



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2018

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

**HOCKEY-** This Friday is the last day to return hockey registration forms SO to avoid disappointment, get them to the office! If you require one, they are at the office or with Mr Doney in Room 19.

### **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT JESS CLEGHORN AND CAITLYN ESTERHUIZEN**



**JESS CLEGHORN** and **CAITLYN ESTERHUIZEN** attended the 3 day long National Canoe Sprint Championships over the weekend. They both did extremely well and were lucky enough to spend quite a bit of their time getting mentored by Lisa Carrington. Caitlyn and Jess teamed up together with two Cook Island girls in a 4-person boat and claimed bronze medals for the 200 and 500m races. Jess also got 2 silver and 1 bronze medal in the tyros category for the 200m, 500m and 100m respectively. She also got a bronze medal in the under 14 years 5km race.

(Item submitted by mother, Fiona Cleghorn.)

Pictured above are Caitlyn (on the left) and Jess with Olympic Champion Lisa Carrington.

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.

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.



**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 by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. A meeting of those who have returned forms will be held at **5.15pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March in the staffroom** 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).

**INTERSCHOOL SURFING COMPETITION**  
TWO TEAMS OF SURFERS COMPETED AT THE INTER-INTERMEDIATE SURF COMPETITION HELD AT MT MAUGANUI LAST FRIDAY. TEAMS WERE MADE UP OF 3 BOYS AND 1 GIRL. OUR TEAMS CAME 3<sup>RD</sup> AND 4<sup>TH</sup> – A GREAT RESULT AND TEACHER/COACH MR TAI REPORTS THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE STUDENTS’ BEHAVIOUR AND PERFORMANCE ON THE DAY. CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO REPRESENTED OUR SCHOOL SO WELL.

**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)  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Whakatane Music & Drama School Enrolments 9-11am - WIS Auditorium  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - 5.15pm Samoa Meeting - Staffroom  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Rooms 1&8 Camp - McLarens Falls Tauranga  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Open Water Swim - Lake Rotoma  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Interschool Tennis Competition - Whakatane  
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  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June (Queen’s Birthday Weekend) - Whakatane Intermediate School 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

**HPV FOR YEAR 8 GIRLS AND BOYS** – All our year 8 girls and boys had their education session last Friday. They have been given a form to take home and this needs to be filled in and returned to school. It is a personal choice whether to have the vaccine or not, but **all students return their forms. These need to be returned by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.**

### **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. 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.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> March** when parents may bring their children to **Whakatane Intermediate School Auditorium 9am-11am**. Enrolment forms are available at the school office. For please contact Sarah Galbraith 027 340 5600 or email sarahgalbraithmusic@gmail.com



**NETBALL REMINDER** - Please pay your netball fees. You have until the end of Term 1 to pay the full amount of \$60.00. Thanks you to those people who have already paid. Well done and much appreciated. **PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COACH OR MANAGE A TEAM.**



**2018 NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR SWIM FESTIVAL  
AQUAKNIGHTS ZONE ROTORUA**

Pictured above are: *Maia Patterson-Foster, Ashleigh Lawlor, Hannah Baxter, Kate Murray, Layla Rowland, Joshua Jackson, Jamie Forsyth, Ben Jackson and Deshan Eliyadura Senavirath.*

These students competed at this competition recently with great success. A record was broken by Jamie Forsyth in the 11 year old 200m backstroke and in total 9 medals were won by these students. Congratulations to you all.

**WANTED** – Person to deliver papers and pamphlets in the Coastlands, Ohope area or you can place your name on the waiting list for an area in Whakatane. Please contact Jodie, 0277725220, 3078071, [jodieglssp@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jodieglssp@yahoo.com.au)

**LOST PROPERTY? – SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**"THE GREAT OUTDOORS" SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**run by the Knox Presbyterian Church**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April (9.00am – 3.00pm)

\$15.00 per child per day

Book now: 308 4268 or email [maria@pressiesatwhakatane.co.nz](mailto:maria@pressiesatwhakatane.co.nz)

**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

**HEALTHY SKIN / SKIN INFECTIONS**

**Key prevention messages**

- Skin infections are preventable
- If left untreated skin infections can lead to serious health problems
- Serious skin infections are a major cause of avoidable hospitalisations in New Zealand

**Healthy skin messages**

- Wash and dry hands with soap and water often
- Keep skin clean with regular showers
- **Clean** wounds and hands, **Cut** fingernails and **Cover** injuries
- Care for other skin conditions e.g. eczema – use your creams and lotions
- Wash sheets and towels regularly
- Eat healthy food. Healthy food is important for healthy skin
- Skin infections often start with an insect bite
- Treat animals for fleas regularly

**WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL  
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS 2018**

**QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**PAROA JAB RUGBY MUSTER 2018 – AGES 5-13 YEARS**

**TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> & TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 4.30-5.30PM**

**RUGBY PARK WHAKATANE - CONTACT SYLVIA: 021 1165 141**

**PARKING IN JAMES STREET AT 3.00PM** – 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.

**SCHOOL TIMETABLE**

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