



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

## Dawn Blessing for CASS

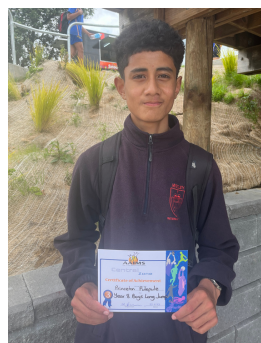
This morning at dawn a blessing and hura whenua was held for the land that Central Auckland Specialist School (CASS) will be built on. The CASS community have been waiting a long time for their new school, and we are looking forward to having them as our neighbours. Approximately 100 people attended the ceremony this morning, a very important part of the history of Wesley Intermediate and CASS.



## CZ Athletics

Six amazing students, TJ, Etena, Princeton, Richie, Carlos and Mele, bravely participated in the CZ Athletics Day at Mt Smart stadium this week. Despite a few nerves, Richie and Carlos both placed in their 100m heats. Mele threw an amazing 16.93m coming 4th place in year 8 girls discus. Princeton picked up 3rd place in year 8 boys long jump and Etena threw a sensational 10.74m in shot put. Princeton and Etena will now go on to compete in the interzone tournament.

Our students represented us well, demonstrating the school values and excellent sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents and whanau that came along to support, it was much appreciated.



## EOTC Week

We are looking forward to our EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) week in Week 9 (4-8 December). Whaea Whitney has organised an amazing week of activities that will challenge, inspire and help our ākonga grow and develop. Please ensure that you have completed the consent form and sent it back to your child's teacher. If you need help with the form, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the school office on (09) 6209367.





## Introducing our new Board Members

In our last newsletter I announced our two new School Board members. Here is a bit more about them:

### Sarah Lazaro

it's a great honour to join the amazing team at Wesley. With two students currently attending and another in the near future, I'm excited to get onboard supporting the amazing efforts, plans, and ideas already in motion.



### Vaka Finau

Kia Ora Wesley! My name's Vaka Finau, I'm a proud husband and father to 3 kids. I like to bake bread, cinnamon rolls and pork buns on my days off. I'm excited to be part of the board for Wesley Intermediate. "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."



## Puketāpapa Christmas Cultural Festival

This year there will be a Christmas Cultural Festival at the Wesley Community Centre on Friday 8 December. Our Wēteri Culture Crew (WCC) will be performing, along with many other schools and local churches. There will also be a night market.

The event starts at 5pm and runs until 9pm. This will be a fantastic local event supported by the Puketāpapa Local Board and Auckland Council. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Staff Only Day

Thank you for your support with keeping your child/children at home on Friday 17 November. Our staff did a lot of work on unpacking the refreshed curriculum documents.



## What's coming up?

As the year begins to wind down, we have a lot still happening. Please make sure you have these events on your calendar!

IMPORTANT DATES	
Board Meeting	28 November, 4.30pm
EOTC Week	4-8 December
Year 8 Celebration Evening	11 December
Big Day Out	13 December
Prizegiving and last day of school	15 December

## End of Year Celebrations

In the last week of school (11-15 December) we have end of year celebrations planned.

We will hold a special end of year celebration for our Year 8s. We surveyed our Year 8 students and they strongly told us that they would prefer a casual event rather than the formal social that has been held in previous years. More details will go home with Year 8 students next week.

We have a whole school day out planned for the 13 December, which will be a fun day at Onehunga War Memorial Pools.

On the last day of school we will have our Prizegiving at 10am. Once Prizegiving ends students are free to go home, we expect this to be finished between 11:30 and 12pm. Please arrange for your child/children to go home at this time.

We invite all families to attend Prizegiving. If your child is receiving a prize, you will be notified via email.

We give mini trophies to our cup or trophy recipients, so we ask that photos are taken with the large cup or trophy and that they are returned to us on the day.

Thank you for supporting all of these events to ensure a lovely end to a fantastic year at Wesley Intermediate.



FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023

PUKETĀPAPA  
**CHRISTMAS**

**CULTURAL  
FOOD &  
FESTIVAL**

FAMILY EVENT - SMOKE DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

**NIGHT  
MARKET**

PERFORMANCES FROM  
LOCAL SCHOOLS &  
COMMUNITY ARTISTS

MUSIC AND  
MUCH MORE

740 SANDRINGHAM ROAD WESLEY

5PM - 9PM

FREE CAR PARK AVAILABLE @ WESLEY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL