



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER 19TH OCTOBER 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

LABOUR DAY – MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER – SCHOOL CLOSED

Staffing – I would like to introduce Graham Henton's replacement in Environmental Science for Term 4 – Fleur Carnegie. Graham has had a hip replacement.

Staffing for 2019 – At this stage there won't be any changes to our staffing from this year. This is very unusual in today's educational environment. The only change will be the Principal!! If you have any concerns or queries about your child's education in 2019, please feel very welcome to contact me on 027 5619911, contact the classroom teacher or Deputy Principals (Rebecca Paterson and Anne Volmuller.)

Camps – We have a number of camps heading out over the next few weeks. These camps would not be possible without parent/whanau support. I know many of you have supported your child with fundraising and/or have offered parent help.

Dancing With The Stars – One of our teachers, Simon Kolo'ofa'i, is competing in Dancing With The Stars tomorrow night – all the best Simon – we are proud of you.

New Health Nurse – We welcome Crystal Kadhum who will visit weekly and farewell nurse, Susan Jensen, who has been at our school for the last 3 years. Thank you for your support of our students. We appreciate all your friendship and expertise. Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

YOU ARE INVITED TO DOUG McLEAN'S FAREWELL

24TH NOVEMBER 2018

MEET AND GREET	6.00PM
DINNER	7.15PM
SPEECHES	8.15PM
COST	\$50.00 PER PERSON (DINNER AND DRINK)
VENUE	SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
RSVP	9 TH NOVEMBER WITH NUMBERS ATTENDING TO admin@wistecom.school.nz

Please make payment to the school through internet banking to 123253 0016645 00 please use the following in the reference boxes: First Reference Box – first initial and surname Second Reference Box – "Doug's Dinner."

UPCOMING DATES: Note some dates may change

Monday 22nd October - Labour Day - School Closed

Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November - Rooms 18 & 19 Camp - Auckland

Tuesday 30th October- Friday 2nd November - Room 10 Camp - Blue Lakes

Monday 5th November - School Athletic Sports Day

6th-9th November Rooms 5&6 Camp - Waitapu Forest

14th-16th November - Room 17 Camp - Waimarino

13th-16th November Room 9 Camp - Okataina

Tuesday 13th November and Wednesday 14th November - Bilingual Syndicate Open Days

Tuesday 27th November - Year 6 Information Evening - 7.00pm School Auditorium

Wednesday 28th November - Year 6 Orientation Day

Wednesday 12th December - Tech Assembly

Thursday 13th December - Final Assembly

Friday 14th December Last Day Term 4

WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2019 -FIRST DAY TERM 1

TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL – Mrs Iremonger will be meeting with the Learning support Co-ordinators at both high schools to discuss any Year 8 students who have been receiving additional support for their learning. Teachers will also talk directly to staff about students in their classes.

If you have any concerns or want to discuss transitions please contact me on raewyn@wistecom.school.nz

FAIR GO AD AWARDS - We are super excited about our entry into the Kids Fair Go Ad Awards this year - "Mystery Taonga." A tremendous "thank you" to all the students, staff, parents and community businesses that collaborated to make our video this year truly epic!

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. 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

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.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT IF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGE, YOU LET THE SCHOOL KNOW IMMEDIATELY. WE MUST BE ABLE TO CONTACT PARENTS/CAREGIVERS AT ALL TIMES.

DANCING WITH THE STARS - Our very own Mr Kolo'ofa'i was selected earlier this year to take part in this exciting fundraiser for Life Education Trust and now it's happening tomorrow night. Please consider attending the event and voting for them. Vote by texting **dwts18 plus your name to 3840**. Each vote costs \$3 and helps to raise funds for Life Education Trust so they can continue their important work of enabling children to reach their full potential. An enormous thanks goes to dance teachers, Jane Steane and Tania for their valuable input and to Julian's Berry Farm who are the generous sponsors.

ATHLETICS SPORTS – All classes are involved in athletics each day ahead of our Athletic Sports Day. **Please make sure your child brings their PE gear to change into each day.** Athletic Sports Day will be held on Monday 5th November. All students participate for individual places as well as points for their class, syndicate and house. We have four houses – Tainui, Mataatua, Te Arawa and Aotea.

WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE - YEAR 6 ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

We look forward to meeting intending students and families at our Open Day and Parent Evening in Term 4 (details below.) Our 2019 Prospectus has been distributed to contributing schools. Families from outside of these schools can contact the office for a copy. Please contact the school if you need any further information.

ORIENTATION/OPEN DAY

WEDNESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER (9.30AM START)

Your child is invited to attend our orientation day. Students will be welcomed by the Principal and given a guided tour of our facilities. Parents and guardians are most welcome to attend.

YEAR 6 INFORMATION EVENING – 7.00PM

TUESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

You and your child are invited to attend an evening meeting in our auditorium, to meet and talk with our Principal, and members of staff. Mr McLean will address you on the philosophy of the school and the many facets of Intermediate and Middle School programmes. You will have an opportunity to ask questions concerning any worries you or your child may have at this stage. We hope to see you there.

BILINGUAL SYNDICATE OPEN DAYS

TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER AND

WEDNESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

If you are interested in this option for your child, feel free to drop in to our school and see our programmes in action. Three time slots are available:
9.30am-10.30am 11.00am-12.00pm 1.30pm-2.30pm.
Call in at our office for a guide/helper.

MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW HEALTH NURSE

Hello, I am your new Public Health Nurse Crystal Kadhum. I am a mother of 4 and live in Kawerau. I enjoy working with young people and helping them to be as healthy as possible. I am available for help and advice about any health concerns and will be visiting the school regularly. I am also contactable on 0212408273 or crystal.kadhum@bopdhb.govt.nz

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Book Club catalogues have gone out to classes. Please have orders and money (with any cheques made payable to Scholastic NZ) to the Library by **FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**. Many thanks for your support. You can also order and pay online with Book Club Loop – or visit mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz for details.

LITTLE MERMAID – Next Tuesday, Mrs Iremonger is able to ferry those students performing in the Little Mermaid show from school to the theatre at 10.15am so parents don't need to leave work. Please pick up students from theatre after the show. Email raewyn@wistecom.school.nz if you would like your child to travel with her.

TRIDENT HIGH SCHOOL 2019 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are being taken for the 2019 school year. Enrolment interviews will be available from Monday 15 October. Bookings can be made on line at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz the school event code is **d4cy8**, or by contacting the school office on 07 3088159. The school office opens for Term 4 on Monday 15 October.
Philip Gurney Principal

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Chris Nielsen Principal

SPORTING RESULTS

The following were the results from the group of our students who were able to take part in the North Island Mountain Biking Championships during the last term holiday.

(Item submitted by parent Rachel Christie.)

U13 Girls – *Caitlin Bridge* 5th

U13 Boys – *Oliver Frederickson* 13th, *Xavier Shepherd* 20th, *Ben Cleghorn* 26th

U14 Girls – *Zoe Christie* 3rd, *Jess Cleghorn* 7th

U14 Boys – *Morgan Purcell* 11th

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

Terms 1, 2 & 3 are now overdue. If you wish to use internet banking, our bank account number is **123253 0016645 00**. Please ensure your child's name is entered in the reference along with what the payment is for i.e. camp, tech etc. Thank you to families who have paid their fees.

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. **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.**

WHAKATANE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Welcomes anyone 5+ to join our Junior Surf programme (age as at 30 September 2017)!

Registrations and renewals are completed online at

www.surf.org.nz

Open weekend is happening on 27th & 28th October 12-4pm

@ Surf Club, Mahy Reserve, Ohope Beach

Check out our website www.surf.org.nz or Facebook

Whakatane surf Life Saving

WHAKATANE DISTRICT COUNCIL SAFE WAYS TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME

- Do your tamariki ride/skate/scoot/walk to school? If they don't use these ways to get to school – we would like to know why not? If they do use these ways to get to school we would like to know how you feel about their safety on the roads / tracks? The Whakatane District Council would like to hear your feedback on how we can support SAFE WAYS TO SCHOOL. Fill in the link here:
(<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WhakataneTravel>) and your child's class could be in to win a pool party!
- How can we work together to ensure our tamariki have SAFE WAYS TO SCHOOL? The Whakatane District Council would like to hear your feedback on how they can support SAFE WAYS TO SCHOOL. Fill in the link here:
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ROOM 10 GARAGE SALE SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER

**WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL – RM 10
(USE FRASER STREET ENTRANCE)
SAUSAGE SIZZLE/RAFFLES/MANY TREASURES
SUPPORTING ROOM 10 CAMP TO BLUE LAKES
ALL WELCOME/DONATIONS WELCOME**

**RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE - \$2.00
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