



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 21st FEBRUARY 2019

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Kia Ora Whanau,
Each class at Whakatane Intermediate begins the year with a day at Ohope Beach learning to surf with the Salt Spray Surf School. This is a unique and positive experience for our students to spend time as a class and develop their whanaungatanga or connections with other students in their class and their teacher. These relationships help connect each student with their classroom environment at school and ultimately allow them to engage with their own learning. The fact that this is done in a local beach environment where they are introduced, many for the first time, to an amazing resource is something we as a school are very proud of. Students have the opportunity to participate in many new activities safely and securely as well as learn to appreciate and care for this amazing environment. Not many schools in New Zealand can arrange something of this nature so easily and with essential learning outcomes for the students.

I have been able to attend one of the days recently and have another couple of visits planned as well. Ollie and his team do a fantastic job of not only looking after the students in an environment that can change within minutes but getting each student to push themselves to learn something new and gain success with it. The parents that have been able to provide assistance so the class can attend the day have been invaluable and added to the success of each day. Ollie and his team report that each class has been a pleasure to meet and have all taken the opportunity eagerly to get involved and be in the water.

As always the doors of Whakatane Intermediate are open to friends and whanau. Please feel free to come in and have a chat about any concern, question or offers of support at any stage.

Nga Mihi
Mike Webster

SWIMMING SUCCESS - Whakatane Intermediate School swimmers competed at the 2019 NZ Junior Swimming Festival – Aquaknights Zone last weekend, against swimmers from 24 clubs across the Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, Waikato, and Hawkes Bay Region. They recorded some great results including a number of personal bests.

Jamie Forsyth won gold in the 100m backstroke, as well as a number of silver and bronze medals – an outstanding result.

Kaylee Lawlor won bronze in her 200m backstroke event.

Congratulations also to : **Benjamin Jackson, Emilie Rosset,**

Joshua Hansen, Maia Patterson-Foster and Ella McKay.

(Item submitted by Kathy Forster.)

UPCOMING DATES : Note some dates may change
School-wide surfing programme weeks 2-7
(your class teacher will advise you of your class date)
Wednesday 27th February – EBOP Showjumping Competition
Saturday 2nd March (9.00-11.00am) Whakatane Music School
Enrolments (see information in this newsletter)
Schoolwide Electives – Week 11 (dates to be confirmed)

Books/Books/Books - We value reading and believe it is very important for our students to be reading each night. Unfortunately, books can be expensive. We would really appreciate donations of old/out grown books to re-home. These may be picture books, chapter books, magazines, comics etc. Any donations can be dropped into the school office. Thank you for your support. Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal.)

OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE TO VANUATU - 2019

Do you want to visit a foreign country?

Do you want to learn about life on a tropical island?

Do you want an extraordinary cultural experience?

Do you want to stay on an island no bigger than a rugby field?

Do you want to feast on traditional food, snorkel with multi-coloured fish, cruise to an island?

If this interests you then pick up an "Expression of Interest" Form from the Office and fill in the details. A meeting will be held for those who return their "Expression of Interest" Forms – date to be advised. At this meeting we will discuss the proposed itinerary, cost, and other points relevant to the trip.
Regards, Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal.)

INTERCLASS BASKETBALL – Competition started this week on Wednesday (February 20th) afternoon between 3.00 and 4.30pm. Classes will play a round robin in their syndicates. The top team in each syndicate will go into the semi finals in week 8. Finals will be week 9.

Draw:

Week 5: Feb 27th **Syn B** (and Room 1)
Week 6: Mar 6th **Syn A** (except Room 1)
Week 7: Mar 13th **Syn D**
Week 8: Mar 20th **Syn E**
Week 9: Mar 27th **Semi Finals**
Week 10: Apr 3rd **Finals**

Each syndicate will send out the draw with their students.

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

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

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – SURF LIFESAVING

The following students from Whakatane Intermediate were part of the team representing Whakatane Surf Life Saving Club at the Eastern Regional Championships held over 2 days in Whangamata in the weekend:

Oliver Christie, Xavier Christie, Derek Esterhuizen, Zoe Giles, Jai Julian, Layla Rowland, Patrik Thomson, Helena Wren.

They all managed well in surf that was challenging and in hot conditions, making it through to semifinals and finals (No DNF from our group!) Congratulations to all the kids, especially to

Derek Esterhuizen who received the bronze medal for placing 3rd in the U11 Diamond Race (swim/board). Derek is pictured below on the board.



(Item submitted by Rachel Christie/photo supplied by Lani Julian.)

If you know of one of our students who is achieving at a high level at an out-of-school activity i.e. sport, service, cultural etc. please let us know. We love to include this information in our newsletters.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - NETBALL - Two Whakatane Intermediate girls have been selected for U13's Waiariki Maori Netball team 2019 to travel to Invercargill at Easter Weekend 2019. Out of approximately 50 to 60 girls who trialled from Whakatane, Tauranga, Rotorua & Taupo, 10 girls were selected and two are from Whakatane Intermediate School. Congratulations to **Riria Wiki (Rm 7) and Kaziah Manual (Rm10)**. We are very proud of the girls. They had their first training last Sunday 17th February in Rotorua. (Item submitted by Vanessa Curtis.)

WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Alan Basire (Chairman), Kathy Ranapia, Martin Elliffe,
Kent Goodman, Anne Volmuller (Staff Representative)
Mike Webster (Principal) and Raewyn Kinnaird (Minutes Secretary)

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

As a large number of students were offsite last Friday, we delayed announcing the winners of the Swimming Sports until this Friday's assembly. Next week's newsletter will include this information.



UNIFORM – HATS – The school has decided to extend the policy to include mufti hats. Any hat can be worn, as long as it is appropriate, and has nothing that could cause offence on it. The hat must be worn the correct way. Students are responsible for looking after their own hat.

SYNDICATE E DAY OUT (ROOMS 16/17/18/19)

Syndicate E recently spent a day at the Ohope Top Ten Holiday Park, where they focused on building and strengthening friendships and relationships. Children spent the day facing challenges, as well as enjoying time in our local environment.

The Syndicate E team would like to thank parents, grandparents and older siblings for attending and making the day possible.



WHAKATANE CHILDREN'S MUSIC SCHOOL offers music lessons to year 5-8 students. The enrolment day will be held on Saturday 2nd March in the Whakatane Intermediate School Auditorium from 9am -11am. Lessons are offered for guitar, keyboard, violin, flute, recorder, fife, saxophone, clarinet, percussion and brass instruments at only \$50 for the year. Enrolment forms will be available through the school office.

Sarah Galbraith -Whakatane Children's Music School Co-ordinator. For more details go to:

[Whakatane Music School Facebook Page](#)

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BAY OF PLENTY MUSIC SCHOOL IN NEW PLYMOUTH

Enrolments are now open for the Bay of Plenty Music School in New Plymouth, 26 – 28 April 2019. It's going to be an exciting school, with outstanding conductors (Kenneth Young, Kathleen Mulligan and Rowan Johnston) and delightful repertoire.

Go to the website <http://www.bopmusicsschool.org.nz/>

You can complete enrolments online from the website, or download enrolment forms, or request paper copies.

SCHOOL ELECTIVES PROGRAMME - Our School Electives Programme will run for 2 days in the last week of Term 1. To add further variety and interest to our programmes this year we would love to hear from any parents or friends of the school who would be interested in taking a group of students for an activity of your choice - craft, sport, cultural, hobby etc. Please contact the school and speak to Graham or leave a message with the office staff. Thank you, Graham Henton (Electives Co-ordinator.)

INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE - MEASLES - The local Medical Officer of Health has recommended all parents/caregivers check that their children are immunized against measles. This is in response to an increased number of cases in the Bay of Plenty and Waikato. The following link provides more information https://www.toiteora.govt.nz/news_and_events/id/1555

THROAT TESTING AND HEALTHY SKIN CHECKS

Eastern Bay Primary Health Alliance is providing a free weekly school-based throat-swabbing and healthy skin programme to help reduce the high rates of Rheumatic Fever and skin infections in the Eastern Bay. Rheumatic Fever is highly preventable. The Strep A bacteria can lead to Rheumatic Fever. No referral is necessary – students can just come along.

FREE THROAT TESTING AND SKIN CHECKS AT OUR SCHOOL EVERY THURSDAY 12.20PM – 1.00PM VENUE: TECHNOLOGY FOYER

HPV FOR YEAR 8 GIRLS AND BOYS – All our Year 8 girls and boys have had their education session as to why this vaccine is so important. They were given a form from the meeting to take home, fill in and return to school. It is a personal choice whether to have the vaccine or not, but **all students need to return their forms IMMEDIATELY whether or not they are having the vaccine.**

TECH FEES –Technology fees are \$35.00 per child per term (or \$120.00 for the year if paid by 31 March). Please make payment at the school office. Contact the office if you have any queries or concerns regarding payment of fees. If you send payments to school with your child please ask them to call at the office before school. Thanks for your help with this.

SCHOOL DONATION – The school donation/koha is \$70.00 per child or family. This money is used for the purchase of library materials, teacher aide time, copying paper, computer software, sports and physical education equipment and 101 other expenses not covered by our operations grant. Your donation is put to very good use.

PLEASE NOTE if you wish to use internet banking or set up an automatic payment, our bank account number is as follows **123253 0016645 00**. Please ensure your child's name is entered in the reference along with what the payment is for (i.e. tech, camp etc.) Receipts are issued for students to take home.

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 e.g. 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. Please phone the office on 308-6480 to report an absence. Absences should be reported by 9.30am as we send out text alerts if a child's name appears "unmarked" at that time. Also, any student arriving after school starts (8.50am) needs to report to the school office for a late pass. Thank you, Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal.)

PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL ON (07) 308-6480 TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENCE. WE SEND OUT TEXT ALERTS TO FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN ARE NOT PRESENT AT ROLL CALL.

With 2 waves following close behind,
And two sets lining up,
The lonely boy in the choir of waves.

Soothed by noise,
Silenced by crashing
Clinging to the rails

Sliding his hand through foam
Time itself had quavered
Reaching forward
Pulling back

Moving forward . . .
Paddles,
Races,
Speeding,
And then a lingering push...
Flying

The wave
Crashes down and bounces up,
Pushes,
Exhilarates,
Quickens,
Stretches,
Wobbles,
Calms,

Moving slowly now
With a surprised feeling in the air,
And then,
And then,
And then,

Right before the drop-off,
Dives down and under.

MARY BRAGG ROOM 5

(WRITING ABOUT SURFING AT WEST END)

KAPAHAKA PANU - If you would like your child to participate in the Whakatane Intermediate school kapahaka group for 2019 then he/she is most welcome to attend our first meeting next Thursday (28th February) at 1.30pm in the multicultural room with Whaea Jean to register their interest. This opportunity is open to all students in our school who may have an interest or passion in performing arts and kapahaka. This year is not a competition year for our group, however we will be performing in the school extravaganza later this year and other events within the school and community. If you would like your child to register please encourage them to attend this meeting. For further information please contact Whaea Jean on 022 535 8245. Thank you.