



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 15TH NOVEMBER 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

We are experiencing a particularly positive Term 4. The energy levels of the staff are high and most of our students are very engaged in their learning. We need to only ease off after December 14<sup>th</sup> when the school year ends!

I am looking forward to my farewell on the 24<sup>th</sup> November. It will give me a chance to thank the many wonderful people I have been fortunate to meet while I have been Principal of this school. I have really enjoyed my 40 plus years as an educator and 39 years as a Principal. I have always looked forward to going to work.

Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

## INTER-INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Last Friday four volleyball teams from Whakatane Intermediate School travelled to Mount Maunganui for the Inter-Intermediate Volleyball Tournament. All teams played extremely well and made it into the semi-finals. The year 8 boys team lost their semi-final, against the eventual competition winners in an intense battle by only two points. The year 8 girls lost only one game out of 9 and finished up placing 3rd, losing their semi-final to a strong Taupo Intermediate team. **Both the Year 7 girls and boys won their semi-finals and went on to win the finals and were crowned champions.** Excellent results for all the teams and they represented Whakatane Intermediate with pride. A huge "thankyou" to Richard Mahy and Coral Ruri for helping manage teams on the day - we really appreciate it. Tai Miskell and Ngamihi Moses.

**UPCOMING DATES:** Note some dates may change  
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  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Room 2 Day Trips  
13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November Room 9 Camp - Okataina  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Rooms 7 & 3 Day Trips  
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  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November - Children's Music School Performance - School Gymnasium - 7.30pm  
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**

**SUPERSTAN DVDS** - These were given out today to students who have ordered and paid for a production DVD. Let the office know if you have not received your copy.

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY RESULTS

### ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

*Layla Rowland* (Year 7 Girl)  
*Katie Mahy* (Year 8 Girl)  
*Jesse Kara* (Year 7 Boy)  
*Maxwell Wharewera* (Year 8 Boy)

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our very successful Athletic Sports Day. It was a great "turnout." Our top athletes will be selected shortly to compete at the Inter-Intermediate Schools Athletics Competition to be held in Tauranga on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Regards, Warren Mitchley (Sports Co-Ordinator.)

**INTERSCHOOL SOFTBALL** - Our teams are training hard for the upcoming Interschool Softball Competition which will be held here on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We will be billeting Gisborne Intermediate School on the night of Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Many thanks to the families who are hosting those students.



**A WORD FROM THE LIBRARY** - Stocktaking time is nearly upon us again and I would be happy to have any library books found at home returned to the library (no matter how long they have been there). No questions asked. The library will be closed from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to all student librarians for helping make the library run smoothly this year. Sue Wadsworth (School Librarian).



**WHAKATANE CHILDREN'S MUSIC & DRAMA SCHOOL  
END OF YEAR CONCERT  
FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 7.30PM  
WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE GYMNASIUM  
PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE**

**CELL PHONES** - I would like your support in helping us manage cellphones. We have had the occasional issue where cellphones have been used inappropriately during intervals and lunchtimes. We understand that many of our students have their own cellphone which they bring to school. Students also understand that their cell phone must be handed in to their teacher at the beginning of the day to be locked securely in a cabinet. These cabinets are currently being installed in each classroom. Phones will be given back to the student at the end of the day. During class time cell phones may be used to support the learning, at the discretion of the teacher.

If you wish to contact your child urgently, the office staff are very happy to get a message to your child. Any important messages regarding after school arrangements left on their phones will be received when the students get their phones back at 2.50pm. Should students need to contact parents/caregivers for any reason during the day, this can be done with the teacher's permission.

Regards, Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal.)

**PLEASE PHONE 07 3086480 TO REPORT AN ABSENCE. TEXT ALERTS ARE SENT TO FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN ARE NOT PRESENT AT ROLL CALL**

**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 for any further information.

**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.

**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.



**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.

**2019 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. All others need to be in correct uniform.

**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

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.

**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.

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

**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.**

**MATHS CHALLENGE**



Nobody solved this problem last week. There must be someone who is a “maths whiz” who can work it out. 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?”*

**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.

**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**

**SCHOOL TIMETABLE**

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

**ROAD SAFETY!!! DID YOU KNOW**  
**THE SPEED LIMIT AROUND SCHOOLS IS 40KPH?**

With that in mind we would like to remind you to slow down around the James Street area and also to help our Road Patrol Team in the mornings and afternoons by stopping to let them put out the signs in Hinemoa Street. Parking in James Street and Frazer Street is very limited and we would also ask you not to park on the yellow lines. Thank you for your consideration.

**. 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.**

**ASTHMA**

Asthma affects people in different ways. Some people put up with symptoms for a long time and forget how it feels to be well.

**DO THESE SYMPTOMS RING A BELL?**

- Feeling tired.
- Having a wheeze, cough or tight chest.
- Waking at night.
- Finding it difficult to exercise or hurry.

Talk with your Doctor if you think you may have asthma. You can also talk with the Public Health Nurse in school for guidance.

*Public Health Nurse*

**DO YOU CYCLE TO SCHOOL?** - All students biking to school must wear a properly fitted cycle helmet. Students also need to make sure they have a bike lock to secure their bike while they are at school.