



**Te Kura
Waenga
o Wēteri**
Wesley Intermediate

Newsletter

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

Farewell 2023!

As the school year draws to a close we reflect on the year that has been. We started the year with the flooding and then a cyclone, which caused much pain to our community, and a disrupted start to our year. I am impressed by the resilience of our community as we have moved beyond those terrible events.

This year I am absolutely delighted with the accelerated academic progress our children have made, my heartfelt thanks to all of our staff and families for the effort you all have put in supporting our precious taonga to make this kind of gain in their learning.

We have packed the year full of events, activities, sports, arts and many other things to give our children the well-rounded education they deserve. Please see pages 3-5 of this newsletter for a snapshot of our school year.

I wish our Year 8s the very best at high school, I hope you make the most of the opportunities that are available to you! Ngā mihi nui, Whaea Rachel.

Inter Zone Athletics

Princeton Pulepule and Etena Gibbons-Vaiouga proudly represented Wesley Intermediate and themselves at the Interzone Athletics event after Etena placed 1st in Shotput and Princeton placed 3rd in Long Jump at the Central Zone tournament.

Both of these boys performed incredibly well on the day, and we are very pleased to announce that Etena placed FIRST in Year 7 Boys Shotput meaning he is the all of Auckland champion.

We are immensely proud of both of these students and their efforts and look forward to seeing their future sporting success!



Property Update

If you have driven or walked past our school recently you will see that fences have gone up and the ground works for the new Central Auckland Specialist School (CASS) have begun.

There is no longer access to Wesley Intermediate beside the Lovelock Track, all ākonga need to enter via the front gate, or through the side entrance on William Blofield Avenue.

Parts of our school will be demolished over the holidays to enable space for our new courts, playground and for the CASS build. Matua Hare Paniora is going to bless the parts of the buildings that are being demolished next Thursday at 3:30 pm.

We are excited about this progress, and we look forward to our new facilities being ready for next year.

We also understand that the new build for Wesley Intermediate is still in the pipeline, but may be some years away still.





EOTC Week

We have had a great week this week getting into the outdoor environment and challenging ourselves. Many of our ākonga are certainly feeling quite tired! They are also very proud of what they have achieved and have learnt a lot. They have participated in rock climbing, water slides, slack lining, archery, obstacle courses, bubble soccer, beach safety education, first aid education and other activities.

Our thanks to our staff for their energy this week, to the parents that were able to assist, and to Whaea Whitney for her fabulous organisation.



What's coming up?

In our final week of school for 2023 we have three events remaining. All details for the Year 8 Celebration have been sent to Year 8 families, and all children have brought home letters for our Big Day Out. Prizegiving is at 10am, if your child is receiving an award you will have been notified by Paula, our Office Manager.

IMPORTANT DATES	
Year 8 Celebration Evening	11 December
Big Day Out	13 December
Prizegiving and last day of school	15 December

Puketāpapa Christmas Cultural Festival

The Puketāpapa Christmas Cultural Food and Festival is tonight! It runs from 5-9pm, and our Wēteri Culture Crew are performing at 5:15pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

Staff News

We have a number of staff changes for 2024.

Mrs Fuafiva-Phipps has been with us part-time this year and is going to return to relieving so that she has the flexibility to travel with her family. Makenzie is moving to a Science Specialist role at Green Bay Primary. Matua Tashmeer is returning to Secondary School teaching at Waitakere College, much closer to his home and his young children's schools. LT and Finnlay have been Learning Assistants for the past two terms. Finnlay is going to university to study to become a teacher. Our long serving staff member, Mrs Haioti is moving to a new school in 2024. Mrs Haioti has been at our school for a number of years and has been a much loved teacher by hundreds of young people. My thanks to all of you for your commitment to Wesley Intermediate, and we wish you well on the next stage of your journey in education.

In 2024 we welcome Grace Augustine, Vika Mafile'o and Egavas Savage to our team.





Achievement Snapshot 2023

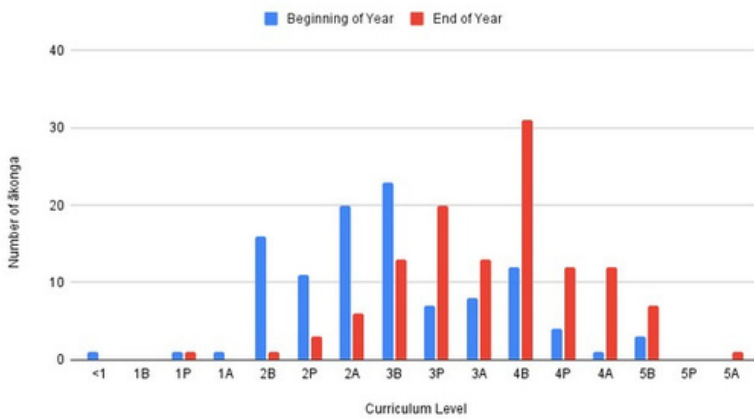
Expected achievement for Year 7 is to be working towards Level 4 of the New Zealand Curriculum, and for Year 8 to be working at Level 4 of the New Zealand Curriculum.

We acknowledge that the majority of our ākonga are not yet achieving the expected level, however we are incredibly proud of the accelerated progress our ākonga have made during 2023.

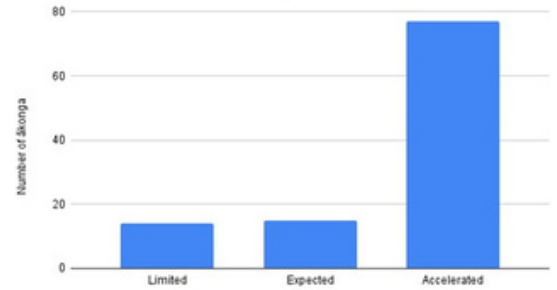
72% of our ākonga have made accelerated progress in Mathematics, 60% have made accelerated progress in Reading and 57% of our ākonga have made accelerated progress in Writing.

Mathematics

Maths Achievement Levels 2023

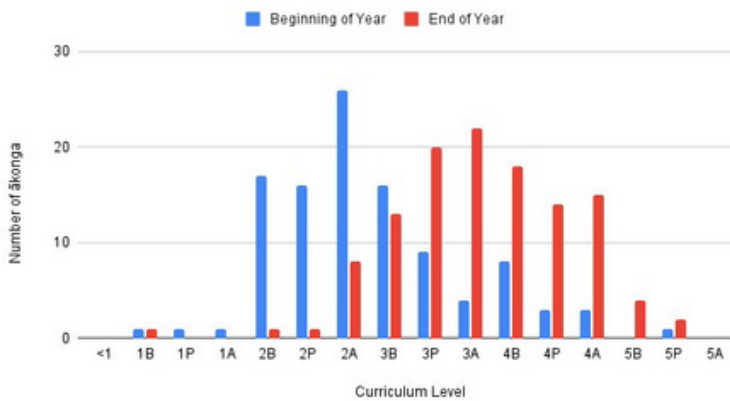


Maths Progress 2023

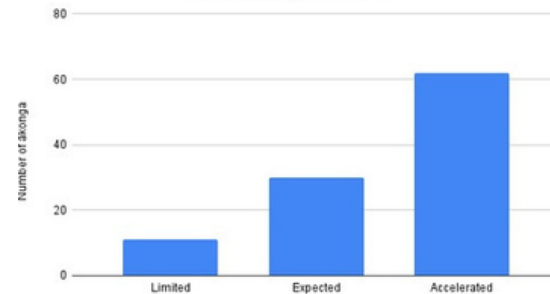


Reading

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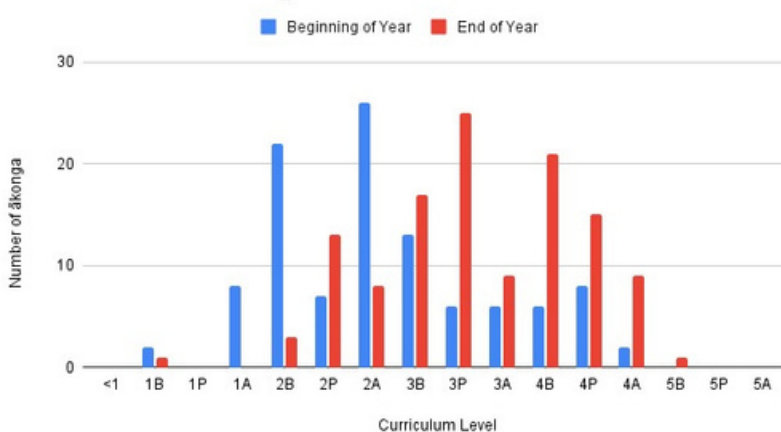


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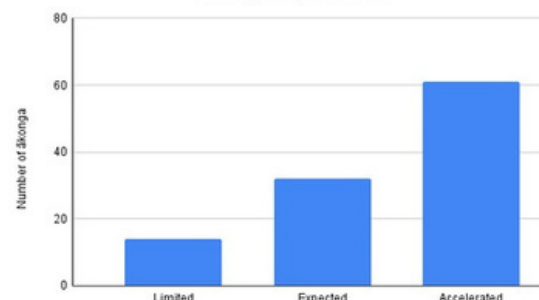


Writing

Writing Achievement Levels 2023



Writing Progress 2023





Celebrating 2023



21 Sportstournaments played



Performing Arts



Accelerated Achievement



Life Education



Ero Visits



Swimming



Red, White and Brass



Sculpture on Shore



Theatre Trip



Wēteri Culture Crew



AWS Programme



New Sports Equipment



Celebrating 2023



Wēteri Flow



STEM



Visual Art



Food Tech



Matariki Celebration



EOTC Week



Curriculum Refresh



Ako Hiko Film Festival



Kaitiaki Group



MasterChef



Embedding of Values



CASS Land Blessing



Celebrating 2023



Visit from JP



Chess Club



Community Connect



Lego Club



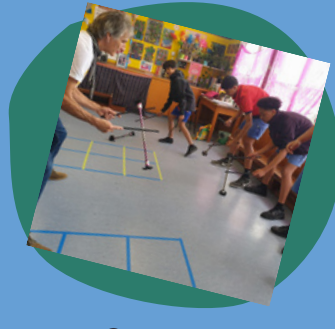
Language Weeks



Visit from Diamond Langi



Manaaki Group



Circability



Panimals Visit



Pepeha Mural Painting



AGGS Kapahaka Visit



Graffiti Art