



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018

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**UPCOMING DATES:** Note some dates may change  
School Production - Monday 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July,  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Interschool Cross Country  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August - Gisborne Exchange  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Samoa Trip  
21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> August - Rooms 11 & 15 Snow Camp  
5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September - Rooms 20 & 21 Camp - Totara Springs  
NZAISMS - Sunday 9<sup>h</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September - Last Day Term 3



**THANK YOU TO OUR  
SILVER SPONSORS**



**TICKETS FOR OUR EXCITING SCHOOL PRODUCTION  
ARE ON SALE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
6.30PM PERFORMANCES  
JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>  
ADULTS \$12.00 CHILDREN \$8.00**

**PRODUCTION**

**MAKE SURE YOU BRING \$2.00 TO BUY A FABULOUS PROGRAMME  
AT THE DOOR. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT HALF TIME.  
BRING A FEW DOLLARS TO BUY A TREAT!!**



**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.

**SCHOOL DONATION** - The school donation/koha is \$70.00 per child or family. This money is used for the purchase of library materials, teacher aide time, copying paper, computer software, sports and physical education equipment and 101 other expenses not covered by our operations grant.

**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.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please ensure your child is wearing correct footwear to school each day. Shoes or sandals need to be plain black - no jandals, slides or gumboots please. School track pants are the only acceptable long pants. We appreciate the effort parents/caregivers make to ensure our students are in correct uniform. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly named.

**TERM DATES 2018**

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**

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
LABOUR DAY Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,  
We have certainly hit the ground running this term. Over the "break" staff worked on the set for the production and others worked with our kapa haka students. This was in addition to the normal tasks that needed to be done catching up in the classrooms. I feel privileged to work with such a dedicated staff.

We have some staff changes this term. Rebecca Paterson is now a fulltime Deputy Principal alongside Anne Volmuller. Room 22 students are being taught by Pam Beaman and Hannah Dahya. Reese Brown has taken over the teaching in Room 23 because Warren Mitchley has transferred to the Workshop Technology Room. He takes over from Jim Guffey who has taken up a teaching position in China. We welcome Ngamahi Moses who takes over Room 8 (bi-lingual.)

Baby News - Carla James, who is on maternity leave, has given birth to Louie Grayson James. Congratulations Carla and Drew.

Production - As usual, under the directorship of Sue Harris, this year's production is shaping up well. I am looking forward to seeing it next week.

Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

**AIMS - Keep forms and payments coming in please**

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
BRONZE SPONSORS**



**EMERGENCY CONTACT PLAN  
FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS**

1. Each term emergency contact details for each student will be updated and hard copy class lists will be kept in the office and with the Deputy Principal
2. Parents/Caregivers will be advised in the event of an emergency by text, cellphone, phone, radio broadcasts. (Early Notification System when available). Students' cellphones will be encouraged to be used if they have them
3. Teachers will record who is being picked up when and by whom
4. Remaining students will walk accompanied by staff to Trident High School Civil Defence Post – Welfare Centre with identification.

**BUSES** – Many students are travelling to and from school on a bus. If anyone hasn't signed up for one of the buses they need to see Mrs Volmuller and get their name down on the appropriate bus list. Behaviour to and from school on the bus should reflect our School Mission Statement. If you have any concerns over the buses, please do not hesitate to contact me. Bus students have also received a newsletter outlining acceptable behaviour when travelling to and from school. Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal.)

**STREP THROAT TESTING EVERY TUESDAY FROM TERM 3  
AT WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

Eastern Bay Primary Health Alliance is providing a FREE weekly school-based throat-swabbing and healthy skin programme to help reduce the high rates of Rheumatic Fever and skin infections in the Eastern Bay. **Rheumatic Fever is highly preventable. The Strep A bacteria can lead to Rheumatic Fever. Sessions will be held in the school office from 12.20pm - 1.10pm every Tuesday. Contact the office for more details.**

**SORE THROATS - THROAT SWABBING**

All pharmacies in Whakatane are offering a free walk in throat swabbing service for all 4-19yr olds.

**PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE BUS BAY IN JAMES STREET  
OUR BUSES NEED TO BE ABLE TO GET IN AND OUT EASILY**

**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 and the school Facebook page 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. 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.

**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. Please phone the office (3086480) to report an absence. 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**

**DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE FRUIT ON YOUR TREES?** If so, we would love to receive it to add to student lunches. Many thanks to the kind families who have dropped in fruit already this week. We really appreciate it.

**PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGE  
OF ADDRESS OR CONTACT DETAILS**

**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.

**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.

**SCHOOL TIMETABLE**

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| <b>SCHOOL STARTS</b>   | <b>8.50AM SHARP</b>     |
| <b>MORNING TEA</b>     | <b>10.30AM-10.50AM</b>  |
| <b>LUNCH</b>           | <b>12.20PM – 1.10PM</b> |
| <b>SCHOOL FINISHES</b> | <b>3.00PM</b>           |

**SCHOOL CROSSING - ROOM 22 NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT PLEASE!**

Our class is in charge of keeping pedestrians safe. We do road patrol each morning and afternoon on Hinemoa Street. At present we are struggling to get the lollipops out to start patrol. We are asking that if you see our fluorescent orange coats, would you mind stopping so we can begin patrol please.



Thank you for your help, Room 22 Patrollers.

**HEALTHY LUNCHES** - We encourage all students to bring a healthy lunch to school and as part of this we discourage fizzy drinks in school. Thank you for your help with this.

Healthy teeth are with you for life! Clean them every morning and night with toothpaste (fluoride if you prefer) for a great looking smile!

*Public Health Nurse*

**PLEASE JOIN US ON FACEBOOK  
WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

**If you know of a student who is achieving at a high standard at an out-of-school activity, please let us know. This could be sporting, cultural, musical, service etc. You can drop a note to the office or email [julie@wistecom.school.nz](mailto:julie@wistecom.school.nz) We love to include this information in our newsletters. Add a photo if you can.**

**THANK YOU TO MANANUI TAKEAWAYS  
FOR DONATIONS FOR OUR PRODUCTION.**