



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 21ST FEBRUARY 2018

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TEACHER ONLY DAY – THURSDAY 29TH MARCH SCHOOL CLOSED

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

We have a new Mandarin Teacher from China. Her name is Ming Yue Kong. Ming Yue is an excellent speaker of English. I am very impressed. Every class will be having a Mandarin lesson each week. We certainly hope that she has a rewarding year in our town and that your child will benefit from learning another language.

Parent Teacher Interviews – We had a very good turnout of parents and caregivers. Thanks. We really appreciate such great support.

50th Jubilee – If you have any information about ex students who, in your opinion, are achieving or have achieved at a high level, please let us know. I know that some ex students have gone on to excel in science, medicine, sport, business, the arts etc.

Whakatane High School Prefects – We would like to acknowledge the following ex students who have been selected as school leaders – Kees Turpie (Deputy Head Boy), Shanelle Ward (Deputy Head Girl), Sapphire Daniels, Mikayla King, Emma Lamb, Emily Lory, Katie Reid, and Hamiora Toko.

Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

IMPORTANT - ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS NEED TO SIGN IN AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND COLLECT A VISITOR PASS



SCHOOL CROSSING - ROOM 22 NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT PLEASE!

Our class is in charge of keeping pedestrians safe. We do road patrol each morning and afternoon on Hinemoa Street. We need your help to get the lollipops out to start patrol. We are asking that if you see our fluorescent orange coats, would you mind stopping so we can begin patrol please. Thank you, Room 22 Patrollers.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Congratulations to everyone who took part

YEAR 8 GIRLS	1st equal	Kate Murray (Rm19)
		Ashleigh Lawlor (Rm23)
YEAR 7 GIRLS	1st	Layla Rowland (Rm22)
YEAR 8 BOYS	1st	Deshan Eliyadura
		Senavirath (Rm4)
YEAR 7 BOYS	1st	Jamie Forsyth (Rm11)
WINNING HOUSE		TE ARAWA
WINNING SYNDICATE		SYNDICATE D

Ashleigh Lawlor is pictured below "pushing off."



SCHOOL PHOTOS – Lazer Photos will be taking school photos on Thursday 5th April. An order form will be issued to every student this week.

You can order and pay online, at the Lazer Photos store on The Strand Whakatane or at the school office if you prefer.

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

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 Henton or leave a message with the office staff. Thank you.



SAMOA TRIP - Fly to a tropical paradise ...

mix with the locals and snorkel in warm, sparkling waters amidst colourful fish ... a cultural experience of a lifetime! We have an exciting trip on offer at Whakatane Intermediate School - one of the many amazing opportunities that our school creates for the students. In Term 3 (date to be advised) we are planning to take a group to Samoa to take part in an extraordinary cultural experience. The students will learn about traditional village life, visit a school, interact with the local children and enjoy many other experiences. If you are definitely interested in learning more, get your "Registration of Interest" form from school. Fill out this form and return it to Mrs Volmuller please. We will then have a meeting (date to be advised) at school to talk about this exciting, self-funded adventure. Then, a non-refundable deposit of \$350.00 will be required by (date to be advised.)
Regards, Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal).

WHOOPIING COUGH - [Protect your family from whooping cough with immunisation](http://www.ttophs.govt.nz/news_and_events/id/1447) – for more information go to:

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OR PHONE 0800 IMMUNE (0800 466 863)

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 tauria i roto i te wairua ngatahi kei waenganui i te kura, nga kaiiaki me te iwi kainga."

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)

Thursday 22nd February - Syndicate A Haerenga

Friday 23rd February - HPV Education Session (all Year 8 students)

Friday 23rd February - Inter-Intermediate Cricket - Mt. Maunganui

Friday 23rd February - Inter-School Surfing - Mt Maunganui

Tuesday 6th March - Thursday 8th March - Rooms 1&8 Camp - McLaren's Falls Tauranga

Friday 9th March - Interschool Tennis Tournament

Tuesday 20th - Friday 23rd March - Rooms 4&23 Camp - Waihi

Sunday 25th March - Top School Competition

Thursday 29th March - Teacher Only Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 5th April - School Photos

Week 11 - School-wide Electives (2 days)

2nd - 4th June (Queen's Birthday Weekend) - Whakatane

Intermediate School 50th Anniversary Celebrations

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. 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

WHAKATANE CHILDRENS' MUSIC AND DRAMA

SCHOOL - The Music and Drama School gives children the chance to have music lessons on instruments of their choice, at a minimal fee. Lessons are taught by experienced tutors appointed and funded by the Ministry of Education. Enrolment takes place on **Saturday 3rd March** when parents may bring their children to **Whakatane Intermediate School Auditorium** 9am-11am. Enrolment forms are available at the school office. For further information, please contact Sarah Galbraith 027 340 5600 or email sarahgalbraithmusic@gmail.com

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.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING

SURFING - All classes have the opportunity to learn to surf, or improve on their surfing skills and learn about water safety. There is a cost of **\$20.00** per student. 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. Thank you, Mrs Volmuller (Deputy Principal.)

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.

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.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOX IDEAS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Busy kids need a healthy school lunch to boost their energy and help them concentrate and learn in the afternoon. With our top lunch box tips and a 5-day lunch box meal plan, you'll find packing a healthy lunch to nourish your kids a breeze!

Ensure you include a range of fresh fruit and vegetables and vary the food daily so kids don't become bored.

Top tips for a healthy lunch box

- Always include fresh fruit and vegetables. Vary the selection to keep it interesting.
- Offer a variety of whole grain breads, rolls, pita bread and flat breads.
- Use avocado as a spread instead of butter or margarine.
- Use reduced fat dairy foods. Cheese and yoghurt are ideal.
- Kids need a serve of protein at lunchtime. Ensure you include lean meat, egg, peanut butter, chickpeas or tuna.
- Add a chilled bottle of water and limit juice.

TOP SCHOOL 25th MARCH - Final places in the top School teams will be announced shortly. If your child is selected they will receive a notice and training timetable.

WANTED - FOR TOP SCHOOL 2018

Mr Doney and Mr Johnstone are after a few things to help our top school team train. They would like:

- 1 x large plastic mat which could be used for a slip and slide (they are usually black and found on farms - we think)
- 4 x farm barrels (the blue plastic type)

If you have any items they could use until the 25th of March, can you please contact Mr Doney at william@wistecom.school.nz

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB - Thank you to everyone who supports the school by making purchases from Scholastic Bookclub. Every time you buy a book, the school earns rewards and we are delighted to tell you that our library earned \$300 worth of books last year. We are very grateful for your support.

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.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS - SWIMMING - A number of our students excelled at the 2018 New Zealand Junior Festival - Aquaknights Zone in Rotorua last weekend. We will have a full round-up of results in next week's newsletter.

MANAWAHE MULTISPORT RACE - Sam Clark, Winner of the Coast to Coast 2018, will open the Manawahe Multisport Race! Registrations are now open. Race to be held on **Thursday 5th April 2018**. It is an entry level Multisport race. For more information go to educ.met@gmail.com or contact Liddy Bakker, Environmental educator, Manawahe Eco Trust - 027 569 9022.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

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