



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 8th MARCH 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,  
Our focus this year for professional development is mathematics. It is great to see the enthusiasm that our teachers express for their ongoing learning.

### Parents Evening – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May

We would like to share information with parents and interested members of the public, research on best practice for learning and teaching and also the characteristics of this unique age group – the adolescent. This meeting begins at 6.00pm in our Auditorium – more details later.

Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> March – Open Water Swim – Lake Rotoma

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Interschool Tennis Competition – Whakatane

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March – New Zealand Mountain Biking Champs – Rotorua

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Hockey trials 5.15pm-6.30pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Inter-Intermediate School Swimming Competition

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Rooms 4&23 Camp – Waihi

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Interschool Touch Competition

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Top School Competition

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Teacher Only Day – School closed

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday – School closed

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Monday – School closed

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Easter Tuesday – School closed

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April – School Photos

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April – School-wide Electives

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day Term 1

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April – First Day term 2

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Parents Evening

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> June (Queen's Birthday Weekend) – Whakatane Intermediate School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

**INHALERS** – If your child has an inhaler, please ensure they bring it to school and know how to use it properly. We should also have these details noted in our enrolment information. The school nurse suggests that if your child has an inhaler they should bring it to school and follow the instructions from your doctor. We have an inhaler at the office if necessary but if a student is not carrying their own inhaler, we will call a caregiver before administering it. Any questions – please call the office.

### WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS 2018 QUEEN'S 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.

Please contact the school office if you are interested.

**OCEANS 18 - Surf Life Saving Nationals** – Last weekend seven Intermediate School students travelled to Orewa for 4 days of competition. Despite choppy conditions and high winds the students performed extremely well and helped Whakatane Surf Club finish 3rd overall - one of their best results on the national stage. **Ned Steane** and **Caitlyn Esterhuizen** both came 1st in their U12 board events in very exciting races. **Ned Steane** and **Braeden Webster** were part of the U12 board relay that got a bronze medal while **Caitlyn Esterhuizen**, **Layla Rowland** and **Samara Marxen-Short** narrowly missed out on a bronze medal in their board relay. **Ashley Giles** had a great flags event finishing 5th in the U13 boys. **Zoe Christie** competed well in all the water events making it through to several semis over the three days. The highlight of the weekend was when the U12 Cameron relay (consisting of six athletes) took out the gold medal in a thrilling end of day event - **Layla Rowland**, **Ned Steane** and **Caitlyn Esterhuizen** were all part of this relay event. Congratulations to all seven students on an amazing summer of training and some excellent results on the national stage. Pictured below L-R are: Caitlyn, Layla, Samara, Zoe, Ashley, Ned and Braeden.



**ICAS** – ICAS testing forms the largest independent assessment programme in New Zealand, Australia, South East Asia, India, South Africa, Hong Kong, China and the Pacific. Whakatane Intermediate School is again, as it has for the past 24 years, offering the opportunity for students to engage in this international series of examinations. Students may enter one or all of the subjects. We celebrate success by presenting certificates for High Distinction, Distinction, Credit and Merit at Formal Assembly. If you have any questions please discuss these with your child's teacher before 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please complete the entry form at the foot of this newsletter and return by due date. Thank you, Shannon Crook, Deputy Principal.

**TEACHER ONLY DAY – THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
SCHOOL CLOSED  
EASTER TUESDAY – TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL  
SCHOOL CLOSED**

**HPV FORMS - WE NEED ALL FORMS BACK URGENTLY**

"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 kaiitiaki me te iwi kainga."

**MATHEMATICS AT HOME** - Here are some ideas to try to support your child's learning of mathematics:

1. **Read the odometer on the car to see how many kilometres the car can go on a tank of petrol and how much it costs to refill to work out how much it costs per kilometre**
2. Talk about sales in town – 15% off, 33%, 20%, half price etc. Look for the best value. What would the price of the item be after the discount? Is it better to buy two items and get one free or get 25% off the price of the items?
3. Budget pocket money and/or plan ahead to open a savings account or reach a savings target. Talk about earning interest. Calculate what interest would be earned using different savings schemes
4. **Work out the area of your home, sports stadium or wharehau – how many square metres is it?**
5. Talk about goals and plan ahead to budget for items for themselves or for others
6. **Do complicated number puzzles**
7. **Put a "times tables" chart on the back of the toilet door**

**CLASS COUNSELLORS 2018**

	<u>COUNSELLOR</u>	<u>DEPUTY</u>
ROOM 1	Nicholas Scott	Watarawi Te Moana
ROOM 2	Chardal McGarvey	Tamati Watson
ROOM 3	Charlie Waters	Amanda Brickley/ Tess Wilkinson
ROOM 4	Nadia Thompson	Michele Lowe
ROOM 5	Thomas Turner	Chloe Moore
ROOM 6	Nayias Williams	Ethan Burke
ROOM 7	Temea Adams	Kathleen Tipene/ Aidan Wiremu
ROOM 8	Dahrius Tahu	Janevah Stewart
ROOM 9	Hope Wignall	Naia-Lee Shadrock
ROOM 10	Grace Iremonger	Jayden Rangī/ Aaliyah Wirangi-Rentoul
ROOM 11	Chevana Larsen	Maiya Jeffray/ Tai Murphy
ROOM 15	Joshua Sullivan	Leonie Wright
ROOM 16	Deepak Joshi	Sarah Cook
ROOM 17	Hayley Olson-Eagle	Ella Watson
ROOM 18	Brianna Lemalie	Samara Marxen-Short/ Harley Turner
ROOM 19	Kylah Lawrence	Jai Tamati/ Chelsy Gudopp-Wardlaw
ROOM 20	Reuben Standen	Milly MacRae
ROOM 21	Ashley Giles	Atticus Fretz/Riki Davis
ROOM 22	Bianca Turner	Raimee Harvey/ Jordyn Rhodes
ROOM 23	Callum Giles	Sophie Pickles

2018 TERM DATES 2018	
TERM 1	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
TERM 2	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> July
TERM 3 –	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September
TERM 4 –	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2018	
GOOD FRIDAY	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
EASTER MONDAY	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
DAY AFTER EASTER	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
ANZAC DAY	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
LABOUR DAY	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October



**WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SOME OF OUR TECHNOLOGY CLASSES?**

**Performing Arts** – Mr K. (Simon Kolo'fa'i) is our very popular Performing Arts Teacher. In music his students are focusing on reading musical notation. In drama the focus is on the use of drama techniques (face, voice, gestures) and in dance they are learning to follow dance choreography with the goal of being synchronized with each other.

**Environmental Science** – Teacher, Mr Graham Henton, is empowering his students by sharing ideas on saving energy and the reasons why saving energy is good for the environment. The focus is on Kaitiakitanga. Mr Henton wants his students to care for and respect the world around us. What are your attitudes and values? To find your pathway in life and be successful are some of the goals he has for his students. This week students will head out onto the Awatapu Lagoon in kayaks for a practical demonstration of "making a difference to their environment."

**Visual Arts** – This term Ms Wilson-Holder is working with Year 7 and Year 8 students on various subjects – drawing, painting, clay and collage. They are studying "the many faces of Kimmy Cantrell" as well as "bugs that fly" and "Maori design."

**NITS** – If your child has head lice, free treatment/lotion and information sheets are available at the school office courtesy of Kids Can. Please ask at the office.

**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 as well as on FACEBOOK. 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.**

**A Message from the Public Health Nurse**

Slip, Slop, Slap and Wrap! When you're out in the sun don't forget to slip on a top that has sleeves, slop on sunscreen of SPF30 or higher, slap on a broad brimmed hat, and wrap on sunglasses!

ICAS ENTRY FORM 2018				
	ICAS Subject	Fee	Entries Close	Exam Dates
	Digital Technologies	\$9.50	16 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> May
	Science	\$9.50	13 <sup>th</sup> April	29 <sup>th</sup> May
	Writing	\$20.50	11 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> June
	Spelling	\$11.50	11 <sup>th</sup> May	13 <sup>th</sup> June
	English	\$9.50	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	31 <sup>st</sup> July
	Mathematics	\$9.50	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> August

Please cut out the ICAS Examination Form and return with payment to the school office

Name of Student..... Room No. .... Yr ..... My payment of \$ ..... Is enclosed.....Signature of Parent/Caregiver