



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 15th FEBRUARY 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,
This year is the 50th Jubilee of our school – a significant occasion. I haven't talked to the Board of Trustees about it yet but it will certainly be the perfect opportunity for past staff and students to meet, reconnect, reminisce and celebrate the past 50 years and look to the future. There is talk of it being over Queen's Birthday weekend.

Some significant happenings in 1968 were:

- Wahine Disaster
- Inangahua Earthquake (7.1)
- Singer John Rowles breaks into UK Top 10 – "If I Only Had Time"
- Apollo 8 – First manned spacecraft to orbit the moon
- Martin Luther King Jr. assassinated
- North Vietnam launches the Tet Offensive against the United States and South Vietnam
- Robert F. Kennedy assassinated
- Boeing introduces the first 747 "Jumbo Jet"
- Olympic Games held in Mexico City.

Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)



SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Our very successful school Swimming Sports were held last Friday. Winners will be announced at assembly on Monday and results will be included in next week's newsletter. We were delighted with the behaviour of our students on the day.
Regards, Warren Mitchley (Sports Co-ordinator.)

GIRLS' SOCCER MUSTER – ALL YEAR LEVELS THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY (3.00-4.00 PM) ON SCHOOL FIELD

WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS 2018 QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2nd - 4th June

This year is the 50 year celebration of the opening of Whakatane Intermediate School.

If you would be interested in working on the organising committee to make this a highly successful event we would love to have you on board!

We need support with the following:

- * Advertising - This would be through FACEBOOK, Newspaper, School Newsletter etc
 - * Sponsorship
- * Photo and archive collection & display
 - * Catering
 - * Photography
 - * Entertainment

If you would like to help with any of the above please contact the school office

PARKING IN JAMES STREET AT 3.00PM – We realise that there is very limited parking in James Street. Please **do not** park on the yellow lines or double park in the staff car park area outside the office. At 3.00pm it is very dangerous with bikes and buses and limited visibility for motorists.

Thank you for your co-operation.

UPCOMING DATES - note that some dates may change
School-wide surfing programme weeks 2-7 (your class teacher will advise you of your class date)
Friday 16th February – Syndicate E Day Out – Ohope
Friday 16th February - Rooms 10/11/15 -Local History Day
Thursday 22nd February – Syndicate A Haerenga
Friday 23rd February – HPV Education Session (all Year 8 students)
Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd March – Rooms 4&23 Camp - Waihi
Week 11 – School-wide Electives (2 days)
2nd – 4th June (Queen's Birthday Weekend) – Whakatane Intermediate School 50th Anniversary Celebrations

SCHOOL ELECTIVES PROGRAMME – Our School Electives Programme will run for 2 days in the last week of term. To add further variety and interest to our programmes this year we would love to hear from any parents or friends of the school who would be interested in taking a group of students for an activity of your choice – craft, sport, cultural, hobby etc. Please contact the school and speak to Graham or leave a message with the office staff. Thank you.
Regards, Graham Henton (Electives Co-ordinator.)

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Our 'goal-setting' interviews will continue 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. Interviews can be booked online by visiting www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and using the **event code jmkms**. 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. If these times do not suit you, contact the office and an appointment can be arranged for you at another time. Thank you, Shannon Crook (Deputy Principal.)

SCHOOL PRODUCTION "SUPERSTAN" – Mrs Harris (Rm5) is presently auditioning students for the production. If your child wants to audition, ask them to talk to their own classroom teacher who will put their name forward.

**SCHOOL HATS FOR SALE AT SCHOOL OFFICE - \$10.00 EACH
BUCKET STYLE AND CAPS**

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."

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 (308 6480) 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

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

If you shift house, change your phone number, email address or caregiver details, please send a note to the school office or phone us on 308 6480. Also, if you want someone other than a person listed on your enrolment to pick up your child, please let the office know as we need to be sure only authorised people collect our students.

FITTING IN – A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Lots of people find that fitting in and making friends isn't easy. Here are some tips that might help:

- * Be yourself – you don't need to pretend to be someone you're not
- * Say "Hi" to other people
- * Believe in yourself – keep thinking positively
- * Be interested – ask others questions
- * Conversations are about listening AND talking
- * Give it time and be patient
- * Make yourself useful by giving others a hand
- * Be a good friend – treat others the way you want to be treated
- * If you are feeling negative or like nothing is working: It is really important you find someone you trust to talk to.



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 **\$20.00** 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 to those families who have already donated money for this purpose. The funds will be put to good use. Regards, Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal.)

SCHOOL 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.

BY ARRANGEMENT WITH ORIGIN – THEATRICAL ON BEHALF OF THEATRICAL RIGHTS WORLDWIDE, NEW YORK
 Theatre Whakatane proudly presents The Horizon Energy Group Season of...
The Addams Family
 A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY
 BOOK BY MARSHALL BRIDGMAN AND RICK ECKE
 MUSIC AND LYRICS BY ANDREW LITTA
 BASED ON CHARACTERS CREATED BY CHARLES ADDAMS
9-26 May
 Whakatane District Creative NZ HEG THEATRE WHAKATANE INC. iTICKET
Earlybird Tickets On Sale Now!
Save 15% Limited Time Only
 Tickets from iTICKET.co.nz & Whakatane iSITE
 www.theatrewhakatane.org.nz Follow us at

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 MEANS AN EARLY FINISH.**



Notices are also placed on Radio 1XX, The Sun FM and on Facebook. Buses always run at the normal time of 3.00pm and bus students are supervised until then. Please either ring the school, listen to a radio station or check Facebook 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 caregivers. Thank you for your help with this.

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 **tomorrow 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.



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.

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.

If you know of one of our students who is achieving at a high level at an out-of-school activity (i.e. sport, service, cultural etc.), please let us know. We love to include this information in our newsletters.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

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