



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,
Thank you for turning up in large numbers on the first day of school. It was great to have your support.

We have had an excellent start to 2018. The roll is up on previous years but we still have classes of moderate size. To support the learning, we have a skilled contingent of support staff. I feel very confident that 2018 will be an exceptional year for the Intermediate (our 50th Anniversary Year.)

Congratulations to our Deputy Principal, Mrs Volmuller. We are proud that you are so good at tennis! You lost in the playoffs at the Australian Veterans Teams' Event on the Gold Coast during the holidays, but we are aware that you went through the round robin competition undefeated.

If you have any concerns or queries please feel very welcome to discuss any issues with me.
Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

UPCOMING DATES

Please note that some dates may change

TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY - WAITANGI DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)
School-wide surfing programme weeks 2-7 (your class teacher will advise you of your class date)
School Swimming Sports - Friday 9th February - see details below
Parent/Teacher Interviews -
Wednesday 14th February (School closes at 12.00pm - see details below) and Thursday 15th February (normal school hours)
Friday 23rd February - HPV Education Session (all Year 8 students) see details in today's newsletter

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - Our 'goal-setting' interviews will be held on **Wednesday afternoon (14th February) from 1.00pm-7.00pm** and on **Thursday afternoon (15th February) from 3.15pm - 6.00pm**. We invite and encourage all parents/caregivers to take this opportunity to attend a one-to-one interview of 15 minutes at which your child's learning and future goals will be discussed.

School will close at 12.00noon on the 14th February. Buses will run at the normal time of 3.00pm for those students who are not being picked up at 12.00 or during the afternoon.

Interviews can be booked online by visiting www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and using the event code **jmkms**. The booking site is now open. Select your preferred interview time. You will receive confirmation by email within minutes of your booking. If you are unable to book online, please call the office and we can book a time to suit. It is our goal to have all parents/caregivers attend these interviews.
Thank you, Shannon Crook (Deputy Principal).

ALL FAMILIES WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING 3 NOTICES:

Health Form, General Permission Slip and Student Responsible Use Agreement. It is very important that these are returned to your class teacher promptly. If you have not received these notices, please let the office know.

Thank you, Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal.)

ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS - Unless your child is ill or there are some very special circumstances, everyone is expected to attend school every day. In the case of an absence it is really important that you let the school know. Please leave a message detailing the reason for the absence eg. sickness, funeral etc. so the correct information can be entered into the system as the Ministry of Education requires that each absence has its own special code. Please phone the office (3086480) to report an absence. Absences should be reported by 9.30am as we send out text alerts if a child's name appears "unmarked" at that time. Also, any student arriving after school starts (8.50am) needs to report to the office for a late pass.

Thank you, Shannon Crook (Deputy Principal.)

PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL ON 07 3086480 TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENCE. WE SEND OUT TEXT ALERTS TO FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN ARE NOT PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

TERM DATES 2018

TERM 1 Wednesday 31st January - Friday 13th April
TERM 2 Monday 30th April - Friday 6th July
TERM 3 - Monday 23rd July to Friday 28th September
TERM 4 - Monday 15th October to Friday 14th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2018

WAITANGI DAY Tuesday 6th February
GOOD FRIDAY Friday 30th March
EASTER MONDAY Monday 2nd April
DAY AFTER EASTER Tuesday 3rd April
ANZAC DAY Wednesday 25th April
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY Monday 4th June
LABOUR DAY Monday 22nd October



SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS - FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY

Students have been asked to advise their classroom teacher whether or not they will swim in the school swimming sports this year. All students who are capable of swimming 1 length of the town pool should be entered. Those students will walk in class groups to the Aquatic Centre at Rex Morpeth Park at 9.00am and return to school at 2.30pm. Students need to bring a hat, togs and towel as well as morning tea and lunch. (PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS CLEARLY.) All non-swimmers will remain at school for a normal programme. The school canteen will be open on this day for those students.

HPV FOR YEAR 8 GIRLS AND BOYS - All our Year 8 girls and boys will have their education session on **Friday 23rd February** as to why this vaccine is so important. They will be given a form from the meeting to take home, fill in and return to school. It is a personal choice whether to have the vaccine or not, but I must have all students return their forms whether or not they are having the vaccine. **These need to be returned by the end of Week 5.**

Thank you, Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal)

Mission Statement

"A friendly, caring school with quality learning and quality behaviour that respects the needs of the individual student in the spirit of partnership between the school, caregivers and the community."

"He kura manaaki, he kura atawhai i nga tikanga rangatira, nga tikanga ahua noho o te taura i roto i te wairua ngatahi kei waenganui i te kura, nga kaiitaki me te iwi kainga."

HEALTH FORMS – If your child has a moderate or severe medical condition/allergy etc. please contact the school office and we will have you fill out a detailed Health Form. This will enable us to care for your child if an emergency arises. Let the office know if you have any queries regarding this. Thank you.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION “SUPERSTAN” - Mrs Harris (Room 5) will be holding auditions over the next few weeks for those who would like a main part in this year’s production - more details to come soon.

SURFING – All classes have the opportunity to learn to surf, or improve on their surfing skills. Each class has a day at West End where they also learn about water safety. There is a cost of \$22.00 per student. This can be paid to the school office please. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a student with the surfing cost, please let the office know as we have families that would really appreciate help at this time of the year. Thank you, Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal.)

SCHOOL UNIFORM – Please check the school prospectus for the uniform requirements. We really appreciate the effort parents/caregivers make to ensure our students are in correct uniform. Please ensure all items of clothing and footwear are clearly named. Students need to bring their PE uniforms to school each day in their bags as they need to change to participate in sport. Thanks, Anne Volmuller, Deputy Principal.

WHAT HAPPENS ON A VERY WET SCHOOL DAY? A decision is made at morning tea if the day is wet as to whether or not school will close early at 2.30pm. A notice is placed on the school answerphone at 11.00am advising if it is an early finish.



Please note that not every wet day will be an early finish. Notices are also placed on Radio 1XX and The Sun FM. Buses always run at the normal time of 3.00pm and bus students are supervised until then. Please either ring the school or listen to a radio station for information if you think it may be an early finish.

Please also discuss this with your child/children so that they know what to do on a wet day. You can imagine how difficult it is to have large numbers of children trying to ring home at 2.30pm to make arrangements with their parents. Thank you for your help with this.

EMERGENCY CONTACT PLAN FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

1. Each term emergency contact details for each student will be updated and hard copy class lists will be kept in the office and with the Deputy Principal
2. Parents/Caregivers will be advised in the event of an emergency by text, cellphone, phone, radio broadcasts. (Early Notification System when available). Students' cellphones will be encouraged to be used if they have them
3. Teachers will record who is being picked up when and by whom
4. Remaining students will walk accompanied by staff to Trident High School Civil Defence Post – Welfare Centre with identification.



DO YOU CYCLE TO SCHOOL? All students biking to school must wear a properly fitted cycle helmet. Students also need to make sure they have a bike lock to secure their bike while they are at school. The bike stands are located outside the library at the front of the school.

SCHOOL HATS FOR SALE AT SCHOOL OFFICE - \$10.00

TECH FEES –Technology fees are \$35.00 per child per term (or \$120.00 for the year if paid by 31st March). Please make payment at the school office. Contact the office if you have any queries or concerns regarding payment of fees. If you send payments to school with your child please ask them to call at the office before school. Thanks for your help with this.

SCHOOL DONATION – The school donation/koha is \$70.00 per child or family. This money is used for the purchase of library materials, teacher aide time, copying paper, computer software, sports and physical education equipment and 101 other expenses not covered by our operations grant.

PLEASE NOTE if you wish to use internet banking or set up an automatic payment, our bank account number is as follows **123253 0016645 00**. Please ensure your child’s name is entered in the reference along with what the payment is for (i.e. tech, camp etc.) Receipts are issued for students to take home.

BUSES – Many students are travelling to and from school on a bus. If anyone hasn’t signed up for one of the buses they need to see Mrs Volmuller and get their name down on the appropriate bus list. Behaviour to and from school on the bus should reflect our School Mission Statement. If you have any concerns over the buses, please do not hesitate to contact me. Bus students have also received a newsletter outlining acceptable behavior when travelling to and from school. Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal.)

Message from Public Health Nurse

Hi, my name is Susan Jensen and I am the Public Health Nurse for your child’s school. I visit the school on a regular basis and have a self-referral clinic for students on Mondays. I offer support to students and their families around a wide range of health issues. If you have any concerns about your child, you can contact me directly on 021 2408273 or 07 306 0991. Alternatively, please ask his/her teacher to fill out a referral form and leave it in my folder at the school office or ask the office staff to arrange an appointment for you.

SCHOOL BANKING – First Credit Union operates school banking at our school. Students can open an account by collecting a form from the school office. Banking money needs to be brought to the school office first thing each Wednesday for collection.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Book Club catalogues have gone out to classes. Please have orders and money (with cheques made payable to Scholastic NZ) to the Library by Friday 16th February. You can also order and pay online with book Club Loop – or visit mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz for details. Thank you, Sue Wadsworth, School Librarian.

SOCCER TRIALS – (BOYS) – Trials will be held next Monday and Wednesday after school – 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

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TECHNOLOGY TODAY SEMINAR WITH JOHN COWAN

This seminar gives parents insights and skills to keep kids safe so they can reap the incredible benefits of modern technology. Tuesday 27th February, Whakatane Baptist Church, 67 Keopa Road, Whakatane. \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Contact: office@whakatanebaptist.org.nz. Doors open at 7pm for dessert. Presentation starts at 7.30pm.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

**SCHOOL STARTS 8.50AM SHARP MORNING TEA 10.30AM-10.50AM
LUNCH 12.20PM – 1.10PM SCHOOL ENDS 3.00PM**