



Wellington Seventh-day
Adventist School

Educating for Eternity

NEWSLETTER

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OWNERSHIP

Honesty
Commitment
Perseverance
Excellence

Theme

One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

Luke 16:10 (ESV)



Term 3:

Welcome to Term 3! We're now at the halfway point of the year, and things are full steam ahead at our Kura. This term is packed with exciting learning opportunities—it's important our tamariki are at school to make the most of them and continue to thrive.

New Students:

A warm welcome to our newest students—Eric, Luisa, and Maya—and their whānau to WSDA School. We're excited to have you join our school community and look forward to getting to know you!

Parent-Teacher Evening:

Thank you to everyone who met with us last term to discuss your child's learning and progress. We look forward to reconnecting this term to share more about their school journey.

Ukulele Performance - Kenepuru Summerset

Kenepuru Summerset Retirement Village were very grateful for our students' wonderful performance last term. A special thank you to Gary for continuing to generously volunteer his time and share his expertise with our students each term.

Attendance:

Last term, our overall attendance rate was 67%. A big shout-out to the 72 students who met the Ministry of Education's goal of 90%+ attendance—ka mau te wehi! Huge thanks to their whānau too—you're the ones getting them here, on time, every day. Well done!

Regional Cross Country:

Well done to our super representatives—Arielle, Luke and Valasi—for their perseverance and achievement at the recent Regional Cross Country competition. We're proud of the way they gave their best, represented our kura with pride, and showed great determination throughout the challenging course. Ka rawe!

Driveway - Pothole:

Many of you will be aware of the pothole at our school driveway entrance. While we work with our Property Manager and PCC to arrange repairs, a steel plate will be used as a temporary fix. Please be careful and thank you for your patience.



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Student Council Food Drive:

Our Wellington SDA Student Council is running a food drive over the next couple of weeks. A donation box is at the office for canned or non-perishable items. See the flyer below for more details.



Porirua Leadership Awards:

Samalaulu Vaafusuaga and Kayce Magombedze have been nominated to receive this special award for demonstrating leadership and service above self. They will be presented with a certificate by the Mayor of Porirua, Anita Baker, at Elim Church on Monday, 18th of August.

Board Elections:

The Board has engaged Schooled, the only Ministry-accredited provider for online school elections, to run our upcoming Board Election. All eligible voters should have received a Call for Nominations via email or post.

NEW STUDENTS:



Eric



Maya



Luisa

PREPARED FOR SCHOOL

Ownership

God Connection is a special time for our school to worship together and explore termly themes. This term, we're focusing on 'Honesty, Perseverance, Commitment and Excellence'—moral values that reflect God's way and link to our school value of 'Ownership'. How can your whānau worship and everyday conversations reflect this term's theme? Consider ways your family show Honesty, Perseverance, Commitment and Excellence at home, at church, or in the community. Talk together about how these values help us take Ownership of our actions and grow in our faith.

The Value of Being On Time

Is time management important? Being on time to school reflects the value we place on learning. Regular lateness not only impacts learning but also disrupts the class. Please ensure your child is ready for the first bell at **8.50am** each day. Ephesians 5:15-16 Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Waka Ama - Friday, 25th of July

Ruma Kererū will participate in the Ora Toa Mauriora - Ngā Kete Aronui Programme. Tamariki will take part in a 4-week Waka Ama (Outrigger Canoeing) programme, developing their skills on the waters of Te Awarua o Porirua Harbour. What an exciting opportunity!

Longburn Overnight Trip - Wed-Thur, 6-7 August

Each year we are blessed to have our Year 8 students visit Longburn Adventist College as an introduction and orientation to college life. Permission slips and a list of what to bring will be given out next week.

Community Consultation evening - Thursday, 14 August

We warmly invite you to our Community Consultation Evening at school from 5–7pm. Classrooms will be open for you to explore and see students **engaging in their learning**. This is a chance to ask questions, share your thoughts, and help shape the future of our Kura. Your feedback will inform our next Strategic Plan and guide programmes that **best support our tamariki**. An online survey option will also be on offer.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Waka Ama - Friday, 25 July

Students to wear formal uniform please.

Ukulele Concert - Thursday, 31 July

Performance at Kenepuru Hospital.

Longburn Overnight Trip - Wed-Thur, 6-7 August

Introductory trip for Year 8s to Longburn Adventist College.

Move & Groove - Tuesday, 12 August

This is a fun day for our Year 3 & 4 students at the Arena.

Community Consultation - Thursday, 14 August

This is from 5-7pm at school. Kai provided.

Staff Only Day - Friday, 15 August

There is no school on this day. Teachers will be working on the refreshed Maths Curriculum.

UNIFORM

Term 3 is 'formal' uniform:

Girls:

Culotte or pinafore or cargo pants
Long sleeve or short sleeve polo (not PE polo)
Blue or white ankle socks or navy blue tights/stocking (which is worn in place of ankle socks not as a replacement for the culotte or pinafore)
Black school shoes (sports is ok only if it is all black without any other colour on the sole or patterns on the sides)
Royal blue fleece jacket with school logo.

Boys:

Cargo pants
Long sleeve or short sleeve polo (not PE polo)
Navy socks
Black school shoes
Royal blue fleece jacket with school logo.

Our uniform reflects pride in our school—thank you for supporting us in maintaining high standards.



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SHORT SLEEVE POLO



LONG SLEEVE POLO



FLEECE



RAIN JACKET



BUCKET HAT



ELASTICATED SHORTS



ELASTICATED TROUSERS



TARTAN CULOTTE



TARTAN PINAFORE



PE POLO



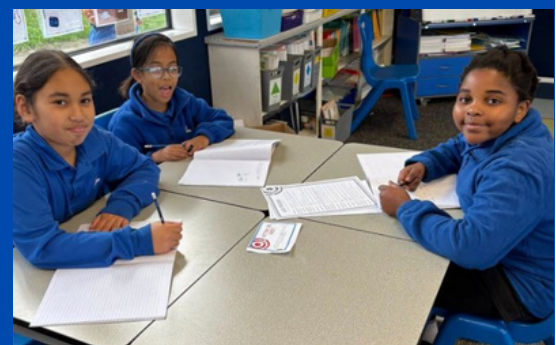
PE SHORT

Formal Uniform to be worn this term



Term 2 Attendance Certificates 90%-100%





Ruma Tui learning about learning about King Solomon and wisdom, and how that applies to our lives.



Pattern learning in Ruma Iti



Regional Cross Country
Valasi, Arielle & Luke



Ukulele Performance
Kenepuru Summerset Retirement Village



God Connection with Mrs Gillies - shared with us all about hesed - going the extra mile, doing more than we are asked to do, considering others before ourselves.