



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 21ST MARCH 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,
On Thursday 22nd March there will be two paid Union meetings organised by the Teachers' Union (N.Z.E.I.) We are very conscious that we also have a "Teacher Only Day" on the 29th of March. This T.O.D. involves the twelve schools in our Community of Learning. We think it is too hard on parents to close for the afternoon of the 22nd March. We will operate an alternative programme which means we don't have to close early. Thanks for your support.

Swimming – Our swimmers achieved some amazing results in the Inter Intermediate Schools Swimming Championships last Friday. These events are very competitive so we were very proud that our school was the clear winner of this swimming competition. This is the first time Whakatane Intermediate has won in the history of this event. Up to now, dominance has been with Otumoetai and Tauranga Intermediates. Obviously the Whakatane Swimming Club has a very effective coach!! Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

**THURSDAY 22ND MARCH 2018
NORMAL SCHOOL DAY 3.00PM FINISH**

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

MIKE KING'S I AM HOPE TOUR – Mike King has been spreading his message of hope in dozens of schools across New Zealand for several years. The **I AM HOPE TOUR** is a way for him to reach even more kiwis, especially young people, to help address the high incidence of depression and suicide in New Zealand. The **I AM HOPE** concept is simple – it is a commitment that we can all make to be open and to listen to anyone who needs to talk. Mike and his team are riding from Bluff to Cape Reinga on scooters painted by famous New Zealand artists, delivering their message to schools and communities along the way. The **I AM HOPE TOUR** will be visiting Whakatane Intermediate School on 26th March and Mike will share his inspirational talk with all our students. This talk is tailored for intermediate level.

**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.

**INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND
INTERSCHOOL MOUNTAIN BIKING CHAMPIONSHIPS
RESULTS/PHOTOS IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER**

UPCOMING DATES - note that some dates may change
School-wide surfing programme weeks 2-8 (your class teacher will advise you of your class date)

Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd March - Rooms 1 & 8 Camp - McLaren Falls, Tauranga

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

Friday 23rd March - Interschool Touch Competition

Sunday 25th March - Top School Competition

Monday 26th March - Mike King's I AM HOPE TOUR visits Whakatane Intermediate School (9.00am)

Thursday 29th March - Teacher Only Day - School closed

Friday 30th March - Good Friday - School closed

Monday 2nd April - Easter Monday - School closed

Tuesday 3rd April - Easter Tuesday - School closed

Thursday 5th April - School Photos

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th April - School-wide Electives

Friday 13th April - Last Day Term 1

Monday 30th April - First Day term 2

Wednesday 9th May - Parents Evening

2nd - 4th June (Queen's Birthday Weekend) - Whakatane Intermediate School 50th Anniversary Celebrations

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.

TOP SCHOOL SUNDAY 25TH MARCH AWAKERI SCHOOL

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE ANNUAL SCHOOLS' "TOP SCHOOL" WILL BE HELD THIS SUNDAY 25TH MARCH AT AWAKERI SCHOOL. THE COMPETITIONS WILL START AT 10.30AM. BOTH THE YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8 TEAMS HAVE BEEN TRAINING HARD OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS. COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR TEAMS ON THE DAY. THERE WILL BE HEAPS OF FUN AND FOOD AVAILABLE AT THIS EVENT. SEE YOU THERE.

REGARDS, WILL DONEY & MIKE JOHNSTONE
(CO-MANAGERS)

LOST PROPERTY??? ASK AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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."

**HEALTHY SKIN / SKIN INFECTIONS
A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE**

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

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

SCHOOL PRODUCTION - COSTUMES/COSTUMES/COSTUMES

We need help with school production costumes. We need people who can hand sew and/or use a sewing machine. Please text Carol Beale on 027 237 8881 and leave your name and number. I will contact you to organise times and projects. We also need clothing items for various characters. If you are able to donate or loan any of the following items please let me know. I am happy to pick up items: yellow t-shirts, denim dungarees/overalls, 80's exercise gear, single colour t-shirts, shirts/blouses, skirts, trousers, shorts (bright colours), purple clothing (Cadbury purple), 2 pairs old-fashioned men's white underwear. Thanks, Carol Beale.

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.

**ALL FAMILIES SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED
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.)

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 30th March. Please complete the entry form at the foot of this newsletter and return by due date.



**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
RIKI DAVIS (ROOM 21)**

Riki participated in the Tamariki Taranaki IronMaori recently in Hawera, Taranaki. This fun event is all about improving Maori health and wellbeing. Since the programme started in 2009, more than 35,000 people have taken part in IronMaori events. Riki placed 2nd in the 12 year old event – a 1km run and 100m swim. He says it was a "very cool event." This was his first IronMaori but he has competed in Weetbix Triathlons previously. Well done Riki.



**HAVE A HEART EXPO AND FAMILY FESTIVAL
APRIL 7TH 10.00AM
WAR MEMORIAL GROUNDS WHAKATANE**

Treasure hunt, free hangi/sausage sizzle, games, music and much, much more. For more info phone (07) 308 4268
All the different agencies that work with families will be there so people can come and talk to any of them informally.

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