



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 8TH NOVEMBER 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

**Enrolments** – This year we have had a particularly large number of enrolments for 2019. In my time as Principal of the Intermediate, this is the largest number of enrolments. I feel proud that our community has such confidence in our school. We will certainly do our best to deliver!

**Athletic Sports** – We had a successful Athletics Day on Monday. We have got some great young athletes and some very good event organisers. Thanks.

**School Camps** – Rooms 5 and 6 are away on camp from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> November at Waitapu Forest. Room 9 will be going to camp at Lake Okataina from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of November and Room 17 is away on camp at Waimarino from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November. 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.

**Strike Day** – We have been hoping that the negotiators in Wellington had made sufficient progress to call off the strike. Maybe they still will. However at this stage the school will be closed next Tuesday (13<sup>th</sup> November). Students away on camp will not be affected. I apologise for the inconvenience. Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

**TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER – TEACHERS' STRIKE  
SCHOOL CLOSED**

**YOU ARE INVITED TO DOUG McLEAN'S FAREWELL  
SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018  
WE WELCOME PARENTS, PAST STUDENTS, TEACHERS  
AND EDUCATIONALISTS TO CELEBRATE  
DOUG'S CAREER IN EDUCATION**

MEET AND GREET	6.00PM
DINNER	7.15PM
SPEECHES	8.15PM
COST	\$50.00 PER PERSON (DINNER AND DRINK)
VENUE	SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
RSVP BY	9 <sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER WITH NUMBERS ATTENDING TO <a href="mailto:admin@wistecom.school.nz">admin@wistecom.school.nz</a>

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.”

### **TERM DATES 2019**

Term 1	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December

**SAFETY AT THE SCHOOL GATE** – We understand that parking in James Street at 3.00pm is very difficult but would remind you that parking on the yellow lines and grass verges is not permitted as it blocks vision and could result in a \$60 parking fine. We would appreciate your help with keeping our students safe. The speed limit outside school is 40kph also.

**DO YOU HAVE A SPORTS UNIFORM AT HOME?  
THESE NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL  
OFFICE URGENTLY PLEASE.**

### **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 28<sup>TH</sup> 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 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 13<sup>TH</sup> AND WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**SYNDICATE A/BI-LINGUAL ENROLMENTS FOR 2019** – If you would like to come in to school to meet with Mr Tai Miskell (Syndicate A Leader) to discuss your child's enrolment for next year, he will be available to meet parents/whanau (with your child) between 3.15pm–6.00pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Or alternatively, any queries can be emailed to  
[tai@wistecom.school.nz](mailto:tai@wistecom.school.nz)



**START DATE 2019 – WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY** – All children should arrive by 8.30am and school will officially commence at 8.45am with a Powhiri for Year 7 students and new staff. Class lists will be read and pupils will meet their new teachers.

**2018 SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS** – The office will be open on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (9.00am-12.00pm only) for sale of second hand uniform (**cash only**) and late enrolments.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM** - At the end of the year we ask families of Year 8 students to consider donating school uniforms to the school **on the last day of Term 4**. These are then sorted and sold to students at the beginning of the new year and the money raised is used to support needy students with costs for camps, trips, uniform etc. Year 8 students are allowed to come in “mufti” that day if they donate uniform items.

**SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY RESULTS** - There will be a full report and list of winners in next week's newsletter. We are still collating the results. Pictured below are: **Amiria Ruri-Aramoana (Rm11)** and **Liam Leonard (Rm21.)**



**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. Some AIMS fees are also outstanding and various class camp fees are due. Contact the office if you have any queries. Thank you.

**BREAKFAST CLUB** – Did you know that your child is welcome to attend our daily Breakfast Club? Teacher Aide (Odessa) organises a free basic breakfast in Room 12 from 8.00am. Also, if anyone out there has spare fruit on their trees, we would love to receive it to add to the breakfasts. Thank you.



**THROAT TESTING AND HEALTHY SKIN CHECKS**

**A SORE THROAT ISN'T COOL - GET IT CHECKED EVERY TIME**  
**FREE THROAT TESTING AT OUR SCHOOL EVERY THURSDAY**  
**LUNCHTIME IN THE MEDIA SUITE OR ASK AT THE OFFICE**

**UPCOMING DATES:** Note some dates may change  
 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> November Rooms 5&6 Camp - Waiotapu Forest  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Super 11 Volleyball Tournament - Tauranga  
**TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - TEACHERS' STRIKE - SCHOOL CLOSED**  
 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November - Room 17 Camp - Waimarino  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Battle of the Bays Competition - Gisborne  
 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November Room 9 Camp - Okataina  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November - Bilingual Syndicate Open Days  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Inter-Intermediate Softball Competition at WIS  
 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Information Evening - 7.00pm School Auditorium  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Orientation Day  
 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Inter-Intermediate Athletic Sports - Tauranga  
 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  
 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - School Office open (9.00am-12.00pm only) for enrolments and sale of second hand uniform (cash only)  
**WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 -FIRST DAY TERM 1**

**TRIDENT HIGH SCHOOL 2019 ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments are being taken for the 2019 school year. Bookings can be made on line at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) the school event code is **d4cy8**, or by contacting the school office on 07 3088159.

**WHAKATANE HIGH SCHOOL 2019 ENROLMENTS**

Enrolments are being taken for the 2019 school year. Bookings can be made on line at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) the school event code is **vdm9k**, or by contacting the school office on 07 3088251

**SCHOOL TIMETABLE**

School starts 8.50am sharp  
 Morning Tea 10.30am – 10.50am  
 Lunch 12.20pm – 1.10pm  
 School ends 3.00pm

If you shift house, change your phone number, email address or caregiver details, please send a note to the school office or phone us on 3086480. If you want someone other than a person listed on your enrolment to pick up your child, please let the office know as we need to be sure only authorised people collect our students.

**WHAKATANE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**SAFE WAYS TO SCHOOL PROGRAMME**

- a. Last week to have your say about SAFE WAYS TO SCHOOL! Complete the survey and make sure your tamariki's class is in to win a trip to the Whakatane Aquatic Centre on November 27<sup>th</sup>  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WhakataneTravel>
- b. Survey for SAFE WAYS TO SCHOOL closes this week! Have your say here!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WhakataneTravel>

**HEALTHY LUNCHES** – We encourage all students to bring a healthy lunch to school and as part of this **WE DISCOURAGE FIZZY DRINKS AND ENERGY DRINKS IN SCHOOL.** Thank you for your help with this.

**SCHOOL HATS**

We have school caps and bucket hats for sale at the school office \$10.00 each. They are also available at NZ Uniforms on The Strand. With the warmer weather we encourage students to bring their hats to school please. **PLEASE NAME YOUR HAT.**



**HOW MUCH SUNSCREEN SHOULD YOU USE?**

The short answer is, **probably more than you think.** Most people don't put on enough sunscreen, and so don't get its full protection. You need to use 35mls of sunscreen for your whole body – including face, hands, neck and ears. That equates to seven teaspoons of sunscreen per application, or a good cupped palm-full. *Public Health Nurse*

**NITS – NITS – NITS – NITS – NITS**

Are you having a problem with nits? We may be able to help. Kids Can has provided us with product and combs to help get rid of them. Don't be embarrassed to ask at the office for a free Nit Pack.



**MATHS CHALLENGE**

It is a while since we have given you a maths challenge to solve. Email your answer (with workings) to [julie@wistecom.school.nz](mailto:julie@wistecom.school.nz) or come to the office. Good luck.

*“Two of the three boys in the Robertson family are twins. If the product of the boys' ages is 50, how old are the twins?”*