



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 30TH MAY 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

Monday 4th June – Queen’s Birthday SCHOOL CLOSED

50th Birthday Celebrations for Whakatane Intermediate School this weekend

I am looking forward to reconnecting with people reminiscing and generally enjoying the occasion.

Property – We hope to start the construction of a new classroom block shortly (Syndicate D.) To get to this stage has been quite an undertaking!!
Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

EPRO8 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE – ROTORUA This was a real nail-biter!

The boys got off to a quick start and held the lead right up to the last 10 minutes. The Kaitao Intermediate team won, with two high-scoring projects, and Whakatane Intermediate No. 2 Team came 2nd with 40 points (basically one project.) The girls got off to a good start, but put all of their efforts into one big project which kept



having to be altered. This put them on the back foot. They never gave up though, coming in with extra points right up to the end. Coming in second, the boys' team has been invited to participate in the North Island Championships being held in Hamilton at the end of the Term. Many thanks to parent, **Drew Manning** for transporting our students to this event and encouraging them to do so well.

YEAR 8 BOYS EPRO8 TEAM

L-R: NOAH PENDALTON, ASHLEY GILES, RYAN MANNING AND JACK START

PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM AND FOOTWEAR CLEARLY

PARKING IN JAMES STREET – PLEASE NOTE - NO PARKING OR TURNING INTO THE BUS BAY FROM 3.00PM-3.30PM. THE BUSES ARE HAVING TROUBLE TURNING IN AND OUT OF THE BUS BAY AND A VEHICLE WAS HIT RECENTLY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THIS.

UPCOMING DATES - some dates may change
2nd – 4th June (Queen’s Birthday Weekend) – Whakatane Intermediate School 50th Anniversary Celebrations
Monday 4th June – Queen’s Birthday SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 15th June – School Cross Country
Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th June – Gisborne Exchange
School Science Fair – Monday 2nd – Friday 6th July
School Production – Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st July, Wednesday 1st August and Thursday 2nd August
Thursday 16th August – Thursday 23rd August – Samoa Trip
5th-7th September – Rooms 20 & 21 Camp – Totara Springs
NZAIMS – Sunday 9th – Friday 14th September

AIMS GAMES – If you have any queries regarding AIMS, please contact Mrs Raynes through the school office or email rania@wistecom.school.nz

ICAS EXAMS – It is not too late to enter your child for the English and Mathematics Exams. The entry form is at the foot of this newsletter. Check with your child’s teacher if you have any queries about these exams.

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

SWIMMING SUCCESS

A number of our students took part in the Bay of Plenty Relay Swimming Championships last weekend at Rotorua.

Deshan Elayadura Senavirath, Jamie Forsyth and Ben Jackson placed first in the 4x25m individual medley relay and in the 4x25m freestyle relay for boys aged 12 and under. (A teams)

Ashleigh Lawlor, Layla Rowland and Hannah Baxter placed second in the girls’ 4x25m individual medley relay and 3rd in the 4x25m freestyle relay for girls 12 and under (A teams.)

Kate Murray placed 2nd in the 4x25m individual medley relay, 3rd in the 6x25m freestyle relay and third in the 4x25m freestyle relay (A teams.)

Maia Patterson-Foster also swam in the 4x25m individual medley and freestyle relays.

Item submitted by parent, Kathy Forsyth.

NETBALL FEES ARE NOW DUE. PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

TERM DATES 2018

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

LABOUR DAY Monday 22nd October

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.”

WIS BADMINTON NEWS - It has been a steep learning curve for a number of Whakatane Intermediate Badminton players who have been traveling to Tauranga to play in the highly competitive Avenue's Club competition. The squad of 14 players has been in training for the past three months, learning every aspect of the sport, from the basic rules to the complex strategies to win sets. This dedication and persistence is now beginning to reap rewards, with the vast majority now playing very competitive matches against more seasoned players. All of the children have been very motivated and enthusiastic in regard to studying the sport and being heavily involved with training sessions. The experience they have gained from playing in Whakatane and Tauranga is obvious, with each week the team becoming more effective with their selected shots, but also their strategic thinking when playing. The team is fortunate to be overseen by a large number of Bay of Plenty and New Zealand coaches, with the vast amount of knowledge being shared, with not just the players, but also their team manager/teacher in charge of the sport. Both clubs have been very welcoming and willing to share their vast knowledge with all of us. It has been a great learning experience for us all, me included. Notable performances from last week's event were **Deepak Joshi**, who continues to push more experienced players with his crafty shots, as well as **Matawai Tawhara** and **Priya Voysey** in the girls' section. Regards, Will Doney (Coach/Manager.)



ZAC BOONEN IS PICTURED ABOVE.

SOAKED IN ADVENTURE WHAKATANE ADVENTURE RACE

This event was held last weekend and a number of our students participated and did the school really proud. **Jess Cleghorn** and **Caitlin Bridge** (pictured right) did the Soaked in Adventure 6 hour race with Caitlin's father Mike and won the family category.



The other teams did the 3 hour race.

Zoe Christie, Caitlyn Esterhuizen, Carli Burn and **Talia Good** had to overcome mechanical issues and perhaps had the best fun of any team!

Ben Cleghorn, Ollie Frederickson and Xavier Shepherd along with Allandale student Sean Jones won the intermediate category. **Zac Boonen** and his father Rudy won the family category. **Harry Evans** and **Taylor MacDonald** teamed up with Ohope Beach student Cody MacDonald and Trident student Jack Cederman and came 4th in their category.

Teams had to use a map and clues to find their way around farmland collecting check points. Stages included running and biking. They also had to make up trapping boxes for DOC as part of a mystery activity. These children are learning about teamwork, overcoming obstacles, resilience and perseverance.

Item submitted by Fiona Cleghorn (Soaked in Adventure.)

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY - All classes have started going for regular practice runs and all students need to bring their PE gear to change into every day. Students will be expected to run unless they have a written note. The Cross Country will be held on Friday 15th June. More details to come.

DONATION OF FRUIT FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES – Thank you to the wonderful family members who have dropped off fruit for our students to enjoy. We really appreciate it.

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. Notices are also placed on Radio 1XX and The Sun FM. Please note that not every wet day will be an early finish.



Buses always run at the normal time of 3.00pm and bus students are supervised until then.

EBOP TRI & MULTISPORT CLUB – The club holds its monthly events on the first Sunday of each month. The next one is on Sunday 3rd June and over the winter months it is a duathlon which is run, bike, run. We cater for all ages from tiny tots right through to adults, with varied distances for the age groups. Non-members \$4.00 for kids and \$7.00 for adults. Come along and have a go. It is all about participation and having fun. For more information please contact Tracy Sisson at deanandtracy@xtra.co.nz.

EDVENTURE OUTDOORS- SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS
 These July school holidays we are running 2 awesome camps. Tramping, rock climbing, possum trapping, team building challenges, hot pools and much more
Edventure Outdoors Camp, Mt Pirongia
 July 9th -13th
Edventure Winter Camp, Aongatete Lodge
 July 16th - 20th
 8-14 year olds, OSCAR available, pick up/drop off Auckland, BOP, Waikato.
 Book at www.edventure.co.nz
 or email mark@edventure.co.nz

FREE STREP THROAT TESTING
FREE HEALTHY SKIN CHECKS
EVERY TUESDAY AT WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
 Session times - 12.20pm - 1.10pm IN THE MEDIA SUITE
 Phone the office for more information
 or students can just go along each Tuesday

TECH FEES –Technology fees are \$35.00 per child per term. 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.

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.

DO YOU HAVE AN OLD PHONE OR CHARGER YOU NO LONGER USE? IF SO, YOU CAN DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION BOX AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND IT WILL BE RECYCLED.
THANK YOU.

PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF YOU CHANGE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

ICAS ENTRY FORM 2018			
ICAS Subject	Fee	Entries Close	Exam Dates
Digital Technologies	\$9.50	CLOSED	8 th May
Science	\$9.50	CLOSED	29 th May
Writing	\$20.50	CLOSED	14 th June
Spelling	\$11.50	CLOSED	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