



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whanau

It has been great to see so many of the students take advantage of the many co-curricular activities on offer at the Intermediate and register to either have a go at something new, or in many cases, return to the activity with the purpose of achieving further with it. I have encouraged the students to make the most of their time here and take up the challenge of a new and exciting experience that may teach them something new about themselves.

Recently we have had students do exactly that and represented the school at a schools' surfing competition at Tay Street, Mount Maunganui. The school had two teams go and performed as best as they could in very difficult conditions. We are very proud of their results and the fact they had an immensely enjoyable day. The cricket team is another example of students seeking to represent us and compete against other schools. The competition is a tough one and our team played hard right to the end. They have the last game this week and we wish them good luck for that day. Other students are signing up for the Clean Green Team, the Filminators, the Rock Band or singing lessons recently offered by Eve Lyford through the school. All these groups offer something different and each student will take something positive from the experience, which is the main idea.

One group in particular has a major competition starting tomorrow. The Oceans Junior Surf Life Saving Nationals begin in Mount Maunganui and is four days of heavy competition with athletes from around the country. Over 2000 competitors spend four days in the heat, wind, sand and surf for the chance to compete. While it is through the local Whakatane Surf Life Saving Club that the team trains, we are proud that we have a number of our students competing. We wish them all the very best and look forward to hearing how they went.

Not only is it our students who have co-curricular interests and passions but our staff as well. The list is varied of what our staff are involved with outside the classroom and in particular our Visual Art Teacher Mrs Carmen Holder. Mrs Holder competed in the Masters Regional Surf Life Saving Championships last week and gained two podium finishes with her team. Well done to Mrs Holder.

A reminder that the doors of Whakatane Intermediate are always open to friends and whanau.  
Nga Mihi Mike Webster



Harrison Wakefield and Tyrese Tawhi (Room 6) enjoying their surfing day out at West End recently

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** - Last week *Molly Byford (Rm6)*, *Kyra Seymour (Rm19)* and *Crystal-Jaz Hudson (Rm6)* represented our school at the Bay of Plenty Area Secondary Schools Showjumping Competition. There were 100 riders and only a handful were intermediate age students (the rest being high school students). The students each competed in 3 different sections. Molly placed 4<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, Kyra placed 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and Crystal-Jaz placed 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the students' parents for transporting them. A huge thanks to Steve Byford for looking after the girls and Anna Seymour for helping the pony club with the BBQ.

### 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

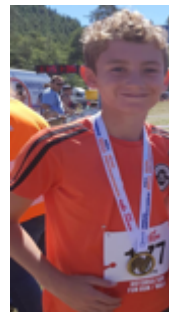
(your class teacher will advise you of your class date)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Syndicate C (Rooms 3,4,5 & 6) - Lake Ranch Camp

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April - School-wide Electives Programme

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April - last day Term 1

**SURF COMPETITION** - Last Friday two Whakatane Intermediate School teams competed in the Tag Team surfing event held at Mount Maunganui. The surf conditions were quite small, making it challenging for all surfers involved. Each surfer from a team of four is scored for two waves. After riding their second wave, surfers have to race up the beach and tag the next surfer in their team. We were unlucky to not have a team qualify for the final. The Year 8 team finished 5<sup>th</sup> and our Year 7 team finished 7<sup>th</sup>. An excellent effort by the boys and girls. A huge thank you to the parents for their support and help with transport.  
Regards, Tai Miskell (Organiser.)



**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** - Congratulations to *Bryn Evans (Rm10)* who competed in the 5km Cophorne Trail run in Rotorua last weekend. He came 5<sup>th</sup> in his age group and 7<sup>th</sup> overall out of 199 participants. This is a great result. (Item submitted by Lisa Evans.)

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.

**AIMS GAMES** - Is your child a competitive BMX rider, sailor, squash player, kayaker, or golfer? Mr Doney would like to hear from you to investigate if they qualify for this year's AIMS Games competition. If you could please contact him via email at [william@wistecom.school.nz](mailto:william@wistecom.school.nz), it would be much appreciated.

### NZ POLICE AND NZ FIRE SERVICE MESSAGE TO STUDENTS AND WHANAU ABOUT THE CURRENT EXTREME FIRE RISK AND RISK AROUND PLAYING WITH MATCHES OR LIGHTERS

With summer well and truly upon us, grasses, trees and bushland are very dry and are very easily ignited. There is another heat wave heading our way so it is going to be even dryer. Matches and lighters are tools not toys. They should be used by adults only and it is the adults' responsibility to keep matches and lighters out of harm's way. Many fires are started by children. Children are often burnt while doing so.

### 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."

**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.)

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PAIGE TOONE OF ROOM 16**

Recently Paige made a video for the children’s programme “What Now” which is on TV on Saturday mornings winning a scooter for her efforts. The video had to show creative ways to get to school. Her idea for getting to school was having mum piggyback her! Good on you mum!!

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

The focus recently has been for our students to demonstrate Kaitiakitanga in a very practical way. They have ventured out onto our Awatapu Lagoon on their kayaks with the express purpose of finding and removing anything discarded by people that ought not be there. We are then able to recycle or discard it, as should have happened in the first place. Your children were very enthusiastic in their endeavours and were able to make a positive difference for our local environment.

Well done Team, Mr Henton’s proud.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING IN HARD MATERIALS**

This term our students are making desktop cabinets out of pine. The cabinets feature sliding doors. They need to use, cutting, gluing, sanding, measuring and nailing skills just to name a few! They will be able to take these home when finished.

Regards, Warren Mitchley (Hard Materials Teacher.)

**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  
NEW VENUE – OFFICE FOYER**

**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.

<b><u>TERM DATES 2019</u></b>	
Term 1	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b><u>PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2019</u></b>	
GOOD FRIDAY	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
EASTER MONDAY	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
ANZAC DAY	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
LABOUR DAY	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2019 CLASS COUNCILLORS  
AND DEPUTY CLASS COUNCILLORS**

<b>ROOM</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR</b>	<b>DEPUTIES</b>
1	Jesse Kara	Maia Patterson Foster and Kahlen Bellas
2	Jayda Chisholm	Deishann Marks and Te Rangiataahua McLean
3	Eva Fuller	Joshua Hansen
4	Ben Jackson	Jorja Shaw
5	Emilie Rosset	Mary Bragg
6	Molly Byford	Daniel Pascoe
7	Jade Hillman	Enoka Heretama-Wikaire and Riria Wiki
8	Laylani McLean-Kingi	Charlize O’Neill-Teepa and Ngaiterangi Ruawai
9	Ari Stewart-Mason	Chantz Rua-Murray
10	Kelvarne Peihope-Vaine Poruku	Kita Walker
11	Marten Pack	Sharnae Thompson
15	Liam Bowers	Angus Cobb
16	Noah Judd	Isabel Sandifer
17	Levi Clements	Maia Townsend
18	Jenelise Chhak	Marrick Purcell
19	Tayla Swainson	Layla Sullivan and Bryce Evans
20	Bella Paterson	Jorjah Cooper and Kyra Seymour
21	Maddison Lynch	Emily Dippie and Zach Goldsmith
22	Hannah Baxter	Judah Wihapi and William Turner
23	Brooklyn Smith	Layla Rowland and Kiera Simpson
		Grace McGovern

**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 [evelynford@mail.com](mailto:evelynford@mail.com) or 0279425962.

**WHAKATANE CHILDREN’S MUSIC SCHOOL** – Enrolments were held last Saturday. If you have any queries or late enrolments contact 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

**AFTER SCHOOL FUN** - Do you you love playing scrag, tag or tackle bullrush on the field? Maybe with your siblings or neighbours in the back yard... Want to get fit, make new mates, fill in a couple of afternoons & play the ultimate team sport? We Need You!!

Girls and Boys wanted to join Marist’s U12 and U13 rugby team. No experience needed - our coaching team know and love rugby. If your sisters & brothers are keen for our younger teams that’s great too. Come down on Thursdays - 3:45pm start at Red Conway Park, Arawa Road, Whakatane. Call or text 027 464 3785 (Tania) for more information.

**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.)

