



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

Central Zone Tag

This year, we were lucky enough to be able to take out both boys and girls Tag teams to the CZ tournament. The girls started out and were a bit shell-shocked at first, but by the end of the day were playing some determined and exciting tag. The girls were being so supportive and their thrill from their first try was definitely a highlight. They came away with 10th place, but the effort, sportsmanship, and resilience was a standout.

The boys similarly started a bit slow, just missing out on a win in the first, soaking wet game. They then managed a close-fought loss to Mt Roskill, before going toe-to-toe with top seeds St Pauls. They held the lead for large periods but just missed out on a huge upset. Eventually, the boys also managed a 10th place after a thrilling comeback loss to Royal Oak.

It was a great day overall and both boys and girls upheld the school values and were fine representatives of Wesley Intermediate and community.

By Luke Whitley - Coach



Sports Leaders

On April 4th, our newly elected Sports Leaders (or PALs - Physical Activity Leaders) went to Kohimarama Stadium for a Sports Leadership training day with Auckland Sport.

The day consisted of learning or playing some new non-traditional games, such as balloon volleyball, and parachute, many more suitable for the younger tamariki. However, this did not stop our group getting involved and having a great time.

Next we learnt some more traditional school games, and learnt about the STEP alteration method, where any game can be made more difficult or easier by changing something about the SPACE, the TASK, the EQUIPMENT, or the PEOPLE involved. It was a fun, challenging, and enjoyable experience and the students had to work hard to think about how to make variations to the games to make them work. Overall, the day was a huge success, with the naps on van ride home showing how tiring it had been. It is exciting to know we have such a strong group of sports leaders to support our kura in physical learning this year.

Congratulations to our Sports Leaders for 2024: Hena Vete, Latu Lisila, Castiel Maiava, Dayton Salt, Keasi Utumoengalu and Demetrius Lalokou.





Beef + Lamb Community Day at Homeland

A few of our year 8 students were given the opportunity to participate in the Community Day at Homeland Restaurant with Peter Gordon, Beef + Lamb and the New Zealand Olympic team. The event started with a demonstration from Peter Gordon and then our four students, supported by our Olympian David Liti, took on the task of recreating the same delicious meal of baked cheesy beef meatballs with tomato chickpea stew. The students set to work, divvying up jobs according to their strengths and worked so well as a team throughout the process. Peter Gordon and the other members of the Beef + Lamb team tried each school's dish and crowned ours the winner! Everyone was extremely proud of their efforts and had a great day.



Staff Introductions

In each newsletter this term we will introduce a few of our staff members. This week we introduce some of our support staff.

Paula Gillman

Role in the school: Office Manager
When I'm reading, I read gardening books and recipe books.
When I'm not at school I am spending time with my family or working in the garden.



Anamie Sinapilo

Role in the school: Finance Officer
When I'm reading, I read motivational books.
When I'm not at school I am strolling in the malls.



Jo Thomas

Role in the school: Learning Assistant
When I'm reading, I read fantasy or science fiction novels.
When I'm not at school I am going to the movies, catching up with friends, or just relaxing at home!

Lavinia Lavea

Role in the school: Learning Assistant
When I'm reading, I read romance.
When I'm not at school I am at the gym and taking my kids to their sports trainings.



Farewell Whaea Whitney

We are sad to announce that Whaea Whitney is leaving Wesley Intermediate at the end of this term. Whitney has won the Deputy Principal role at Mellons Bay School which is much closer to home for her. Whitney has dedicated much of her time to EOTC, sport, curriculum and systems here along with many other things! She even brought her dog, Rosa, to school last year who everyone loved. We will miss you Whitney, thank you for everything you have done for us.



IMPORTANT DATES

Board Meeting

9 April, 4:30pm

Last day of Term 1

12 April

Thank You

This is the last newsletter for Term One, school finishes for the term next Friday the 12th April and the first day of Term Two is Monday 29 April.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning this term, we look forward to seeing all of our whānau at the start of Term Two.

