



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whanau

The end of week 5 is here which means we are just on the halfway point of the term. The time has certainly flown by and the students have settled in nicely to the routines and structures of daily life at Whakatane Intermediate.

I have been fortunate enough to have been invited into lessons from staff to view a lesson in progress and get a sense of how the teaching and learning happens at school. These visits will continue throughout the term until I have visited each class. I am proud to say that I have been thoroughly impressed with the atmosphere within each classroom. The teaching programmes are focussed, meaningful and allow each student to bring something of themselves into the activity. The students have been engaged, willing to contribute and happy to work together within each activity. There is fun and enjoyment throughout the lessons, but also a sense of purpose. The students know they have work to complete and take pride in seeing it completed.

Next week we are strengthening our pastoral care aspect of the school with a school chaplain being available for any advice and/or guidance that students may require. Ross Anderson is a qualified chaplain and will be in school two days a week at lunchtimes and be available to help any student. The role Ross does would come under a counselling service rather than an instructional service. He is there to listen to any concerns a student may have and help steer them in a direction where they can manage a solution. Students self refer and only if they wish to. Ross would liaise with the school should the concern be more serious. I believe this is another way we can help our students be heard if they require help and ultimately means our students feel safe at school. This is a trial for the rest of term one and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school.

Nga Mihi
Mike Webster

MANDARIN TEACHER 2019 - We have a new Mandarin Teacher from China - Jian Wenjing. Wenjing is an excellent speaker of English. Every class will be having a Mandarin lesson each week. We certainly hope that she has a rewarding year in our town and that your child will benefit from learning another language.

HOCKEY INFORMATION / UPDATES

To keep up to date on all things hockey please join our hockey Facebook page. **WIS Hockey**.

UPCOMING DATES: Note some dates may change
School-wide surfing programme weeks 2-7
(your class teacher will advise you of your class date)
Saturday 2nd March (9.00-11.00am) Whakatane Music School
Enrolments (see information in this newsletter)
Wednesday 3rd April - Friday 5th April - Syndicate C (Rooms 3,4,5 & 6) - Lake Ranch Camp
Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April - School-wide Electives Programme

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. Also, 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.

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.

FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 1ST MARCH.

Regards, Anne Volmuller (Deputy Principal.)

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](#)

[Email: sarahgalbraithmusic@gmail.com](mailto:sarahgalbraithmusic@gmail.com) Ph: 027 340 5600

TRIPODS WANTED - Do you have an unused tripod tucked away in your shed that no longer sparks joy for you? Then our Performing Arts Department would love to be its new home! Our Year 8 students are exploring video making and we are a bit short on tripods. Please drop them off at the office. Thanks. Mr Kolo'ofa'i (Performing Arts Teacher.)

SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

YEAR 7 BOYS CHAMPION – TYLER MACEY 23

YEAR 7 GIRLS CHAMPION – KAYLEE LAWLOR 19

YEAR 8 BOYS CHAMPION – JAMIE FORSYTH 11

YEAR 8 GIRLS CHAMPION – LAYLA ROWLAND 22

SYNDICATE CHAMPIONS – SYNDICATE D

HOUSE CHAMPIONS – TE ARAWA



INTERCLASS BASKETBALL UPDATE - Our interclass basketball has started with great skills showing and some closely fought games.

Next week Wednesday March 6th from 3.00-4.30pm in the gym is syndicate A's turn - Rooms 2,7,8 and 9. Room 1 has already played.

Syndicate D (Rooms 20, 21, 22 and 23) will play on Wednesday March 13th from 3.00-4.30pm in the gym.

Syndicate E (Rooms 16, 17, 18 and 19) will be the following week on March 20th.

Semi's will be week 9 between the top class team in each Syndicate and finals will be week 10. It is an exciting competition for our students.

ICAS TESTING - One of the many academic opportunities Whakatane Intermediate School offers is for students to take part in ICAS testing. These assessments are designed to recognise and reward academic excellence. Examinations available are digital technologies, science, writing, spelling bee, English and mathematics. The cost is \$15.00 for each exam.

Classroom teachers have identified students who are eligible candidates for these exams and have contacted parents/caregivers accordingly. If you have any queries regarding ICAS please contact me. Regards, Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal.)

Mission Statement

"A friendly, caring school with quality learning and quality behaviour that respects the needs of the individual student in the spirit of partnership between the school, caregivers and the community."

"He kura manaaki, he kura atawhai i nga tikanga rangatira, nga tikanga ahua noho o te taurira i roto i te wairua ngatahi kei waenganui i te kura, nga kaihiaki me te iwi kainga."

SCHOOL ELECTIVES PROGRAMME – Our School Electives Programme will run for 2 days on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April. To add further variety and interest to our programmes this year we would love to hear from any parents or friends 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. Regards, Graham Henton (Electives Co-ordinator.)

SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2019

KORARI – This is a programme that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of School Boards of Trustees.

For more information contact them on 0800 782 435.

There is a local information evening on Thursday 9th May at 5.30pm. Venue is Tarawera High School Kawerau. Please contact Whakatane Intermediate School office if you wish to register for this information evening or for more information.

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



BIKES AT SCHOOL – It is great to see so many students biking to and from school. Congratulations to all those who bike safely to school. Bike racks for the bikes are located outside the library. It is the law of the land for all students biking to wear their helmet. Students will not be able to ride their bikes home if they do not have their helmet with them. It is also important that they bring a bike lock each day to secure their bike.

VOCAL LESSONS WITH EVE LYFORD - Eve has her ATCL Musical Theatre Performance Diploma with Distinction with Trinity Guildhall, and is now putting the interest out for students. This is an opportunity for the first half of the year, 30min lessons for \$25 or 60min lessons for \$35. Contact evelyford@mail.com or 0279425962.

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.

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.)

TERM DATES 2019

- Term 1 Wednesday 30th January – Friday 12th April
- Term 2 Monday 29th April - Friday 5th July
- Term 3 Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September
- Term 4 Monday 14th October – Wednesday 18th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2019

- GOOD FRIDAY Friday 19th April
- EASTER MONDAY Monday 22nd April
- ANZAC DAY Thursday 25th April
- QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY Monday 3rd June
- LABOUR DAY Monday 28th October

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 07 308-6480 TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

LOST PROPERTY – PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF UNIFORM AND SHOES ASK AT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE LOST SOMETHING

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.

FOXY FEET SOCCER – I would like to announce that Daniel, a semi pro soccer player and professional coach from the UK, is willing to coach the Whakatane Intermediate School team this year. It's an exciting opportunity for the school and students. The students will benefit from Daniel's expertise.

Tryouts dates and times:

- Thursday 28th Lunchtime and 3.30pm to 4.30pm
 - Tuesday 5th Lunchtime and 3.30pm to 4.30pm
 - Thursday 7th Lunchtime and 3.30pm to 4.30pm
 - Tuesday 12th Lunchtime and 3.30pm to 4.30pm
 - Thursday 14th Lunchtime and 3.30pm to 4.30pm
- (Item submitted by Lewis Sharp.)

SYNDICATE B DAY OUT - 21ST FEBRUARY

Syndicate B teachers and students had a great day out at the Ohope Top 10 Holiday Park for their day getting to know each other. The students rotated around four activities including the pool, beach, sports and the harbour. We managed to pick the only day it has rained recently to go, but this did not dampen the spirits of the Syndicate B team.

We would like to thank all whanau members who were able to provide transport and/ or join our groups and the Ohope Top 10 Holiday Park for having us. It was a great day out. Syndicate B teachers (Mrs Hudson, Matua Reese, Mrs Dahya and Mrs Burns).

Pictures: *Jerry Kwak* and *Montana Bezett* from Room 10 turning Jerry into a piece of sand art and *Jayde Williams* from Room 15 getting some air jumping from the wharf.

