b>		
<b>Year 3</b>		
Concert bus	\$ 7.50	
Year 3 Sport festival bus	\$14.00	
Y2/Y3 Christmas workshop	\$2.00	
Stem	<u>\$6.50</u>	
	\$30.00	
<b>Year 4</b>		
Concert bus	\$7.50	
Athletics bus	\$9.50	
Zoo Bus	\$6.50	
Stem	<u>\$6.50</u>	
	\$30.00	
<b>End of Term 4 Balance</b>		<b>\$0</b>

**Year 4 Date to Remember**

★ **Wednesday 27 November**  
 Year 4 Sleepover at Wellington Zoo, 7pm. Details will be provided in another couple of weeks.

As we now in Term 4, please ensure your child has a **NAMED** sunhat, and sunscreen in their bag. We look forward to a wonderful final term of school for 2024.

Ngā mihi

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