Wadestown School

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

Newsletter - Panui

Term 3 Week 7, 2026

Thursday 3 September

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,

Yesterday I attended a presentation to Principals on the Financial Literacy component of the newly introduced Social Sciences curriculum. Financial Literacy makes up 21% of this curriculum and is designed to assist our students to become financially literate, beginning in Year 1.

Our recent ToD at Northland School on the Mathematics and Statistics curriculum highlighted the good position that we are in as a school with the changes to this curriculum area. One of the key pieces of work we undertook on this day was a moderation of our mid-year reports and our assessment of this curriculum area. This exercise confirmed that our moderation was aligned to other schools and confirmed our teachers' overall judgements.

Our continued emphasis and success in science was showcased at the recent NIWA Science Fair awards with our school, once again being the top achieving school across the Wellington region. I would like to extend a huge congratulations to all our Year 7 and 8 students and in particular, to the students whose projects that were selected for either prizes or a highly commended selection. This year has seen our highest ever selection of highly commended prizes.

Ngā mihi nui,

Amanda Frater
Principal/Tumuaki

IMPORTANT and OF NOTE:

- *Road Safety Improvements*
- *Parent Volunteers - Graphic Designer, Road Patrol Volunteers and Class Coordinator (Years 3 and 4)*
- *Sign up for Working Bee 2026*
- *Wadestown School Production 2026*
- *Student celebrations: Daffodil Day fundraising, NIWA Science Fair and Tumanako Art Exhibition*

Road Safety Improvements

You will have noticed the newly installed speedzones around the school. These changes are essential in supporting our ongoing efforts to maintain a safe area for our students.

For the safety of our students and other members of our schooling community, it is critical that drivers keep to this newly introduced **30 km/h speed limit.**

Thank you to Board Members, Murray Williams and Sarah Edmonson for their ongoing work with the WCC to make this happen. Further discussions are ongoing around the possibility of a pedestrian crossing close to Purakau Ave.

Can you help?

Graphic Designer

The Board is looking for a graphic designer to assist us with the design of a new school flyer. If you have creative design abilities or are willing to assist others with this, please contact Amanda Frater or Michelle Crutchley.

Parent Volunteers: Road Patrol (Rose Street)

We are also on the search for some more parent volunteers to assist us with the morning Road Patrol. This happens from 8:25 am - 8:50 am. A teacher would train you in this role. Having parents fulfill these roles, supports our teachers to be able to be in their classrooms from the beginning of the day. Contact Liberty Cook or Cathrine Wilkinson if you are able to assist with this.

Class Coordinator - Years 3 and 4

We are still on the lookout for a parent to take over the Class Coordinator role for Years 3 and 4. You don't need any previous experience in this role. Taking on this role would see you connecting with other parents within this cohort.

Please contact Natalie Groom if you are able to assist.

Rose Street - Working Bee on Saturday

Thank you to those families and parents who have already volunteered to attend this year's Working Bee. Please continue to sign up for this important event.

Pot Plants: If you have any pot plants to enhance our classrooms, staffroom and administration area, please drop these to the school office.

PTA Meeting - Monday 7 September

The PTA will be meeting on Monday evening at Weld Street. As always, anyone is welcome to attend. Thank you to the PTA Committee for their continuing support of the school; your contributions make a significant difference to our students, staff and the wider school.

School Photos

Thank you to all for your cooperation with our School Photos over the past two days. These can now be ordered according to the instructions shared with families earlier. Thank you to Maea and Megan for their work to make this year's photos very seamless.



If you are available to help please contact Sean Morrison by calling or texting on 021 281 0130.

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. It is a fantastic community event and our biggest school fundraiser.

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!

CELEBRATIONS: Student Leadership and Schoolwide Events

Wadestown School Production 2026

We are thrilled to bring you our Wadestown School Production for 2026; *A Journey Through Time* on Friday 18 September.

Our students and teachers have been working hard to bring this year's show together, with all classes now practising their items.

Please check your email for further details. This year, all ticket organisations will need to use the Google Form to book your tickets.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Clare Gilligan, James Shelton, Katy Synge and Melissa Kosmadakis who have led our Production Committee this year.

Daffodil Day - Fundraiser

Wadestown School showed wonderful manaakitanga and a spirit of service this Daffodil Day, coming together to support the Cancer Society and those whose lives have been affected by cancer.

The school was a sea of yellow, with students and staff embracing the spirit of the day. Our student Fundraising Team worked hard to bring the day together, while our Year 8 students demonstrated service and thoughtfulness by baking and decorating an impressive array of yellow cupcakes to sell.

Our student leaders also shared the important message behind Daffodil Day, reminding us to think of and support those who are currently facing cancer. They took the opportunity to acknowledge our beloved caretaker, Tani, and to remember those who have sadly lost their battles with cancer.

We are incredibly proud of the compassion, generosity and leadership shown by our students. Together, we raised an amazing **$1,020 for the Cancer Society**.

A huge thank you to everyone who baked, bought, donated and supported this important cause. It was a wonderful example of our students putting manaakitanga and service into action.





















Images from Weld Street Daffodil Day









Kiwi Whistlers Umpiring Programme - Graduates

Congratulations to **Alice, Penny, Eve and Ruby**, who recently graduated from the Kiwi Whistler Umpire Programme.

The programme, run by Netball Wellington Centre, is designed for Year 8 students and combines theory with practical umpiring experience. The girls began their journey in March with six theory sessions before putting their learning into practice on the netball court.

They have shown fantastic commitment, giving up many Saturday mornings to umpire Wellington West netball games at Altum Academy, often braving cold and wet weather while also managing their own netball commitments.

Their dedication, resilience and willingness to serve others is something to be proud of. We congratulate Alice, Penny, Eve and Ruby on this achievement and look forward to seeing where their umpiring journey takes them next.





Western Zone Swimming

Wadestown had nineteen swimmers at the Western Zone Swimming Sports this week.

Three students each won three individual events:

- Wolf Sciascia (Yr4) - 25m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle and 25m Breaststroke
- Nicholas Cottingham (Yr5) - 25m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle and 25m Butterfly
- Sylvie Langford (Yr7) - 25m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle and 25m Butterfly

Two Wadestown relay teams also won their events:

- Year 4 Girls (Matilda, Quinn, Eva, Mascha) and Year 7 Girls (Sylvie, Sophie, Dani and Halina).

Other top performances included:

- Eddie Spencer Yr4 - 25m Backstroke (2nd)
- Sophie Robinson Yr 7 - 25m Backstroke (2nd=)
- Year 5 Boys Relay team 2nd (including two Year 4 boys - Eddie, Wolf, Nicholas and Ashton Maharaj)

The winning relay teams and individuals that finished in the first two should be selected to represent the Western Zone at the Wellington Interzone Swimming on 15 September.

Many thanks to Kris Mayo for managing the team.

Financial Literacy: Weld Street

When ASB's "Captain Cash" visited Pōhutukawa Team students they were enthralled with his dramatic presentation. Prior to his visit classes learnt what "cash" is and how it can be presented e.g. notes and coins.





Help For Weld Street

Steph Begley has been a wonderful "Book Fairy" for us and is due to move on from this role next year when her daughter Lexi moves to Rose Street. We're looking for a new "Book Fairy" who will manage the parent roster for this important job helping the teachers return guided readers to the book shelves. We're most GRATEFUL to Steph for all the help she has personally given us and also garrisoned for us. Parents on the roster usually commit to a weekly hour.....if you're available to help in this way then please email Amanda Lamble.

NIWA Science Fair Success

Congratulations to our 20 Year 7 and 8 students whose Science Fair investigations were selected to represent Wadestown School at the prestigious NIWA Wellington Science Fair.

Our students impressed the judges with the quality, clarity and thoroughness of their investigations, taking home an outstanding 12 prizes, one of the strongest results of any school in the Greater Wellington Region.

From designing experiments and analysing results to presenting their findings to the judges, our students demonstrated creativity, curiosity, problem-solving and strong scientific thinking.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication, and the enthusiasm and pride with which they represented Wadestown School. A fantastic achievement.

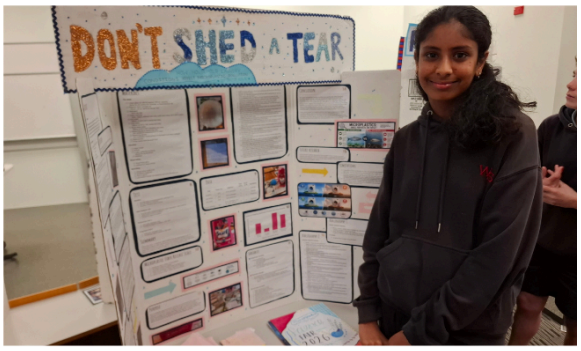
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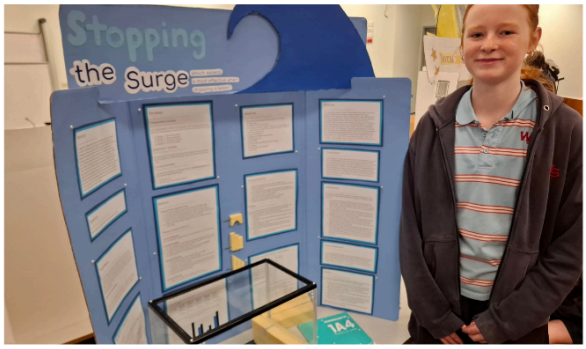
1. Engineering New Zealand - Oscar Ransom Solar Energy
2. Engineering New Zealand - Andrew Thurston Ventilation vs Stagnation
3. Engineering New Zealand - Leonardo Facchini-Siyanov Strong – Yeah or Nah?
4. Engineering New Zealand - Sophie Robinson Re-fuel-ution!
5. Engineering New Zealand - Odette MacKay-Lawn Stopping the Surge
6. Cancer Society (Wellington Division) - Alice Kularatne Sunscreen Showdown
7. Wellington City Libraries - Japjot Kaur Don't Shed a Tear

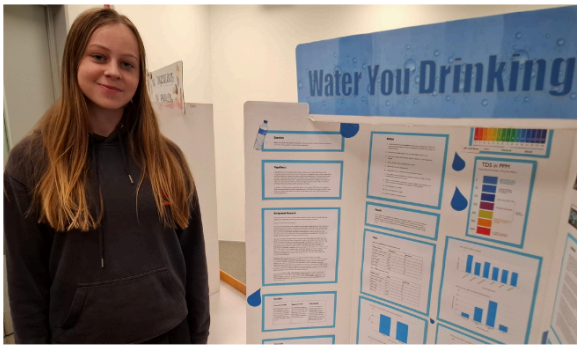
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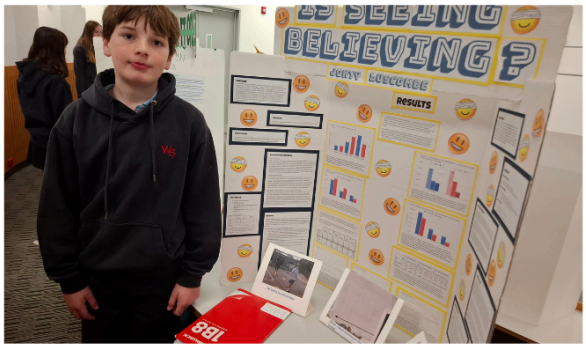
1. Alice Kularatne - Sunscreen Showdown
2. Amber Li - Nitrate – The Soaking Study
3. Japjot Kaur - Don't Shed a Tear
4. Odette MacKay-Lawn - Stopping the Surge
5. Poppy Smith - Water You Drinking?

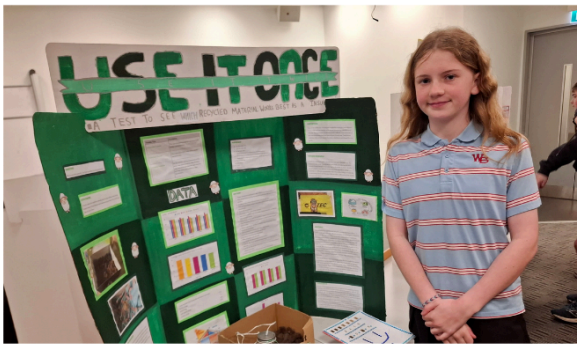

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DON'T SHED A TEAR


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the Surge


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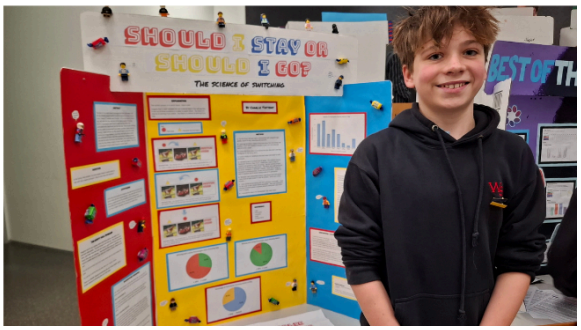

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RESULTS

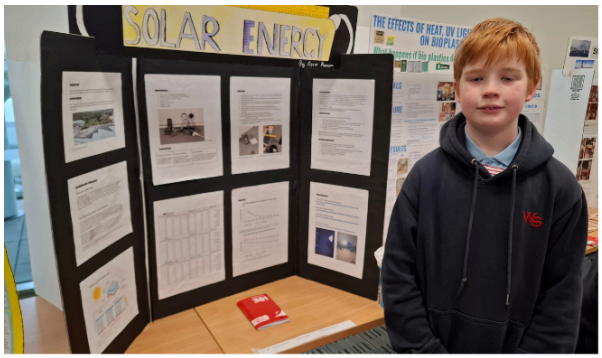

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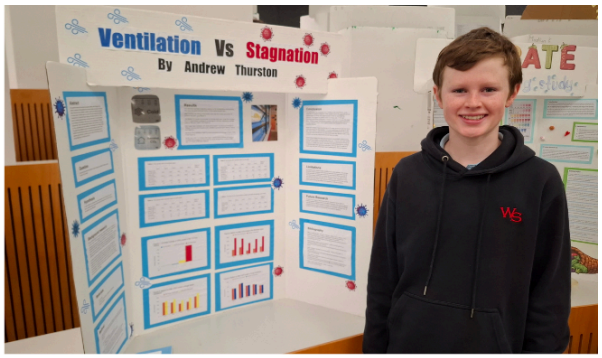

Born to Sleep


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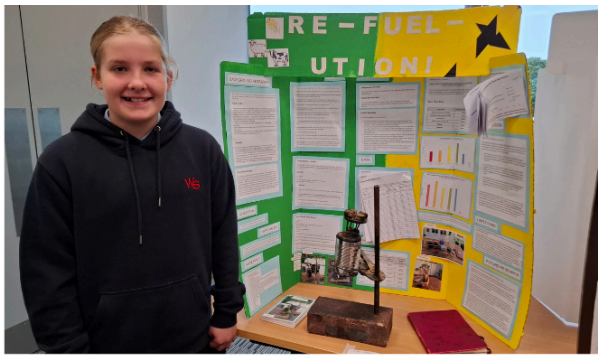

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NO PROBLEM

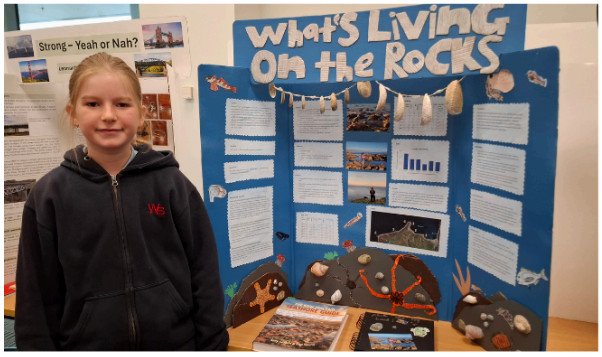

SHOULD I STAY OR
SHOULD I GO?
THE SCIENCE OF SWITCHING

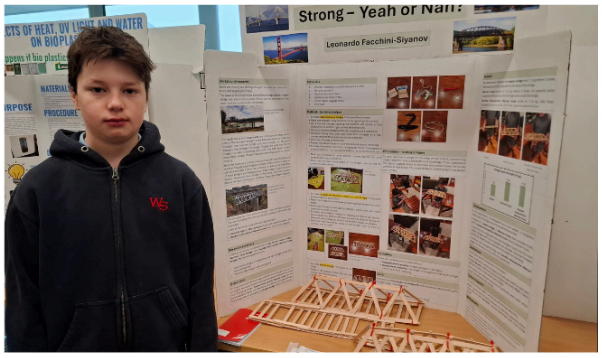

SOLAR ENERGY

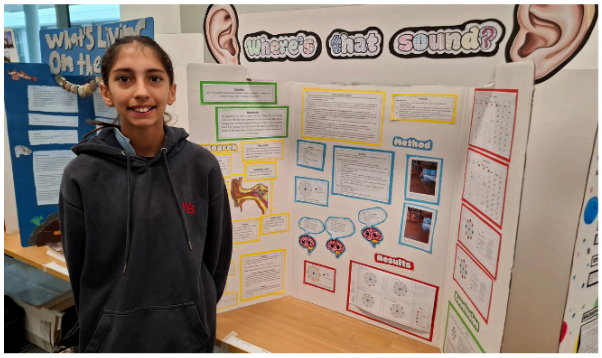

Ventilation Vs Stagnation
By Andrew Thurston

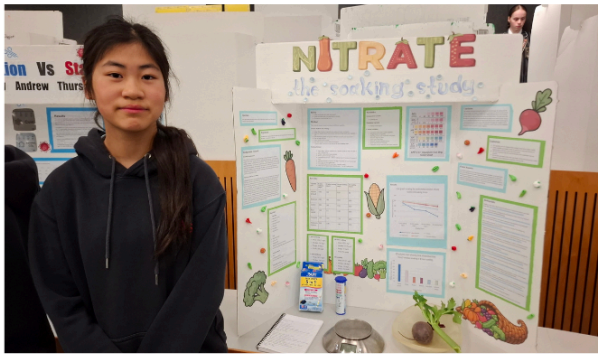

ON BIOPLASTICS.
What happens if bio plastics don't get composted?
ABSTRACT
PURPOSE
PROBLEM
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By Liam Hargreaves
CONCLUSION
FUTURE RESEARCH
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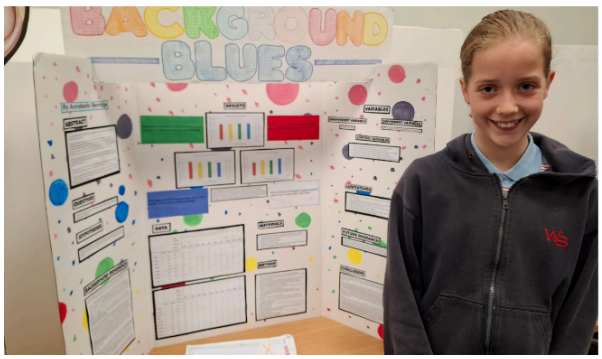

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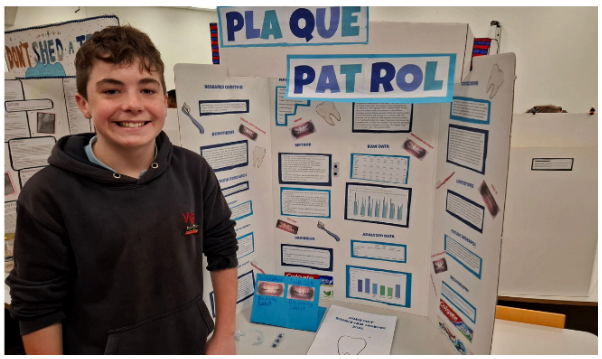

Strong – Yeah or Nah?
What's Living On the Rocks


Strong – Yeah or Nah?
Leonardo Facchini-Siyanov


Where's that Sound?
Method
Results


NITRATE


BACKGROUND
BLUES


PLA QUE
PAT ROL

Future Ferns Netball

The Year 1 & 2 Future Ferns netball squad have had a fabulous season this year.

Around 14 dedicated players turned up to Thursday lunchtime practices ably supported by our year 8 coaches Odette, Lily-Mae, Zara and Jasmine.

Closer to festival time we practised over a number of lunchtimes developing an understanding of the basics of the game.

It has been a wet and windy winter and all coaches and players are to be congratulated for braving the rough weather to practise.

They are an enthusiastic bunch and became quite competitive on the courts at both of the Saturday Festival days in August at the end of the season. Thank you to all the families who turned up to support the Wadestown Future Ferns.

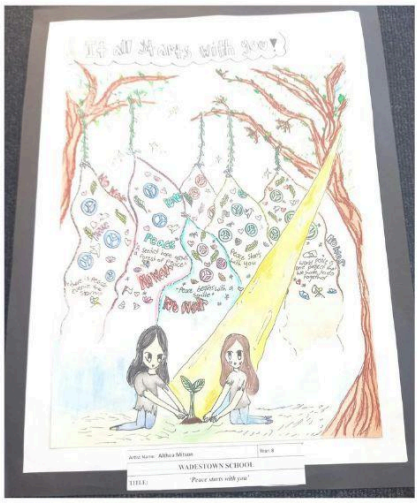
Our thanks also to Sally Latham and Prue and Gareth Williams for all their behind the scenes support.





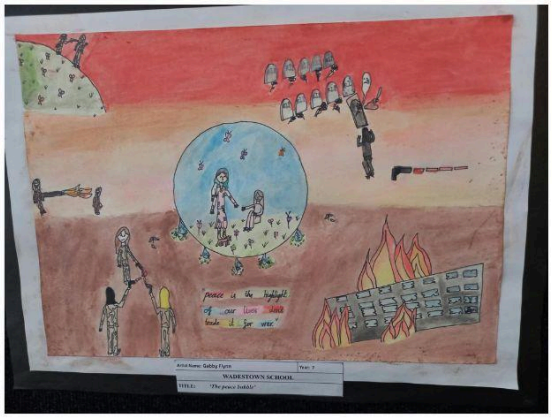


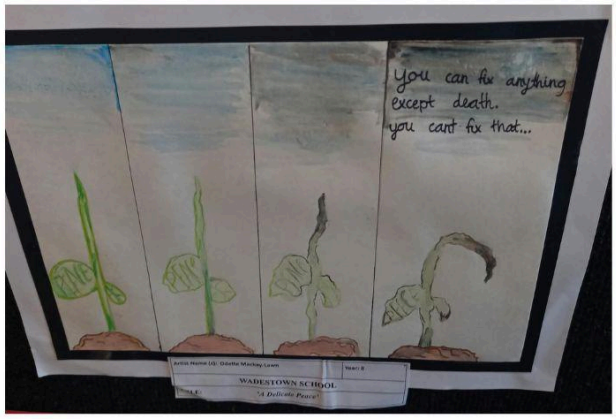
Tūmanako! Art exhibition at the Johnsonville Library at Waitohi Hub

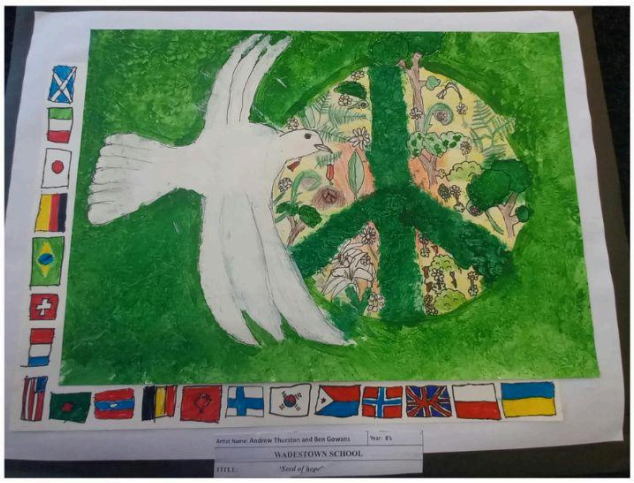






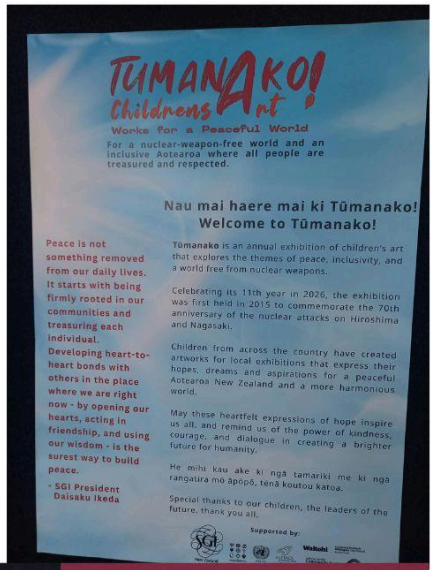









Artist Name (s): Dani Mayo
Year: 7
WADESTOWN SCHOOL
TITLE: 'If we all work together, peace is possible'


TŪMANAKO!
Childrens Art
Works for a Peaceful World
For a nuclear-weapon-free world and an inclusive Aotearoa where all people are treasured and respected.
Nau mai haere mai ki Tūmanako!
Welcome to Tūmanako!
Peace is not something removed from our daily lives. It starts with being firmly rooted in our communities and treasuring each individual. Developing heart-to-heart bonds with others in the place where we are right now - by opening our hearts, acting in friendship, and using our wisdom - is the surest way to build peace.
- SGI President Daisaku Ikeda
Tūmanako is an annual exhibition of children's art that explores the themes of peace, inclusivity, and a world free from nuclear weapons.
Celebrating its 11th year in 2026, the exhibition was first held in 2015 to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
Children from across the country have created artworks for local exhibitions that express their hopes, dreams and aspirations for a peaceful Aotearoa New Zealand and a more harmonious world.
May these heartfelt expressions of hope inspire us all, and remind us of the power of kindness, courage, and dialogue in creating a brighter future for humanity.
He mihi kau ake ki ngā tamariki me ki ngā rangatira mō āpōpō, tēnā koutou katoa.
Special thanks to our children, the leaders of the future, thank you all.
Supported by:


WADESTOWN SCHOOL
TITLE: 'The animals were here'


Artist Name: Amber Li
Year: 8
WADESTOWN SCHOOL
TITLE: 'Intertwined'


WADESTOWN SCHOOL
TITLE: The Gun of Peace


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Lessons at Wadestown School

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:

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)
Wed 9 Sep	Kōwhai @ Tech - KWNS
Fri 11 Sep	Netball Prize Giving in Hall @ 12.30pm
Tues 15 Sep	Inter Zone Swimming
Wed 16 Sep	Kōwhai @ Tech - KWNS
Fri 18 Sep	School Production (pm) @ Wellington High School
Sat 19 Sep	**Wadestown School Working Bee - Rose Street**

Important Dates for Term 3

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.



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Matilda the Musical

At St James Theatre Wellington from 23 September to 11 October and featuring Wadestown's Ross brothers; George (Year 5) and Ethan (Year 8).









Wellington Harrier Childrens Athletics

Ready, Set, Go Unleash your childs potential !

Junior Athletics for children aged 4 - 6 years and 7 - 14 Years.
Looking for a fun, active program that builds skills for life? Our Children's Athletics Programme teaches the fundamentals of track and field, while keeping the focus entirely on fun and fitness! From sprinting, high jump and hurdles to long jump and shot put, we help kids discover what they can achieve.
What We Offer: .Age-appropriate skills stations (Sprints, Jumps, Throws). Teamwork, resilience, and personal-best tracking.
Fully coached sessions by qualified coaches and supportive mentors, Inclusive environment for all fitness levels and abilities. A fantastic, social atmosphere where kids can make new friends, push their limits, and celebrate achieving their personal bests
Starts: Saturday 10th October
Time: 9.30am
Venue: Newtown Park Athletics Track
Register here: https://whac.org.nz/wp/join/
For more information email Julie: juliemaerdy@yahoo.co.uk



KARORI ARTS & CRAFTS

Karori Arts & Crafts has creative activities for children lined up for the Spring School Holidays. Our fun, hands-on sessions are designed for primary school-aged children, with younger children welcome with an adult.

Colourful Sea Creatures- Monday, 28 September from 1 pm to 4pm
Dinosaur Diorama- Tuesday, 29 September from 1 pm to 4pm
Animal Books- Wednesday, 30 September from 1 pm to 4pm
Giant Beetles, Bugs, & Butterflies - Thursday, 1 October from 1 pm to 4pm
Driftwood Creatures - Monday, 5 October from 1 pm to 4pm
Take Flight - Tuesday, 6 October from 1 pm to 4pm
Pop-up Books - Wednesday, 7 October form 1 pm to 4 pm
Cardboard Animal Masks -Thursday, 8 October from 1 pm to 4pm
For full details, please visit the website: https://www.kacc.org.nz/school-holiday

Term 4 After school classes begin the first week of the term.
Monday: Sculpting Animals
Tuesday: After School Art & Sustainable Refashioning & Upcycling for Teens
Wednesday: After School Art
Thursday: After School Art & Kids Beginner Sewing
For full details, please visit the website: https://www.kacc.org.nz/kids-courses