Wadestown School

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

Newsletter - Panui

Term 3 Week 5, 2026

Thursday 20 August

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,

Last week's newsletter was not published due to illness so this week's newsletter is a bit of a bumper issue. Taking on feedback, we will be testing a few different components to the newsletter to help parents and our community gain the most from these.

The key purpose of this fortnightly communication is to: provide information and updates to parents, to celebrate and share recent happenings across the school and to connect with our schooling and wider community. Thank you for taking the time to read our school news.

Work is well underway for our upcoming Production for 2026; *A Journey through Time.* Students and teachers are beginning to plan and practise their items for this upcoming celebration of the Arts.

We are thrilled to have secured Wellington High School for this event again; their staging is stunning and it is well set-up for our school. This is another highlight of our Wadestown School calendar, with these productions Further information is contained below.

With various winter illnesses going around, we hope that you are keeping safe and well.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amanda Frater
Principal/Tumuaki

IMPORTANT:

- ***School Closed:*** *Teacher Only Day - Monday 24 August.. Kelly Club care available on this day.*
- *School, Sibling and Sport Team Photos - Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 September*
- *House and Garden 2026*
- *Sign up for Working Bee 2026*
- *Class Coordinator Vacancy - Years 3 and 4*
- *Wadestown School Production 2026*

Teacher Only Day

Our teachers will be attending our final Mathematics and Statistics ToD next Monday at Northland School. This is the last in the series of 4 ToDs for our teaching staff.

If you haven't already done so, it is not too late to register your child/ren for **Kelly Club** care next Monday. They do not need to have attended before. There are multiple options provided to accommodate different family arrangements. See below for further information.

School Photos - Wednesday 2 - Thursday 3 September

School photos are happening in Week 7 of this term at Rose Street.

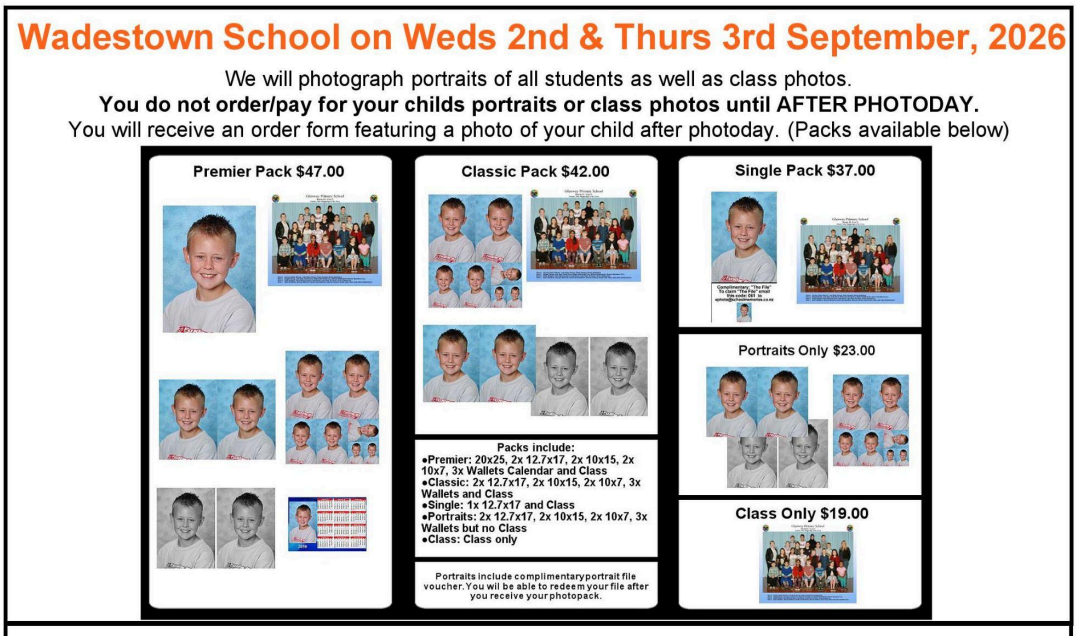
Weld Street students will be photographed on the morning of Thursday 3 September. Drop off on this day will be at Rose Street. Further details to follow.

Students will require tidy school uniforms. Students in sports teams will also need to bring their regulation Wadestown School Sports Uniform for their photos.

A timetable will be shared via email to all families and this will outline the order of the photos schedule; including sibling photos, class photos and sports teams.

Orders and payments are sent directly to *School Memories*.

The School Photo flyer will be distributed to students early next week. If you would like a sibling photo please return the flyer to the school office by **Friday 28 September**.



House and Garden - Saturday 15 November

Thank you to the dedicated team of parents and teachers who are assisting with the organisation of this event.

This is a true celebration of the Wadestown community and if you have never attended before, I strongly encourage you to do so. There is much to see and enjoy. On my visits to the houses and gardens last time, I was impressed with the generosity of the hosts and their willingness to engage in conversations about their homes.

A sincere thank you to those families who have agreed to open their homes this year.

Tickets for this event are still available and include morning and afternoon tea. Gather some friends and come along for a great day out!

Rose Street Working Bee 2026 - Saturday 19 September

We are pleased to share that Kieran Long has agreed to lead this event for 2026.

Now is a good time to start thinking about how you would like to contribute to this year's Working Bee.

Students are welcome to attend and are encouraged to assist too. Attending students must be accompanied by a parent.

Parental Support: Class Coordinator Vacancy - Yrs 3 and 4

We have a new vacancy for a Year 3 and 4 Classroom Coordinator for the rest of the year. These roles provide a key connection between home and school and with recent new enrollments, we are very keen to see this role filled.

Please contact Natalie Groom or a member of the PTA Committee for further information and/or to express your interest.

Thank you to the generosity of parents who answered our call for help in our last newsletter. We now have enough ice-cream containers and brown paper bags.

We still have some small sewing projects available if you are interested. Thank you to the generosity of those parents and grandparents who have already assisted this with.

School Production 2026 - Friday 18 September

This opportunity to bring our whole school together at the end of the term for a fun night of singing, dancing, music and drama is once again upon us.

Tickets for this event will be $12.00 per person with each family allocated 3 tickets for each of our two performances.

All students participate in the Production. This year with increased seating the students will have the opportunity to watch the performances of the other students in the school.

Thank you to the PTA Committee for their willingness to support this event. They will have food and drinks available before the show begins.

Zero Waste Initiative - Term 4

From Term 4 onwards, we will be introducing a 'zero waste' initiative across the school.

This will see students either taking home all packets or wrapping in their lunchboxes or using reusable containers to bring their food to school. Watch this space!

CELEBRATIONS: Student Leadership and Schoolwide Events



Mihi Whakatau - Welcome to new families

Last Thursday we welcomed 20 new students to Wadestown School. This was one of our biggest welcomes to-date.

We are grateful to all the families who attended this event, in support of their child/ren and hope that your time with us is a positive one.

Thank you to Cathrine Wilkinson and Murray Williams for speaking on behalf of both the staff and Wadestown School Board.

Tūmanako Arts Festival

Last Friday, we attended the “Tūmanako” Opening Ceremony, taking place at Johnsonville Community Center. We emceed the event alongside the mayor of Wellington, Andrew Little. As well as us, Poppy Smith and Japjot Kaur, the other two Student Councillors, both gave speeches on their perspective of peace. Vidhya and Amber, our Heads of Music, performed multiple songs on the violin as guests arrived. It was an amazing experience, and we took it as an opportunity to grow and represent Wadestown School, advocating peace.

By Alice Kularatne and Baden Crofskey, your Heads of Student Council.














Please do not touch the artwork
Thank you.






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Year 7 and 8 Mathswell





Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 Mathswell team, who were awarded **first place in the recent Wellington Region Mathswell Plate Competition**. A fantastic achievement and a wonderful recognition of their mathematical thinking, problem-solving and teamwork. Each team member received a Casio calculator and Whittaker's chocolate, along with the team trophy.

Team members:
Andrew Thurston, Charlie Tietjens, Henry Dean, Sonny Nguyen, Harry Baxter, Juliette Berridge (Travelling reserve - Annabelle Berridge)

Kapa Haka Festival









On 6 August, a group of talented Wadestown School Year 5-8 students travelled to the Allan Gibbs Centre at Wellington College to take part in a Kapa Haka Festival. There were lots of amazing performances from schools across Wellington, and we really enjoyed watching the different cultural performances, including the Chinese dragon dancing.

When it was our turn to perform, we were excited to get up on stage and share our kapa haka with everyone. We were proud to represent our school and show how much we enjoy being part of kapa haka.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Matua Hemi for all his hard work and for helping make the day such a fun and memorable experience for us.

Bonnie Kerr and Lily-Mae McLellan

Student Leadership: Rose Street Library - Book Nook

Our Student Librarians have been working on the development of a Book Nook at the Rose Street Library. This will be a space for students to relax and unwind while enjoying a good book.

In developing their proposal, Althea and Oskar developed a design that reflected their vision of a new space for the Rose Street Library. This was then reviewed, tweaked and priced-up. The beginning stages have included repairs to the existing cushions and beanbags, and the introduction of blankets and soft toys for students to relax with.

The aim of this project has been to create a space that is both relaxing and focused on student wellbeing. The Weld Street Library has also received new cushions and additions to their library space.

Pōhutukawa Trips to Ākau Tangi Sports Stadium

Our students have had two recent visits to Akua Tangi; in which they had gymnastics, netball and ballskills coaching. It was a lot of fun and students developed their resilience by trying new activities and sports equipment.

We're very GRATEFUL Alice O'Styke and Darren Chin were able to assist us on the day as Parent Helpers.







100 Days at School - Weld Street

Room 3 and 4 students celebrated this big milestone - 100 days at school - last week with a special afternoon tea treat on Friday afternoon.

Students bought in their collections of 100 items and Room 1 were invited in to see how interesting and varied these collections were.

Celebrating our School Values: Gratitude - Acrostic Poem

At Monday's Rose Street hui-a-kura (assembly) the students from Totara Iti shared this poem about one of our school values and the ways in which they demonstrate gratitude.

"We thought about what gratitude means to us. We turned our ideas into an acrostic poem".

G - grateful, good friends, grow, give kindness

R - respect, responsibility, remember good times

A - amazing, appreciation, apologise, act friendly

T - thank you! thankful, teamwork, trustworthy

I - include others, important, inspire, "I feel safe and happy", independence,

T - take time, teach, team up with others

U - united, unhappy becomes happy, understanding

D - do not doubt yourself, do kind things, differences are OK, do the right thing, do it together, dream

E - extra kind, each of us shows gratitude,, excellent, encouragement

Year 7 and 8 Science Fair

Throughout Term 2, our Kōwhai students worked incredibly hard on their Science Fair projects. Creating a high-quality science fair board requires dedication, perseverance, problem-solving and, most importantly, genuine curiosity. We are extremely proud of the high standard achieved across all the investigations. Selecting the projects to advance

to the next stage was challenging, given the exceptionally strong field of finished presentations.

Next week, the 20 students selected to represent Wadestown School at the NIWA Wellington Science Fair will compete alongside some of the top science projects from across the region. Our students have demonstrated strong scientific thinking and considerable effort throughout their investigations, from developing their questions and hypotheses to conducting research, collecting data and drawing conclusions.

We are looking forward to seeing what our Kōwhai students achieve at NIWA. We know they will represent Wadestown School with pride and enthusiasm, and we wish them all the very best.

Students and their entries heading to the NIWA Science Fair Competition:

Year 8 students:

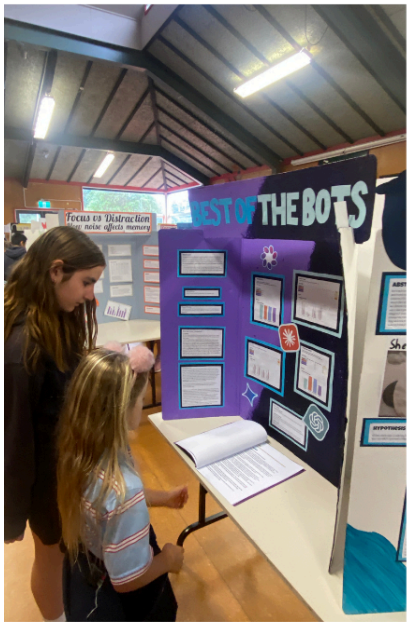
Alice	Kularatne	*Sunscreen Showdown*
Charlie	Tietjens	*Should I Stay or Should I Go?*
Japjot	Kaur	*Don't Shed a Tear*
Zara	Short	*No Ingredients No Problem*
Jonty	Luscombe	*Is Seeing Believing?*
Odette	MacKay-Lawn	*Stopping the Surge*
Poppy	Smith	*Water You Drinking?*
Andrew	Thurston	*Ventilation vs Stagnation*
Lily-Mae	McLellan	*Use it Once, Use it Twice*
Bonnie	Kerr	*Best of the Bots*
Amber	Li	*Nitrate - the soaking study*
James	Duff	*Plaque Patrol*
Madlyn	Kahr	*Born to Sleep*

Year 7 students

Sophie	Robinson	*Re-fuel-ution!*
Liam	Hargreaves	*The Effects of Heat, UV Light and Water on Bioplastics*
Julia	Melville	*What's Living on the Rocks?*
Oscar	Ransom	*Solar Energy*
Annabelle	Berridge	*Background Blues*
Ayla	Mistry	*Where's that Sound*
Leonardo	Facchini-Siyanov	*Strong - Yeah or Nah?*

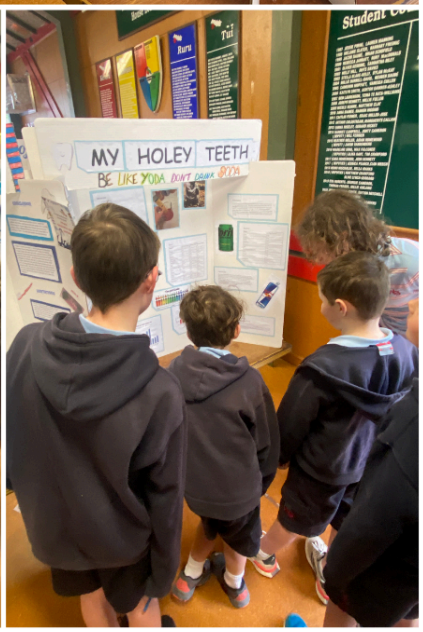

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YEAR 8
Electrolyte Showdown

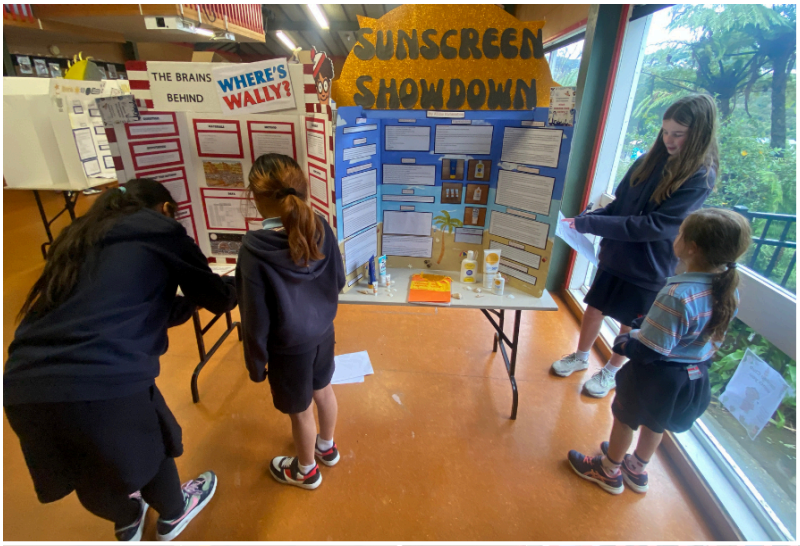

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How Much Work
WATER VS AIR

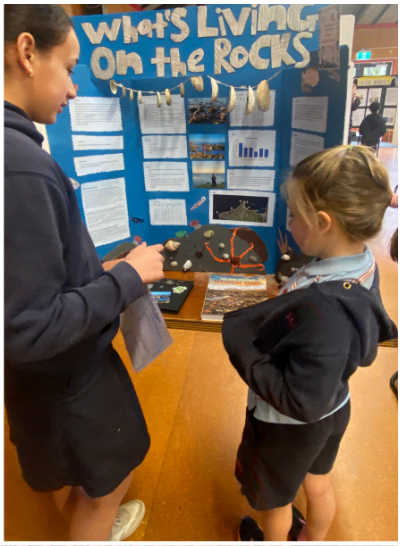

Focus vs Distraction
How noise affects memory
THE BOTS

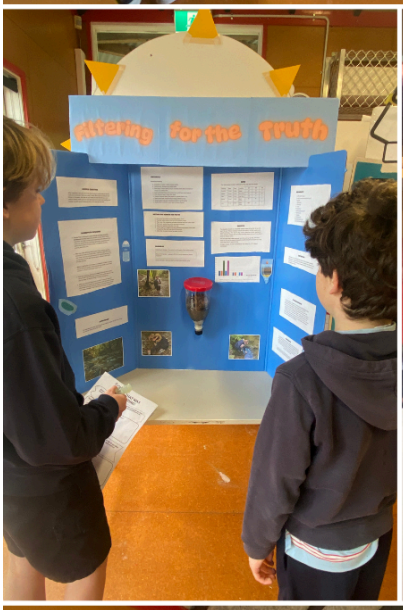

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Student Council Leaders
Ventilation Vs Stagnation
By Andrew Thurston
MY HOLEY


What's Living On the Rocks
THE BOTS


MY HOLEY TEETH
BE LIKE YODA DON'T DRINK SODA


THE BRAINS BEHIND
WHERE'S WALLY?
SUNSCREEN SHOWDOWN


What's Living On the Rocks


Filtering for the Truth


2026
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VEGETABLE VOLTAGE


BOARD MY MIND


Strong - Yeah or Nah
Leonardo Facchini-Siyanov

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. 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.

Weld Street 2nd-hand uniforms NEEDED

New Entrant parents really appreciate the access to second-hand uniforms when their child starts school. Our current supplies are very LOW - please can you help replenish our supplies? Thank you to Jade Russell on the PTA for supporting us with this initiative.

Scholastic Book Club Update

This term we have 2 Scholastic Book Club issues for children to select books from. All books ordered from either issue will be delivered at the end of this term. The closing date for both issues is **Friday 4 September.**

If orders from Scholastic will be delivered late we will let you know as soon as possible.

If your book you ordered is no longer in stock then Scholastic will supply a consolation book and give you a refund voucher of the same amount.

Kaitiaki Day

Our recent Kaitiaki Day was a wonderful opportunity for our students to take action and care for our school environment. Led by our Year 8 Environment Leaders, Henry Dean and James Stevenson, students from all classes took responsibility for tidying, cleaning and clearing their allocated areas across both our Weld Street and Rose Street sites.

Throughout the day, the message of *kaitiakitanga*, being a guardian and caretaker of our special environment, was shared. Students were encouraged to recognise that caring for our school is a shared responsibility and that even small actions can make a big difference.

A big thank you to Henry and James for their leadership, and to all our students and staff for getting stuck in and showing what it means to be kaitiaki of our school.













Images from Weld Street Kaitiaki Day









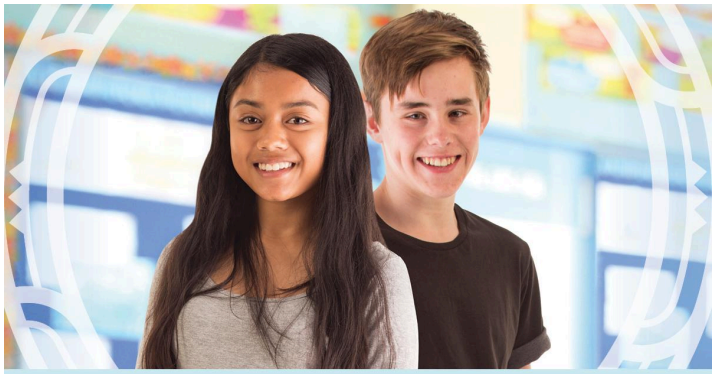


News from the PTA



Tickets are available to purchase here. 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.



School Based Immunisation Programme

Cancer protection starts at school

A single dose of the HPV vaccine provides strong protection (around 97%) against the high-risk HPV types that cause cancers.

A second dose is available FREE of charge through community immunisation providers.

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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 21 Aug	ICAS Science exam
Mon 24 Aug	**Teacher Only Day - school closed for instruction**
Tue 25 Aug	Western Zone Netball
Wed 26 Aug	Kōwhai Tech @ Karori West Normal School
Thur 27 Aug	NIWA Science Fair
Fri 28 Aug	ICAS Mathematics exam Daffodil Day at Wadestown School (fundraiser)
Tues 1 Sep	Western Zone Swimming
Wed 2 Sep	School Photos Day 1 Kōwhai Tech @ Karori West Normal School **Board Meeting @ 6:30pm**
Thur 3 Sep	School Photos Day 2

Important Dates for Term 3

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)

Fri 11 Sep	Netball Prize Giving in Hall @ 12.30pm
Tues 15 Sep	Inter Zone Swimming
Fri 18 Sep	School Production (pm) @ Wellington High School
Sat 19 Sep	Wadestown School Working Bee - Rose Street
Thur 24 Sep	Inter-Regional Cross Country
Fri 25 Sep	Final day of Term 3

Kelly Sport

Kelly Sport is back for Term 3.

If you are interested in registering for Kelly Sports for Term 3 click here.

If you have any questions about the programme please get in touch with Phil at phil@kellysports.co.nz or call Tracey on 021 972 728.

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Kelly Club - Afterschool Care

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



Click here for more information.

WELLINGTON NORTH ELECTORATE

MEET THE CANDIDATES

2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Hear from the candidates standing in the 2026 election and have your say on the issues that matter most.

TUESDAY
8 SEPTEMBER
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