



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 23RD NOVEMBER 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,

FINAL FORMAL ASSEMBLY - This assembly is being held at 12.15pm on Thursday 13th December in our Gymnasium and we look forward to hosting parents and caregivers at this prizegiving. It would be great to see you there and for you to join me for light refreshments afterwards in our Multicultural Room. Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

UPCOMING DATES: Note some dates may change

Friday 23rd November – Inter-Intermediate Softball Competition at WIS

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

Wednesday 28th November – Year 6 Orientation Day

Friday 30th November – Inter-Intermediate Athletic Sports – Tauranga

Thursday 29th- Friday 30th November – Yr7 Bi-Lingual Unit Leadership Camp

Friday 30th November – Children’s Music School Performance – School Gymnasium – 7.30pm

Thursday 6th December – Rooms 3&7 Class Trip

Thursday 6th December – Police Dog display and assembly – see below

Wednesday 12th December –Tech Assembly – 11.00am

Thursday 13th December – Final Assembly 12.15pm

Friday 14th December Last Day Term 4

Thursday 24th and Friday 25th January 2019 – School Office open (9.00am-12.00pm only) for enrolments and sale of second hand uniform (cash only)

WEDNESDAY 30TH JANUARY 2019 -FIRST DAY TERM 1

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 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.

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.



UKULELE FUN WITH MR K



SOME YEAR 7 STUDENTS FROM ROOMS 20 AND 23
LEARNING TO PLAY THE UKULELE

TERM DATES 2019

Term 1 Wednesday 30th January to Friday 12th April

Term 2 Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July

Term 3 Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September

Term 4 Monday 14th October to Wednesday 18th December

IMPORTANT - ALL YEAR 8 STUDENTS

YOU SHOULD BE ENROLLED AT THE HIGH SCHOOL OF YOUR CHOICE BY NOW. CONTACT THE HIGH SCHOOLS URGENTLY IF YOU STILL NEED TO ENROL.

START DATE 2019 – WEDNESDAY 30th 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 24th & Friday 25th 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.

INTERSCHOOL SOFTBALL - Our teams are training hard for the upcoming Interschool Softball Competition which will be held here tomorrow (Friday.) We will be billeting Gisborne Intermediate School tonight. Many thanks to the families who are hosting those students.



POLICE DOG DISPLAY/AWARD – This is being held on Thursday 6th December on our field at 1.30pm. Room 5 presents this award every year for the most meritorious duty performed by a Police dog. Please come along and join us. Regards, Sue Harris (Room 5 Teacher).



MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to **Conrad Hopkins (Rm 21)** who was the first to solve the maths puzzle last Friday afternoon. The answer is "the twins are 5 years old." Well done also to **Patrik Thomson (Rm22)** **Joanna Chan (Rm14)** and **Emily Chan (Rm6)** who emailed the correct answer.

See if you can solve this puzzle. Answers (with workings) to Julie@wistecom.school.nz or come to the school office.

Jenny, Katie and Lelei each had some sweets. Katie had 8 and Lelei had 14. Jenny gave one-half of her sweets to Katie. Then Katie gave one-half of her total number of sweets to Jenny. If Jenny ended up with the same number of sweets as she had at the start, how many was that?

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 FREE THROAT TESTING AND SKIN CHECKS AT OUR SCHOOL EVERY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME IN THE MEDIA SUITE

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 30th 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 30TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE GYMNASIUM PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – JESSE KARA

Year 7 student, Jesse Kara (Room 22) has been selected for the Trans Tasman Athletics Challenge team. Jesse will compete for New Zealand (under the banner of Auckland Athletics) against Australia at the annual athletics meet for 10 and 11 year olds. This year the Challenge Cup is being held in Sydney from 7th to 15th January 2019.

At the North Island trial held at Auckland's Mt Smart Stadium in early November, Jesse competed in shotput (1st), discus (2nd), 400m (3rd) and high jump (4th – personal best 1.33m.) Jesse was also selected for the Trans Tasman team as a 10 year old competing in Auckland in January 2019 placing 4th shotput, 8th high jump and 9th discus and winning gold in the 10 year old field relay team - the New Zealand team won gold overall. Prior to travelling to Australia, Jesse will compete at the North Island Colgate Games in Hamilton from 4th to 6th January 2019 and then fly to Sydney on 7th January for 9 days of competitions and sightseeing leading up to the Challenge Cup on 13th January. Jesse has been fundraising to help with the trip costs and would like to acknowledge and thank the Whakatane Athletics and Harriers Club and Ngati Kahungunu Iwi incorporated for their support.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS WHO
COMPETED IN THE YEAR'S TOI'S CHALLENGE. THERE
ARE TOO MANY OF YOU TO NAME SO WELL DONE TO
ALL OF YOU ON SOME GREAT RESULTS.**

BATTLE OF THE BAYS 2018

A squad of 26 children competed in this year's Battle Of The Bays event, which involved children competing in a surf lifesaving and triathlon competition on Thursday and Friday last week. On the first day of competition, all of our students did really well, which helped our school come third overall, behind Gisborne Intermediate and Mount Maunganui Intermediate. Our Year 7 boys' and year 8 girls' teams placed third respectively in their grades, behind the eventual winners.

The second day of competition saw two of our triathlon teams claim medals. Our year 8 girls' team, which consisted of **Zoe Christie, Caitlyn Esterhuizen** and **Jess Cleghorn** defended the title which they won last year. Our year 7 boys' team placed a close 2nd, only missing out on the top prize by mere seconds. This team consisted of **Jamie Forsyth, Ollie Fredericksen**, and **Paul Brosnahan**.

Special thank you to Karen Esterhuizen, Karen Giles, Paul McConnell, Rachel Christie and John Hipkiss for transporting, supervising and supporting our team!

Regards, William Doney (Organiser.)



Pictured above L-R are: Paul Brosnahan, Jamie Forsyth and Ollie Fredericksen

Pictured below L-R are: Jess Cleghorn, Caitlyn Esterhuizen and Zoe Christie



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Intermediate Office also)**