

Wallacetown School

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School Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Wednesday 7 February 2018

Welcome back to the new school year. It's been a great start to the school year both in the classrooms and the playground. I don't know about you, but I now have enough water in my tank to last me for quite a while and I want the fine weather to return. We have a really exciting first term planned. There are the normal swimming lessons and athletics and are also planning a trip to Riverton as part of our Rocky Shore topic.

There are quite a few attachments to the newsletter today. Athletics, Parent/Teacher Meetings, Rocky Shore trip, and Cybersafety contract. Copies of these notices are at the office or on the web site.

The Staff of Wallacetown School for 2018 are:

Mr Aaron Parker is our Room 2 teacher and our Reading Recovery Teacher.
aaron@wallacetown.school.nz

Mrs Sandii Cullimore is teaching in Room 3. Email: **sandii@wallacetown.school.nz**

Mrs Lauren Wilson is teaching 50% of the time in Room 4 as the Principal Release Teacher. She works Monday to Thursday 11am to 3pm.
Email: **lauren@wallacetown.school.nz**

Mrs Nicola Sharp-Hinton is our school Office Manager. Her normal hours are 9am to 12.30am Monday to Wednesday and Friday 1pm to 5pm. The office is closed on Thursday. Email: **nicola@wallacetown.school.nz**

Mrs Tracey McLennan is our school Teacher Aide. She will be working across the three classrooms, assisting teachers and the students.

Ms Katy Rowe will be our Reading Recovery Release Teacher. Her normal hours are 9am to 11.30 in Room 2. When Aaron is at training sessions for Reading Recovery Katy will be working all day in Room 2. The training sessions are held on Wednesday afternoons.
Email: **katy@wallacetown.school.nz**

Mrs Vanessa Dawson is our Librarian on Friday mornings.

Mrs Carolyn McDonald will be returning part time two mornings a week as she has done for the past four years. Carolyn is a specialist literacy teacher who works one on one with some students.

Mrs Carolyn Milne runs the After School Care Programme from 3pm to 5.30pm daily during term time. **Tel: (027) 241 4602.**

Lisa MacGregor is our cleaner.

Mike Hartigan has accepted the position of School Caretaker. Mike has had a long association with the school going back to the time when his children attended. He was on the school committee which built the cover over the swimming pool for example.

A number of staff from last year are not returning this year:

Mrs Vanessa Dawson was our Caretaker (but Vanessa will be still working in the Library on Friday mornings). Vanessa has stepped aside from the caretaker role here because of other commitments.

Mrs Sharon Pannett was the Principal Release Teacher. Sharon has moved to Central Otago.

Mrs Tracey Billyard was one of our Teacher Aides. Due to the reduction of school funding from the Ministry of Education, the school needed to reduce the number of teacher aides it employed.

I would like to thank all three for their service to the school and wish them well for the future.

I would especially like to thank Tracey Billyard for everything she has done for the school. Tracey's involvement with the school began when her two girls were at school. She was one of the leaders of the Fundraising Group. The annual truffle making Day would not have been possible without her assistance these past few years. She served on the BOT as a Parent Rep for two terms (highest polling candidate in one election). Tracey then served one term as the Staff Rep on the Board. Her commitment to Wallacetown School, its staff and its students has been greatly appreciated. I have had the privilege of Tracey working in my classroom for the majority of her time as Teacher Aide the past two years. I have seen at close hand her drive to get the best out of all students. We are going to miss her. The school will not be the same without her!

Regards

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Out of School Music:

We are still taking enrollments for the 2018 year. This is a great opportunity for your child to learn music at an affordable price. We also run a choir and a class for pre-schoolers. Contact Deborah for more details 216-5137 admin@osmc.co.nz www.osmc.co.nz or check out our face book page "out of school music classes"

SPORTS NOTICES

Sports at Wallacetown Term 1 2018
Last Friday a note went home regarding the sports offered by Wallacetown for Term 1(Water polo, Touch Rugby, Cricket and Badminton). If your child/ren are interested the form must be completed and put in the box labeled 'Sport Forms' located on the office counter no later than 9am Monday 12 February (spare forms are also found in the box). Apologies for the short turn around; this could not be helped as registration for some sports is by Friday this week.

Regards
Lauren Wilson



Mike Hartigan



Sandii Cullimore



Katy Rowe



Lauren Wilson



Aaron Parker



Tracey McLennan

