



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 13TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We have a team of 181 athletes at A.I.M.S. this year. This is our largest contingent to date. Overall our teams have competed well, but appear to be just out of medal contention in some sports e.g. hockey, netball, badminton, futsal and rockclimbing. I hope I haven't missed out any other sporting codes!! Our school colours and uniforms have been a standout.

I would like to acknowledge the huge effort many people have made to get our teams to the games. The costs are huge and preparing students has taken up a great deal of time. Thank you all so much.

Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)



**SCHOOL SPEECH FINALS** – Families and friends of the school are warmly invited to come along to our Speech Finals. The Year 7 Speech Final will be held on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September (9.30am–10.30am) and the Year 8 Final is on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September (9.30am–10.30am.) The venue is the Auditorium. See you there.

**YEAR 6 ENROLMENTS FOR 2019** – We look forward to meeting intending students and families at our Open Day and Parent Evening in Term 4 (dates to be advised.) Our 2019 Prospectus is being organised and will be distributed to all James Street School, Ohope Beach School, Apanui School and Allandale School Year 6 students when available. If you need any information regarding new enrolments, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Any Year 6 students from outside of these schools can contact our school office for a copy. Regards, Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal.)

## **WHAKATANE HIGH SCHOOL and TRIDENT HIGH SCHOOL – VISITS FOR YEAR 8'S**

**Parents / Caregivers are most welcome to attend with their students**

### **TRIDENT HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN DAY MONDAY 17 SEPTEMBER**

Two Whakatane Intermediate groups are scheduled for their visit:

- Syndicates A, B, and Rooms 5 and 6 will be picked up by bus from WIS at 8.55 to arrive at Trident for 9.10. They will depart Trident at 11.00.
- Syndicates D, E and Rooms 3 and 4 to be picked up from WIS at 10:15 to arrive at Trident for 10.30. They will depart Trident at 12.20.

### **WHAKATANE HIGH SCHOOL – OPEN DAY TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER**

Two Whakatane Intermediate groups are scheduled for their visit:

- Syndicates E, B and Rooms 1 and 2 will be picked up at 8.50 and returned to school at 10.30.
- Syndicates C, D and Rooms 7 and 8 will be picked up at 10.45 and returned to school at 12.15.

**ENROLMENT PACKS FOR WHAKATANE HIGH SCHOOL AND TRIDENT HIGH SCHOOL HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ALL YEAR 8 STUDENTS TO TAKE HOME. ENROLMENTS NEED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS TERM (25/9/18)**

**WE WILL HAVE A FULL ROUNDUP OF A.I.M.S. NEWS AND RESULTS IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER.**

**SUPER STAN DVDS - \$15.00** - Please pay at the office before the end of this Term. DVDS will be available to pick up early in Term 4.



**UPCOMING DATES :** Note some dates may change  
**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September – AIMS GAMES**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Book Club orders close**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September – YR8s visit Trident High School**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September – YR8s visit Whakatane High School**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September – YR7 Speech Finals – 9.30am – 10.30am**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – YR8 Speech Finals – 9.30am – 10.30am**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Last Day Term 3**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – First Day Term 4**  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Bay Maths Challenge**  
**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Labour Day – School Closed**  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Rooms 18 & 19 Camp – Auckland**  
**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November Room 9 Camp - Okataina**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Tech Assembly**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Final Assembly**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December Last Day Term 4**  
**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 -FIRST DAY TERM 1**

### **HEALTH PROGRAMME AT WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

Each year at least 2 Health Units will be taught in each classroom. Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 3 are dedicated to the Health Unit "Pubertal Change" "Personal Health and Physical Development" Strand. This unit is about describing the characteristics of pubertal change and the discussion of how we deal with these changes. All teachers strictly follow guidelines from a booklet, on what the requirements are to teach in this unit. Key competencies associated with this unit are: "Thinking," "Managing Self" and "Participating and Contributing." We will send out a newsletter prior to the teaching of "Pubertal Change" to advise parents/caregivers of the content of this unit. If anyone has a concern you are most welcome to contact your child's teacher or the school. The other 2 or more Health Units during the year are taken from the other 3 Strands in the Curriculum:

1. **"Movement Concepts and Motor Skills"**(P.E. lessons are planned from this Strand)
2. **"Relationships with other People"** This includes
  - \* building effective relationships
  - \* recognising identity sensitivity and respect
  - \* demonstrating interpersonal skills.
3. **"Healthy Communities and Environments"** This includes:
  - \* developing societal attitudes and values
  - \* investigating community resources
  - \* understanding rights, responsibilities and laws, people and the environment.

We welcome any feedback from our school community.

Regards, Rosey Kara (Teacher in Charge of Health Programme.)

### **IMPORTANT AIMS GAMES OUTSTANDING FEES**

**Another reminder for the final fees!!! There is still \$2,500.00 outstanding. Thank you to those who have paid.**



**HAYDEN WILDE – PAST STUDENT**

Hayden Wilde visited Whakatane Intermediate prior to our AIMS competitors heading off to Tauranga. Hayden is competing shortly at the World Triathlon Championships Under 23 Year Old Race on the Gold Coast, hoping to gain selection to the Olympic Games. He has been racing in Europe, with a number of top 10 finishes to his name. Hayden was in Mr Harry Harbott’s class several years ago. He talked about commitment to training and believing you can go all the way. He said he developed an interest in triathlon at Trident High School and it is taking him all over the world at an elite level. Thank you for sharing your story and inspiring our young athletes.

**AIMS GAMES – ROCKCLIMBING** - We took 18 keen rock climbers to the AIMS Games in Tauranga on Sunday. The children had to undertake 3 different types of climbs - Top Rope (5 climbs where you climb a 15m wall to the top, gaining points as you go, each wall increasing in difficulty) Speed Climb, 2 climbs racing up the wall as quickly as possible (7.5 seconds was the record) and Bouldering (which involves climbing around and up to a top hold on 3 different walls). All walls and all disciplines were challenging, but our students were amazing! They had a total of 10 climbs in one hour.

Out of 120 competitors, 13 students qualified for the semi finals and while we didn’t make the finals, 3 students placed 10<sup>th</sup>. **BUT ... We won the “Team Mates Cup” – awarded for displaying the best overall team spirit and attitude (not only towards their team mates, but other teams.)**

We are extremely proud of all our climbers and the effort they have put in, especially as we only have a small wall to practise on and it is the first time many of these children have experienced competitive climbing! A huge thanks also to all our parents for their fantastic support of our tamariki all the way through. Regards, Rosey Kara (Team Coach/Manager.)

**YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS**

It is the time of year when our local Council wants to celebrate the successes of our students. If your child has attained one or more of the following achievements they may qualify for a Young Achiever Award: **DETAILS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO MRS VOLMULLER BY WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER. (Timeframe 1/10/17-1/9/18)**

- \* Represented New Zealand in a sporting, cultural or academic event
- \* Attained a national award
- \* Third Place or better in an “A” grade national sports or cultural competition
- \* Won an event while representing the BOP (or equivalent) in a major regional or North Island sports or cultural competition/event
- \* Won an event while representing a school or club in a major regional or North Island sports or cultural event.

**Please fill in the details on the form below, attach details on a separate page and send it back to school by 19<sup>th</sup> September** if you think your child meets the criteria.

**NAME** (please print)

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**ROOM**..... **YEAR** .....

**SIGNED PARENT/CAREGIVER**.....

**ACHIEVEMENT – PLEASE ATTACH DETAILS TO THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE**



**AIMS SWIMMING RESULTS**

**Benjamin Jackson (Silver Medalist)** pictured left

We had some outstanding results from this year’s team. 6 Students swam in individual finals and we had 2 relay teams also in finals. Personal best times were exceeded by most. Notably, **Ashleigh Lawlor (RM23)** broke 3 PBs by up to 10 seconds!!

**Benjamin Jackson (Rm17)** won silver in the 100m butterfly and **Deshan Eliyadura Senavirathna (Rm4)** won

the bronze medal in the 50m backstroke (12 years.)

Thank you to the team, parents and Coach (Mason Pickering) for their efforts over the past 2 days.

**FAIR GO AD AWARDS** - Our Performing Arts Teacher, Mr K and his team of Filminators are busy working on this year’s entry into the Fair Go Ad Awards. We have had a lot of success over the past few years, making the finals several times and have even won the award! This year’s theme is “Tourism in your Region.” Watch this space for more information.



**WILLIAM PIKE CHALLENGE** - As part of the William Pike Challenge, students have to complete 20 hours of community service. After a brainstorm with the students, they decided they wanted to help young children with their reading. We contacted James Street School and they were really excited about working with our students. Twice a week we go across to James Street in our lunchtime to read and listen to new entrants read. Our little mates love it when their Intermediate buddies come and spend some time with them.

The students from Te Reo Koroki are excellent role models and do a fantastic job. Tai Miskell (Room 1 Teacher and Syndicate A Leader.)

**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE STREP THROAT TESTING TEAM**

**SKIN SORES** are caused by the Group A Strep and Staph Aureus bacteria. These bacteria can cause our sores ‘to become sick’ and if not treated with antibiotics can cause other areas in our body to get damaged. It’s important to look after our sores daily by checking, cleaning and covering them and see the GP if not healing.

**SORE THROATS** can be caused by the Group A Strep bacteria that can lead to permanent heart damage that’s why it’s important to get a throat swab and be treated with antibiotics for 10 days if needed. If you hear from the Rheumatic Fever Team that your child has a ‘Strep’ throat and needs antibiotics please collect the free medicine and start the 10 day course of medicine straight away. Finish the whole 10 days even if your child starts to feel well again. Please contact the **Rheumatic Fever Team** if you have any questions or need support collecting the medicine.

**Phone or Text 021 813 994 or 021 897 093 .**