



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

**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.

BAY OF PLENTY/POVERTY BAY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL **2KM OPEN WATER SWIM AT LAKE ROTOMA**

Last Friday our team of swimmers travelled to Lake Rotoma to compete against teams from the Bay of Plenty/Poverty Bay. Conditions were perfect with smooth water and no wind. Whakatane Intermediate won the Teams Event and had stunning results in the divisions as well with

Jamie Forsyth winning Gold in the Year 7 boys, **Josh Jackson** Gold in the Year 8 Boys, **Hannah Baxter** winning bronze in the Year 7 Girls and **Zoe Christie** bringing home silver in the Year 8 Girls event. I would like to congratulate all the swimmers who participated on their behaviour on the day and their successes. Harry Harbott (Team Manager.)

Pictured left - right are: **Deysharn Eliyadura Senavirath**, **Josh Jackson**, **Zoe Christie**, **Hannah Baxter**, **Jamie Forsyth** and **Maia Patterson-Foster**.



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)
Thursday 15th March - Inter-Intermediate School Swimming Competition
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

ELECTIVES – Our School Electives Programme will run for 2 days – Tuesday 10th April and Wednesday 11th April inclusive. There are some amazing choices – skateboarding, scrapbooking, designer clocks, Mandarin, viral video making and cupcakes – just to name a few. All students have been issued with a booklet outlining the various Electives and from this they need to select their preferences. **These need to be returned to the classroom teacher urgently.** Graham Henton will have the hard task of placing as many students as possible into the Elective of their choice. Please note that it is sometimes not possible for a student to be placed into the elective of their choice.

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. Shannon Crook (Deputy Principal.)

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

School starts 8.50am sharp Morning tea 10.30am-10.50am
Lunch 12.20pm – 1.10pm School Ends 3.00pm

HOUSE CAPTAINS – Whakatane Intermediate School has four Houses – **Tainui**, **Te Aroha**, **Aotea** and **Mataatua**. Voting will take place shortly to select Captains and Vice Captains. Ask your child which house they are in.

"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 kaiiaki me te iwi kainga."

**BILLETS FOR GISBORNE INTERMEDIATE STUDENTS
TOUGH TOURNAMENT**

Thank you to those families who have offered to billet a student (or 2) from Gisborne Intermediate School on the night of Thursday 22nd March. They "overnight" in Whakatane because of the distance they travel to take part in the Tournament in Rotorua. Gisborne Intermediate is a school that we have a close association with and this is a really great opportunity to meet new friends. Later in the year Gisborne Intermediate will travel over to Whakatane for the Gisborne Exchange and students from our school will billet their students again. We really appreciate your support.

2018 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

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.



BIKES AT SCHOOL - It is great to see so many students biking to and from school. Congratulations to all those who bike safely! Bike racks for the bikes are located outside the library, as it is a more compact space. Students must **exit the school from the Fraser St entrance**, as the James St

side is very congested with traffic at the end of the day. Students can cut through the alleyway from Fraser St to James St if they need to go out over the bridge. They can then cross at the pedestrian crossing and continue along to Hinemoa Street. With the added heavy traffic along Hinemoa Street, this is the safest option for those who live on the other side of the bridge. It is the law of the land for all students biking to **wear their helmet**. Students will not be able to ride their bikes home if they do not have their helmet with them. It is also important that they **bring a bike lock**, each day, to secure their bike.

JUNIOR SQUASH IS NOW RUNNING AT THE WHAKATANE SQUASH CLUB

New Juniors are always welcome. Junior Coaching is provided on a Monday and Thursday and Match Play sessions are held on a Wednesday. For more information contact Jared Gravatt on 021 971 905 or jared@gravattsports.co.nz

MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE - Did you know that two thirds of our body is water? We need to drink water to stay healthy. Try bringing your own bottle of water to school every day.

HAVE A HEART EXPO AND FAMILY FESTIVAL

APRIL 7TH 10.00AM

WAR MEMORIAL HALL 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.

**UNDERWOOD AND WILKINS MOTORCYCLES
CHARITY TRAIL RIDE**

Non racing family fun - 18th March at Taneatua
 Contact Richard on 0274 377 373 or email
richard@underwoodandwilkins.co.nz

HAVE YOU RECENTLY UPGRADED YOUR CELLPHONE?

Consider donating your old phone (no matter what condition) to the box in our school office. This supports the Sustainable Coastlines cause. Phone accessories are also accepted. Thank you.



**SAT 7TH APRIL
DANCE CREATE PERFORM
WHAKATANE DANCE
COMPETITION 2018**

Little Theatre Whakatane

Lyrical, Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary Hip Hop and Improvisation (Impromptu)

Dance Competition for Whakatane Dancers. Open to all Dance Schools and Public. Choreography, Music and Costumes responsibility of Entrants. Adjudicator: Mrs. Patricia Hudson from Auckland, Director of Jazz Dance New Zealand.

Closing Date:
16th March
Entry fee \$10

Fantastic Cash Prizes

Medals and Certificates

Contact Susan
021 2105 119 for more information

**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.

Please contact the school office if you are interested.

ICAS ENTRY FORM 2018			
ICAS Subject	Fee	Entries Close	Exam Dates
Digital Technologies	\$9.50	16 th March	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