



**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.

### Welcome to 2024!

We have had a wonderful start to 2024. Our new students and staff were welcomed with a pōwhiri on Thursday morning, which was a lovely way to begin the year. Our returning Year 8s have done a great job of welcoming our new ākonga. Thank you to all the parents who came with their child to the pōwhiri, it was great to have you all here. Over the next few newsletters we will introduce all our staff to you.



### Property Update

If you have been near school recently you will notice that there is quite a lot of activity onsite! The earthworks for the new Central Auckland Specialist School are underway next door to our school site.

Our downstairs classrooms have had an upgrade, our bathrooms have been refurbished and the old Tech Block has been demolished.

We are still working on some accessible and non-gendered bathrooms in the hall foyer. Work is underway for our new courts, one at the front and two at the back of the school, these should be finished by the end of February. Our new playground is on track to be here by the end of the term.

The demolition of the end of our main block will be completed by the end of the term. Unfortunately because the demolition has been delayed we are unable to use our school pool this term. This is really disappointing for us all. Our school is already looking very different to the photo above which was taken in December!





## Meet the Teacher

We will be holding a Meet the Teacher evening on Thursday 22 February at 5:30pm. This is an opportunity to come and hear from your child's teacher about the classroom routines and the learning for this term.

## Keeping Up To Date

Our Skool Loop App is a great way to keep in touch with everything that's happening here at school. We also send emails and post updates on our Facebook page and on our website.

## Staff Introductions

In each newsletter this term we will introduce a few of our staff members. This week we introduce the Senior Leadership Team.

### Rachel Ward-McCarten

**Role in the school:**

Tumuaki|Principal

**When I'm reading, I read**

biographies, cookbooks and books about education.

**When I'm not at school I am**

walking or spending time with my friends and family.



### Whitney Gordon-Roper

**Role in the school:** Tumuaki

Tuarua|Deputy Principal

**When I'm reading, I read**

adventure and dystopian novels.

**When I'm not at school I am**

supporting the Warriors, "this year's our year"!



### Rachael Botica

**Role in the school:** Tumuaki

Kaiawhina|Assistant Principal

and SENCo.

**When I'm reading, I read**

novels with a strong female protagonist.

**When I'm not at school I am**

swimming in friends' swimming pools.



## Co-curricular Opportunities

There will be plenty of co-curricular opportunities for students to get involved in this term. We will keep our newsletter updated with opportunities as they arise.

This term, Kapa Haka will be on a Tuesday in Session 4, starting Tuesday 20 February. There will be a Robotics group and there will be opportunities in The Arts.

### CENTRAL ZONE SPORTS THIS TERM

**Girls' Softball** 27 February

**Boys' Softball** 29 February

**League Tag** 27 March

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Meet the Teacher** 22 February, 5:30pm

**Waka Ama Year 7s** 23 February

**Board Meeting** 27 February, 4:30pm

**Waka Ama Year 8s** 8 March

**Goal Setting Evening** 27 March

**Easter** 29 March-2 April

**Board Meeting** 9 April, 4:30pm

**Last day of Term 1** 12 April