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Wesley Intermediate

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**Tēnā koutou katoa, Talofa Lava, Bula Vinaka, Mālō e Lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Nihao, Namaste, Kia orana, Assalamu Alaikum, warm greetings to you all.**

**NAU MAI HAERE MAI KI 2023**

What an interesting start to the year we have had! We were disappointed not to be able to start the year as planned due to the floods, and then to have Cyclone Gabrielle hit brought more disappointment. Our thoughts are with those who have been affected by both of these natural disasters.

We are proud to be part of a community that has been able to support each other through this time. Please do reach out if there is anything you need, we will be able to connect you to the right people to support you. The Ark Collective - Act of Roskill Kindness have been an amazing support for our community, please reach out to them through their [facebook page](#) if there is anything you need.

Despite these challenging weather events, we have had a very positive start to the school year. There are a number of changes to our school day for this year, including that we are now starting school at 8:45am and finishing at 3pm. The learning is split into four sessions with three breaks. We believe that these short, sharp learning sessions will serve our students well, with a break between each one to refresh and recharge.

We know that connections between home and school help children to thrive in their learning, so

please feel free to contact us anytime. You can find all of the teachers emails on our website <https://wesleyintermediate.school.nz/our-school>

## PŌWHIRI

We welcomed all of our new students and staff with a pōwhiri on Thursday 9 February. It was a very special occasion, and a great way to see whanaungatanga|belonging in action - you are all part of the Wesley Intermediate whānau now and we are so pleased you are here!





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### ABL DAY

On Friday 10 February we had a day of ABL (Adventure Based Learning) activities. These activities are specially designed to encourage cooperation, teamwork and build positive relationships. It was a great day of learning and fun!



### MEET THE TEACHER

It was great to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher evening. The Senior Leadership Team shared a lot of information about our school, and there was a chance to meet our staff. The slide show that we shared can be [viewed here](#).



### PAID UNION MEETING

Our teachers love what they do, but not enough funding for schools means that they don't have the time they would like to support all kids to thrive.

We can fix this though. NZEI Te Riu Roa primary teacher and principal members are making the case to Government for the best investment in tamariki. Smaller class sizes, more time for individual students and more specialist learning support staffing would make a huge difference. Keeping and retaining teachers is top of mind right now, and this term, our teachers will also be meeting to consider a pay offer – and assessing if it's enough to make sure that teaching is valued and is an attractive profession.

That is why teachers at our school will be attending paid union meetings on Wednesday 1 March at 1.30pm. We will finish our school day at 1pm, but we will be able to provide supervision for students who can not go home early on this day.

Thank you for supporting your child/children to have such a positive start to the school year, we know it has not been easy.

Ngā mihi nui, Whaea Rachel