



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,  
I was delighted to meet a new cohort of parents and caregivers at the "Parents Evening" and welcome students and families at our "Open Day" last week.

We are ending the year on a high note. There have been some very good learning outcomes and sporting results. Thanks for your support. Please feel welcome to attend any of our school activities – you are most welcome e.g. speech competitions, assemblies, sports events, Police dog display etc.

**2019** – We are setting up an Enhanced Learning Centre and basic robotics will be added to our Technology programme.

**Mingyue - Teacher of Mandarin** – We will miss our Mandarin Language Assistant – Mingyue. She has been very much part of the Whakatane Intermediate School Family.

**Final Formal Assembly** - This assembly is being held at 12.15pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December in our Gymnasium and we look forward to hosting parents and caregivers. It would be great to see you there and for you to join me for light refreshments afterwards in our Multicultural Room.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 12.00PM ON THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER TO ENABLE ALL STAFF TO ATTEND MR McLEAN'S FINAL ASSEMBLY.**

**WE WILL REOPEN AT 8.00AM ON FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

Regards, Doug McLean (Principal.)

## **INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD AT TAURANGA ON FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The Whakatane Intermediate athletics team took part in the Super 11 event on Friday 30 November 2018 at the Tauranga Domain.

The following students were placed:

<i>Manaaki Mokai</i>	<i>Year 8 Shot Put = 1st</i>
<i>Manaaki Mokai</i>	<i>Year 8 Discus = 1st</i>
<i>Amanda Brickle</i>	<i>Year 8 Long Jump = 2nd</i>
<i>Jessica Cleghorn</i>	<i>Year 8 1500m = 2nd</i>
<i>Jessica Cleghorn</i>	<i>Year 8 800m = 2nd</i>
<i>Caitin Bridge</i>	<i>Year 8 1500m = 4th</i>
<i>Eva Sexton</i>	<i>Year 8 300m = 2nd</i>
<i>Eva Sexton</i>	<i>Year 8 Discus = 2nd</i>
<i>Katie Mahy</i>	<i>Year 8 High Jump = 2nd</i>
<i>Katie Mahy</i>	<i>Year 8 Discus = 1st</i>
<i>Jesse Kara</i>	<i>Year 7 Discus = 1st</i>
<i>Layla Rowland</i>	<i>Year 7 Shot Put = 2nd</i>
<i>Morgan Purcell</i>	<i>Year 8 High Jump = 3rd</i>

Many students qualified for the finals, but were unable to get in the top three. A great day was had by all despite the wet weather at the start of the day.

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

**FAIR GO AD AWARDS** - Unfortunately our Filminators did not make the finals of the Fair Go Ad Awards this year. You can go to our school website to see their work. We think it is pretty special.

### **GOODBYE MESSAGE FROM OUR MANDARIN TEACHER KONG MINGYUE**

It all starts with a book introducing Australia. When I was 12, I read a book saying that in Australia you can lie down on the meadow enjoying the gentle breeze and look at heaps of cows and sheep eating grass under those pale clouds which are gathering together, drifting apart, gathering and drifting. I was impressed by such a picturesque scene and determined that I must go to Australia and have my own farm one day so that I can lie down on the grass all day long enjoying the breeze and clouds. Back to that time, I didn't know that farm work could be very tiring and that you could get poo on your hands when you milk the cows!

Although I didn't make to the country I dreamed of when I was a teenager, I realised that I'm so lucky to be in a better place – New Zealand. And I'm even luckier to work at the best school – WIS with the best team I've ever met. I enjoyed every second here at school with all the teachers and kids. Outdoor activities like visiting farms and milking cows, planting trees and surfing (although I don't know how to swim lol,) exploring White Island, the fabulous production and HAKA, all the camps and the amazing AIMS Games. I was offered so many opportunities to do many things that I've ever dreamed and never dreamed of. Words fail me when I want to express how thankful I am for all of you who make my every second here so delightful and unforgettable.

Thank you and best wishes to you all. Mingyue



### **TERM DATES 2019**

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

**A WORD FROM THE LIBRARY** – Please return any library books to the library - No questions asked. **The library is now closed.**

**POLICE DOG DISPLAY/AWARD** – This display is being held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December on our field at 1.30pm. An assembly will follow in the Auditorium. 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.)

**UPCOMING DATES:** Note some dates may change  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** – Police Dog display and assembly  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Rooms 3 & 7 Class Trip  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Tech Assembly – 11.00am  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Final Assembly 12.15pm  
**THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – SCHOOL OFFICE CLOSES AT 12.00PM – REOPENS 8.00AM FRIDAY 14TH**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December** Last Day Term 4 12.00pm finish  
**THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019**  
 School Office opens (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**

**WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE YEAR 6  
 ENROLMENTS FOR 2019  
 WE WELCOME NEW ENROLMENTS  
 CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR INFORMATION**



**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 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.

**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.



**MATHS CHALLENGE**

. Congratulations to the following students for solving last week’s challenge: **Patrik Thompson (Rm22), Angus Cobb (Rm3) and Luke Vos (Rm3.)**

Try to solve this week’s puzzle especially the girls!! Answers (with workings) to the office or email [Julie@wistecom.school.nz](mailto:Julie@wistecom.school.nz)

**“In the language on the planet Trigraphia all words have 3 letters. The first and last letters are always different and are taken from the list (T, B, D, N, P.) The middle letter is taken from the list of vowels (I, O, U.) How many words are possible with this structure?”**

**TECH FEES** – Technology fees are \$35.00 per child per term. Terms 1, 2, 3 & 4 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. Contact the office if you have any queries. Thank you.

**FOXY FEET** - Futsel (Indoor soccer) and soccer training Term 1 and 2  
 Age 8 to 13 - Sign up for 2019  
 For more information Contact: Lewis Sharp  
[foxyfeetfc@gmsil.com](mailto:foxyfeetfc@gmsil.com)

**KIP McGRATH  
 EDUCATION CENTRES - WHAKATANE  
 Stop Summer Fade  
 Get Ahead for 2019  
 Enrol now for our January  
 “Kick Start” Block Course  
 Enrolments also taken for term One 2019  
 Call today for a FREE assessment  
 Phone Diane Black 07 307 1995**

**WE HAVE TWO SUGGESTIONS FOR ORDERING STATIONERY FOR 2019 FOR YOU TO CONSIDER – see below  
 WE DO NOT SELL STATIONERY AT SCHOOL**



**2019 School Stationery Packs**

We have teamed up with Bay Office Products Depot, to provide you and your child with Stationery Packs for 2019.

Go online to [www.thebacktoschoolstore.co.nz](http://www.thebacktoschoolstore.co.nz)

Search for your School’s Name

Select the pack

Pay at checkout – credit card, PayPal or Part Pay

Fill in the address and contact details

Your child’s pack will be couriered directly to your door

Pack names are: Whakatane Intermediate 2019 Starter Pack

Packs are also available from their Showroom:  
 26 Richardson Street Whakatane

Trading Hours: 8.30am & 5pm Monday to Friday  
 (Closed 21 Dec to 7 Jan) Phone 07 307 0742

For more information Email: [Sue.N@bopdepot.co.nz](mailto:Sue.N@bopdepot.co.nz)

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 go to <https://www.myschool.co.nz/whakataneint>