Wadestown School

Te Whakatipu me to Honohono Hei Ākonga
Growing and Connecting as Learners

Newsletter - Panui

Term 3 Week 1, 2026

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

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

The end of Term 2 was a particularly busy one with mid-year reports, which were followed by our Three Way Conferences in the final week of term.

Thank you to all for attending both the conferences and engaging in discussions with your child/ren's teachers about the progress your child has made in the first half of the year.

The feedback from parents about the new reporting has been encouraging. In particular, the feedback that I have received by parents has acknowledged the explicitness of the learning steps in the core-curriculum area, and the aligned suggestions of what parents can do at home to support their child/ren further.

As a future piece of work, we will aim to include more assessment information in our reports and to ensure that families have the supporting information they need to unpack what this means for your child's learning.

If you have any further questions or feedback about the reports, please do not hesitate to be in touch with Cathrine or I, as now is the time that we are reviewing the content of the end-of-year reports.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amanda Frater
Principal/Tumuaki

Matarki Celebration - THANK YOU

Our Matariki celebrations saw a wonderful turn out of parents, students and staff.

A big thank you to Mel Beirne, who was supported by Matua Hemi and Matua Alwyn, to lead this event. Particular to this year's celebrations, were the performances by each team and year-group.

Our PTA and Parent Volunteers were another significant part of this event and without your help this event would not have gone ahead.

Baker's Club - Thank you

The tradition of providing homemade afternoon tea for the teachers for their Three Way Conferences saw the teachers and staff being fed throughout the whole of the last week of school! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this. Your efforts were very much appreciated and helped to fuel the staff up until the final day of term.

Property Updates

Over the recent school holidays we were able to progress a number of property projects ahead of the students' return to school.

Drainage Projects: Weld and Rose Street: We had two projects, one at each site, which are now completed. These were to upgrade old pipes.

Upgrade of Fire System: We were also able to begin an upgrade of our fire system. The classroom works were prioritised to reduce disruptions to our classroom programmes. The second phase of this has now begun in the Administration Block. In the upcoming weeks, work will also need to be undertaken in the Rose Street Hall.

Upcoming Working Bee for 2026

This year's Working Bee will be at our Rose Street site, with a particular focus on the lower playgrounds, gardens and areas surrounding the Kōwhai classrooms. This is an area that is used by all our students; including those students who attend Kelly Club in the afternoon.

Now is a good time to start thinking about how you would like to contribute to this event; be it building, gardening, assisting with providing food for our workers, and/or assisting with the on-the-day feeding of our volunteers.

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with other parents, families, staff members and to give back to the school. Our long standing Working Bees contribute to making a significant difference to our school environment. Further details to follow.

Donations please …. **We are always on the lookout for:** clean ice-cream containers with lids, brown supermarket bags and/or other reusable cloth bags. If you can assist with this, please send them to the school office.

Furthermore, we are looking for a few parent volunteers who are able to sew. This is to assist us with a project in the Rose Street Library, where our Student Librarians are looking to develop a reading nook with cushions. Please contact me if you are able to assist with this.

Second Hand Uniforms

This system continues to provide an easy way for families to top up their child's uniform and/or to add extra pieces. Families can either donate these directly, or can opt to sell these on. Please speak to Maea or Megan in the office for assistance with this.

If you are unable to find the item you require, the NZ Uniform Store is open on Saturdays which is often an easier time for busy families to visit.

Regional Cross Country

Wadestown was one of the best represented schools at the Wellington Region Cross Country during the last week of last term, with ten runners representing the school and Primary Sport Wellington. Upper Hutt's Harcourt Park provided a very muddy challenging course, for the runners who had come from the greater Wellington area, as far away as Kapiti and Wairarapa.

Wadestown results:

- Year 4: Toby Kirkness 8th, Eddie Spencer 11th, Arthur Langford 18th
- Year 5: Saskia Grey 52nd, George Ross 12th, Nicholas Cottingham 11th
- Year 6: Jamie Whyte 10th
- Year 7: Emily Gerritson 3rd, Sylvie Langford 6th, Eli Boniface 11th
- Year 8: Andrew Thurston 2nd

Jamie, Emily, Sylvie, Eli and Andrew have all been selected to represent Wellington at the Inter-Regional cross country, against Canterbury and Nelson-Marlborough, later this term.





Hato Hone St John at Weld Street

Ebby from Hato Hone St John visited Pōhutukawa to teach us what to do in different emergency situations. We learned when it's appropriate to call 111 for the police, ambulance, or fire brigade, and when it's better to seek help from a trusted adult instead. Together, we explored a range of scenarios to decide which ones required emergency services and which ones didn't. Ebby also explained the important information we need to give if we ever have to call 111. She even gave us a magnet to take home so we can work with a family member to learn our address and phone number, helping us be prepared in case we ever need to make an emergency call.





Miniball Training with The Saints

On Tuesday our year 5-8 miniball players were fortunate to have a special training session with a couple of the Saint's players, including 6'9" tall (2.06m) Akeech Aliir. Some of the students who went described the training session as "Really cool fun" and "It was much better than a normal practice", as well as being 'wow'ed by how tall Akeech was.

TONY KAHR was there and took some photos. I have emailed him and asked him to send me any that might be good.











40 Hour Challenge - Thank You

On behalf of the Student Council, we want to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported this year's World Vision 40 Hour Challenge!

Thanks to the incredible dedication of our participants and the wonderful support from our teachers, our school community raised a phenomenal $2,700. This money will go directly to helping families in the Pacific protect their crops against climate change and fight food insecurity. We are so proud of what we achieved together, and we couldn't have done it without the encouragement of our teachers and the hard work of everyone who took part, showing commitment and perseverance throughout the challenge.

Japjot Kaur



News from the PTA



Tickets are available to purchase here at the presale price until 2 August, then tickets will be sold at the standard price. We'd greatly appreciate your help sharing this with family, friends, colleagues, and your wider networks.

The event has been a much-loved part of the Wadestown community for nearly 30 years and showcases some beautiful homes and gardens.


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School Calendar

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.

Upcoming events for the next fortnight:

Fri 24 Jul	Wadestown Community Librarian visiting
Thur 30 Jul	Kaitiaki Day - Weld Street
Fri 31 Jul	Kaitiaki Day - Rose Street
Wed 5 Aug	Board Meeting
Thur 6 Aug	Kapa Haka Festival - Wellington College

ICAS dates

Fri 7 Aug	Writing exam
Fri 14 Aug	English exam
Fri 21 Aug	Science exam
Fri 28 Aug	Mathematics exam

Important Dates for Term 3

Wed 5 Aug	**Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm**
Thur 6 Aug	Kapa Haka Festival - Wellington College
Mon 10 Aug	**PTA Meeting @ 7:00 pm**

Thur 13 Aug	Mihi Whakatau
Wed 19 Aug	Kōwhai Tech begins
Mon 24 Aug	**Teacher Only Day - school closed for instruction**
Tues 25 Aug	Western Zones Netball
Thur 27 Aug	NIWA Science Fair
Wed 2 Sep	School Photos Day 1 **Board Meeting @ 6:30pm**
Thur 3 Sep	School Photos Day 2
Mon 7 Sep	Western Zones Futsal (Years 1-4) AIMS Games Year 7 & 8 Immunisations **PTA Meeting @ 7:00pm**
Tues 8 Sep	Western Zones Futsal (Years 5-8)
Tues 15 Sep	Inter Zone Swimming
Fri 18 Sep	School Production
Thur 24 Sep	Inter Regional Cross Country
Fri 25 Sep	Final day of Term 3

Kelly Club - Afterschool Care

Our Afterschool Care programme has now been running for almost two terms with great success.

Click here for more information.



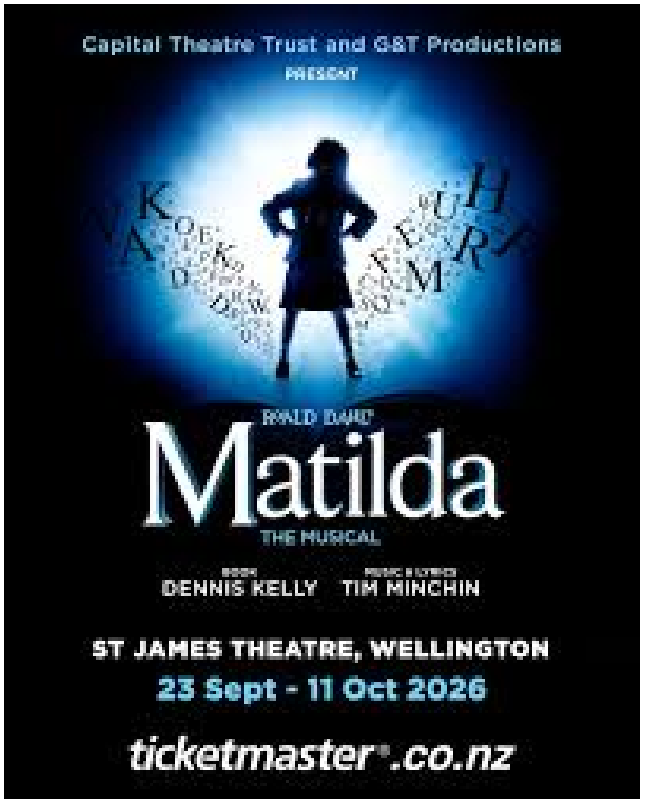
WARM UP WINTER SPORTS - Weld Street School

Our Winter Multi Sports Programme keeps your child active with a variety of sports (Cricket, Football, Turbo Touch, Athletics) helping them build skills, boost confidence and have fun during the colder months.

The sessions start on **Thursday 30 July 2026** and run for 8 weeks.

Go to www.kellysports.co.nz to enrol.







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ENROLMENT APPLICATIONS 2027

Enrolment deadline for 2027: Friday 24 July 2026

To enrol, visit the enrolment page on our school website
www.stmw.school.nz or phone 04 473 5554