



WADESTOWN SCHOOL

Community Newsletter No 2

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

He manawa tītī

A person with great endurance

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

Our students have started the term with much focus and determination and it has been wonderful to observe what a settled start our students and teachers have had. The classroom routines and systems are now in place, and students are working well with both their teachers and peers. We have had a number of new students and families join us this year, and it has been encouraging to see these students adapting to our ways of working here at Wadestown School.

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who attended our “Meet the Teams” Evenings last week. We were pleased with the turn out of parents and I know that the teachers enjoyed having this time to meet with parents to connect while also outlining what the year will look like for your child/ren at each level of the school. If you were unable to attend these evenings, please ensure that you have read the “Termly Team Newsletter” for up-to-date information.

Our senior students have started unpacking and delivering the “Maths No Problem” approach in mathematics and students are engaging well with this. Although components of this approach are different to how we have delivered mathematics in the past, the staff remain committed to delivering programmes that meet the needs of all our students and encourage critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration.

Preparations for the Colour Run are well underway and I am aware that many of our students and their families are working hard to fundraise for this. Parents are getting inventive around involving their children in the first part of this event; the development of the profiles and the seeking of sponsorship.



I've heard of one family whose child is doing chores in return for their sponsorship and another family who have created a video to distribute to their friends and family in which the child describes to their friends and family what is involved. Thank you all for your ongoing support of this upcoming, schoolwide event. We know it is going to be a lot of fun for all involved.

Next Monday, we will reveal and celebrate the two classes (one at Rose Street and one at Weld Street) with the highest percentage of profiles completed. Watch this space!

A particular thank you to Alice O'Styke, Heidi Loudon, Hayley Morrison and Sarah Boyce for their ongoing efforts and support.

Ngā mihi nui

Amanda Frater

Principal/Tumuaki

Reminder: Upcoming Kaiako/Whānau Conversations

Next week we are hosting our annual beginning of the year Kaiako/Whānau Conversations. If you have not already done so, please ensure that you have booked in a time with your child/ren's teacher and that you have completed the form we sent home. The purpose of this is to support the conversation about how we can best support your child at school this year. Please go to [School Interviews](#) and use the code to select the time for your child's interview: CODE **v2esd**

BYOD Permission Form/School Permission Form

Thank you to parents and caregivers who have already completed the 2 forms sent out on **14 February**. If you haven't completed the forms we ask that you please do so as soon as possible.

The [Wadestown School Permission Form](#) requests permission for:

- attending Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities e.g. trips
- use of private vehicles for any events e.g. Mathswell
- use of name on website, newsletters, social media and in our yearbook
- use of photos on website, newsletters, social media and in our yearbook
- adding names to year group directory
- collection information for use in an emergency situation
- ICT Cyber Safety and User Agreement (Years 3 to 8 only)
- use of Google Apps (new for 2025).

The [BYOD Permission Form](#) is optional for students Years 7 and 8 only and relates to our 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) scheme.

All students who are signed up for BYOD must have completed the ICT Cyber Safety and User Agreement Form and also the use of Google Apps permission form.

If you have any questions about the forms please contact the [office](#).

Emergency Lunch Boxes

Thank you to all families for your support in getting these back to school in a timely manner. It is our hope not to have to use these, but in talking with other schools who have had too, these have offered a lot of comfort to students and staff when required.

Rimu Camp Reminders

Work is well underway for the Rimu Camp at Forest Lakes this year and anticipation is mounting. Students will have brought home permission forms on Wednesday. Please return these forms by **Wednesday 5 March**.

Thank you to all those families who have already paid. If you have not had a chance, please do so at your earliest convenience. As always, parents/caregivers are welcome to make part payments.

The Rimu Team has worked hard to keep these costs as low as possible for this year. Your contribution towards camp covers transportation, food, accommodation, the cost of instructors at the camp and other camp related costs.

Correction to Rimu Camp email

We note that the departure date in the Rimu Camp EOTC email was incorrect. It should have said **Wednesday 12 March** as the date that students are required to assemble for the start of time. We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this.

We note that this year's departure time of **7:40 am** is earlier than previous years. This is to assist with maximising the amount of time our students will have at camp.

Year 6 Leadership

In Year 6 we have been thinking about what a role model is and how we can be a role model. Here are some of our thoughts.

A role model is someone who sets a good example for others.

I am being a role model when I include others in my game.

- Gabby, Room 8

A role model is someone that helps people with things.

I am being a role model by not being silly in class.

- Leo, Room 10

A role model is someone who listens to the teacher and does not chat.

I am being a role model when I help the Year 5's.

- Leonardo, Room 10

A role model is someone who does the right thing, and helps other people.

I am being a role model when I do the right thing instead of talking to my friends.

- Emilia, Room 10

A role model is someone who respects people's ideas.

I am being a role model when I tell people to listen when someone is talking.

- Imogen, Room 8

A role model shows the GROW values constantly.

I am being a role model when I help people get onto the chromebooks.

- Greta, Room 8

Wadestown School Netball Registrations for 2025 Season

www.sporty.co.nz/wadestown

Registrations are now open for Wadestown School Netball teams!

Wadestown school has a great group of netball players and coaches, and we'd like to welcome old and new players to register for the 2025 season.

- Years 3- 8 play on Saturdays, Terms 2 & 3 at Cardinal McKeefry School courts in Wilton

- Practices at Wadestown School courts before or after school
- Years 1 & 2 have casual lunchtime skills sessions with year 8 coaches, and very cute tournament days on 16 & 23 August at Cardinal McKeefry.
- Fees:
 - \$65 per player Year 5-8 (plus some umpire fees, TBC)
 - \$45 per player Year 3-4
 - No fees for Year 1-2
- Registrations close **Monday 10 March**
- For more information and to register please visit: www.sporty.co.nz/wadestown

PTA NEWS

Wadestown Fair

The Fair will be held on **Saturday 15 March 11am to 2pm** Philip Myers Park. We will be holding a cold drinks and second-hand toy and sporting equipment stall. Please drop clean and in good condition toy and sporting equipment donations to 89 Pitt St. The Fair is a great community event with fun stalls, bring cash!

Hot cross buns

Back by popular demand! Nada bakery (the folk that do our school lunches) make award winning hot cross buns. For the 4th year they have offered us a special price to sell as a school fundraiser. Whittakers Chocolate and Traditional. Order by **20 March** for delivery week of **24 March**. To order please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/7dj3EY9GD6WpCgk86>

Bakers list

If you like to bake and would be able to bake for the occasional event at school please contact Amanda Bourke to go on the roster amandajoybourke@gmail.com

Parents' Party

Always a fun evening. Dress up, theme to be confirmed! Lock in **Saturday 24 May**.

Yearbook

Every year the school produces a yearbook, a wonderful document that celebrates the year and the children love it. We are looking for help with this, if you have publishing, design or project managing skills please contact pta.treasurer@wadestown.school.nz



Colour run

Reminder to set your child's profile up. The class with the most profiles by **Monday 3 March** will receive Juices! We will be sending more information about this soon. schoolfunrun.co.nz

Grant writing skills

If you have experience applying for grants we would love to hear from you, please contact pta.treasurer@wadestown.school.nz

Science garden

Got green thumbs? The school has science / vege gardens at both locations. If this is something you are keen to get involved in please contact Mel Beirne: mel@wadestown.school.nz

The Winter Project

The Winter Project seeks donations of good quality, second-hand winter clothing for those in need in the wider Wellington region. For example, warm jumpers, pants, jackets, polypros, blankets, beanies, scarves and gloves. Wadestown School has been a long supporter of this initiative and we are grateful for the ongoing support of our community.

Please bring donations to our Rose Street school office or to Weld Street. The collection boxes will remain in place, up until early May.

For more information please click on the following link:
<https://community.marsden.school.nz/nz/marsden/uploads/Files/Newsletter%20attachments/winter%20project%20item.pdf>

PTA AGM

Next PTA meeting is our AGM. **Monday 17 March 6.30pm** at Weld Street. All are welcome. We will be electing the roles of Presiding Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Class Coordinator.

SCHOOL NEWS

2025 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](#).

Date:	Upcoming Event:
Friday 28 February	Inter-school Year 5 & 6 Padder tennis tournament Wadestown School hosting (TBC) - postponement date
Tuesday 4 March	Kaiako/Whānau Meetings from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm @ Rose Street only (Years 3 - 8)
Thursday 6 March	Kaiako/Whānau Meetings from 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm @ Rose and Weld Street
Monday 10 March	Year 7 immunisation in hall @ 9:00 am
	Wadestown Mural artist, Aidan Walbaekken, visits Weld Street @ 10am
	Rimu Camp Information Evening for Parent Helpers
Wednesday 12 March	Rimu Camp - Forest Lakes
	Board Meeting @ 6.30pm @ Rose Street
Thursday 13 March	Rimu Camp - Forest Lakes
	Pōhutukawa Team Sports Day @ Benburn Park 9am to 2pm
	Kapa haka (Year 7 & 8 performance group) visit Northland Community Preschool @9.30-10.30am
Friday 14 March	Rimu Camp - Forest Lakes return
Saturday 15 March	Wadestown Fair - PTA stall from 11am to 2pm
Monday 17 March	PTA Meeting and AGM @ 6.30pm at Weld Street
Wednesday 19 March	Kōwhai Camp - Parent Helper Information Evening 6.00 pm - Room 16
Friday 21 March	Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day - school closed for instruction
Tuesday 25 - Friday 28 March	Kōwhai Camp - Kaitoke
Tuesday 1 April	WZ Football (Years 5-8)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Seido Karate Northland



“When the student is ready ... the teacher will appear”.

Buddist proverb

Seido Karate Northland, Wellington Dojo assisting children and adults to improve their resilience, confidence and discipline in a safe and caring environment through the practice of a martial art since 2017.

Kyoshi Garry Szeto

5th Dan Black Belt

New Beginner Classes

Monday's: 6:30 – 7:30pm Northland Memorial Community Centre
5 Woburn Road, Northland

Tuesday's: 5:30 – 6:30pm Otari Parish Hall
301 Karori Road

Email: info@seidonorthlandwgtn.co.nz

Onslow Junior Football Club

Registrations are open until 14 March for the Winter season with Onslow Junior Football Club.

Sign up for a winter of football and fun!

For more information, and to register, have a look at our website

<https://onslow.org.nz/registrations/>

⚽ For those new to school and football -- First Kicks is a great introduction for girls and boys turning 5 or 6 this year (and also 7 for girls), with a real focus on fun, getting everyone involved, and football basics.

⚽ Did you know....from U7 grade, girls have the option of playing Mixed Leagues on Saturdays, or Girls Only Leagues on Sundays ? Or, they can play both if they're keen!

Wadestown Fair

The Wadestown Fair is on Saturday 15 March between 11am and 2pm at the Philip Myers Park (by Wadestown Library).



Meet a quiet clown and her troupe of toys as she recounts familiar fables and tales. Encounter a jealous witch, a lonely wolf and a very sorry piggy. Be dazzled with sassy looks and spine-tingling harmonies. This clown can sing, dance and eat pink wafers like no one else.

The Tiny Show debuted at the Whangarei Fringe festival 2022, where it received the 'Best Performer award'.

Suitable for deaf and hearing audiences aged 3 years and up.

Saturday 1st March 2025, 10:30am | 3:30pm \$15
Sunday 2nd March 2025, 10:30am | 3:30pm **Te Auaha, 65 Dixon Street, Te Aro**

Get tickets

tickets.fringe.co.nz/event/446:6151/



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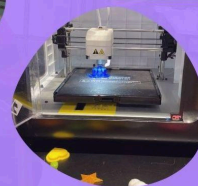
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NZ Opera - La bohème

Poipoia te kākano puāwai | Nurture the seed and it will bloom

Tēnā koutou,

Preparations for *La bohème* are now underway! As part of our casting, we will be assembling a small, children's chorus of unbroken voices. Children between the ages of 8-14 years are invited to apply to audition.

We are hosting auditions in

- **Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland**
Saturday 15th March | 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Venue: NZ Opera Studio
5/69 St Georges Bay Road, Parnell
- **Te Whanganui-a-Tara | Wellington**
Saturday 22nd March | 11.00am – 1.00pm
Venue: Te Whaea
11 Hutchison Rd Wellington
- **Ōtautahi | Christchurch**
Monday 31st March | 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Venue: The Piano
156 Armagh Street Christchurch

For more information please email

karen@nzopera.co.nz

Please apply using **[this link](#)**