



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whanau

The Tomorrow's Schools Review is well under way and my personal view is that I welcome it. I see it as courageous and positive to have a good look at our education system under the tomorrow's schools format and see how we as an industry have performed.

There are 3 issues from the 8 that stand out to me as needing major change so that schools can provide the type of education needed within any community. School resourcing deals with the way schools are funded to operate and is currently unbalanced. Teaching is a crucial issue as there is currently a nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining quality teachers for our schools. Disability and Learning support is an area that needs a major overhaul as schools need to have more access to resources to help students with additional learning needs.

One critical issue is the one of governance. The report suggests major change in this area with the introduction of educational Hubs at a regional level that could depower Board of Trustees. Boards are ideally placed to decide what is needed for their school and help bring the community into school. Depowering them and taking away certain responsibilities could potentially mean people making decisions without a clear understanding of each school's individual character or needs. All recommendations made regarding all issues have merit and need discussing in more detail and how they will work in schools.

There is one point that has been misinterpreted which is the future of Intermediate Schools. The report leaves open the assumption that such schools will disappear. A representative from the regional group of Intermediate principals met at with the national executive body and the taskforce where it was stated that Intermediate Schools offer a unique education at a crucial stage in a young person's life and are not being removed. It was suggested that if anything there was an idea of extending Intermediate Schools to include year 9 or even year 10 into their system.

There is the chance for the public as well as educators to offer submissions to the taskforce regarding these recommended changes. There are public consultation meetings in both Rotorua and Tauranga as well as the chance to submit written submissions. I encourage anyone to either attend these meetings (details are on the website provided) or go online and read the report. The deadline for submissions is April 7th. You are also welcome to contact me and discuss anything at any stage through the front office.

www.conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/

Nga Mihi Mike Webster

ADVANCE NOTICE OF A PAID UNION MEETING FOR PRIMARY AND INTERMEDIATE TEACHERS TUESDAY MARCH 19TH

School will finish at 12:20pm. We ask that you make arrangements to collect your child from school at this time. If you need your child to be supervised for the afternoon please inform your child's classroom teacher or the front office ASAP, so we can organise this. Buses will be running at the usual time at 3pm.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – FRIDAY 29TH MARCH – Your child has been issued with a Lazer Photos photo pack to take home. There is the option to order online at www.lazerphoto.co.nz. If this is not an option for you, you can drop the completed envelope (with money) in at the school office.

HOCKEY INFORMATION / UPDATES

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

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE

The following information has been brought to my attention from the Minister of Health and is recommended for inclusion in School Newsletters/communications.

Measles

There are currently outbreaks of measles reported in the Waikato, Christchurch and Bay of Plenty and overseas in the Phillipines and Europe. Please be familiar with the symptoms of Measles and seek medical attention immediately if suspected. Anyone intending to travel to these areas should check their Measles immunity with their GP. Symptoms of Measles are as follows

First symptoms

A fever/a cough/a runny nose/sore and watery "pink" eyes and sometimes small white spots on the back inner cheek of your mouth.

Day 3–7 of illness

A blotchy rash which tends to start on your face, behind the ears, before moving over your head and down your body. The rash lasts for up to a week

Whooping Cough

There is also an epidemic of Whooping Cough, which is extremely dangerous to babies and susceptible individuals. The Medical Officer of Health recommends anyone with the following symptoms of Whooping Cough to see their GP.

Symptoms and Illness - Whooping Cough (pertussis) symptoms start with a runny nose and dry cough. Coughing gets worse over the next few weeks developing into attacks of coughing. The 'whoop' sound occurs as babies draw a breath after a long coughing attack. Children often gasp for air and some make a 'whooping' sound. They may also vomit after coughing attacks. Babies might go blue or stop breathing during coughing attacks. Most children are well between the coughing spells. In older children and adults Whooping Cough may present as an unexplained persistent cough that goes on for more than two weeks. The cough may last for up to three months.

MOTORCROSS NEWS

Last Friday **Taylor Brady, Luka Hewitt** and **Jacob Hewitt** from the W.I.S Motocross team competed in their first event as a school team at the Tauranga Secondary Schools MX Champs. It was an awesome day to practise skills with the rain making the track slippery, muddy and challenging to ride. Well done team, we look forward to the next event coming up soon.

Luka Hewitt is pictured at right.

Regards, Tracy Jefferies (Teacher in charge.)



OCEANS 2019

NATIONAL UNDER 14 SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPS

Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club travelled to Mount Manganui to compete in Oceans 2019 last weekend. The team included the following students from Whakatane Intermediate School:

Derek Esterhuizen, Oliver & Xavier Christie, Ella McKay, Layla Rowland, Jai Julian & Helena Wren. Congratulations to everyone who took part and achieved some great results. **We are very proud to report that Ella McKay finished 3rd in the Under 11 Surf Race finals winning bronze.** This is an outstanding result.

PARKING IN JAMES STREET AT 3.00PM – We realise that there is very limited parking in James Street. Please **DO NOT** park on the yellow lines, grass verges or double park in the staff carpark area outside the office. At 3.00pm it is very dangerous with bikes and buses and limited visibility for motorists. Thank you for your co-operation.

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 taura i roto i te wairua ngatahi kei waenganui i te kura, nga kaitiaki me te iwi kainga.”

HOUSE CAPTAINS - We have 4 Houses. Congratulations to the following students who have been voted in by their peers as House Captains and Deputies:

CAPTAINS

Lincoln Evans (Rm8)
Braiden Craig (Rm9)

Paul Brosnahan (Rm21)
Ngakau Thompson (Rm2)

DEPUTY HOUSE CAPTAINS

MATAATUA
Keziah Manuel (Rm10)
Jayda Chisholm (Rm2)

AOTEA
Emilie Rosset (Rm5)
Jade Hillman (Rm7)

TAINUI
Hannah Baxter (Rm22)
Caitlin Bridge (Rm19)

TE ARAWA
Ondreya Paerata (Rm7)
Layla Rowland (Rm22)

Levi Clements (Rm17)
Jesse Kara (Rm1)

Marrick Purcell (Rm17)
Judah Wihapi (Rm21)

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BIO TECHNOLOGY?

Neal Strydom is our amazing Bio Technology teacher. He is running a mini-unit on entomology. Students are researching this topic and designing a restaurant menu featuring BUGS!! There is also a topic around medicinal herbs. Students are designing a range of products using natural plants. They are looking at ways of marketing their products including using social media. This is always a very interesting tech area.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN VISUAL ARTS?

Our year 7 students are being introduced to the basics in drawing and paint mixing. They will also have the opportunity to try slab clay work, constructing masks using cardboard boxes or weaving landscapes using flax. Themes include Maori tiki art, the art of Kimmy Cantrell or G.C. Myers (landscape artist.)
Regards, Carmen Wilson-Holder (Visual Arts Teacher.)

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB - Book Club catalogues have gone out to classes. Please have orders and money (with cheques made payable to Scholastic NZ) to the Library by **Friday 22nd March**. More catalogues are available from the school Library. Many thanks for your support. You can also order and pay online with Book Club Loop - or visit mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz for details.
Thank you, Sue Wadsworth, School Librarian.

UPCOMING DATES: Note some dates may change
School-wide surfing programme weeks 2-7
Friday 15th March - Interschool Tennis Championships - Whakatane
Friday 15th March - Open Water Swim - Lake Rotoma
Tuesday 19th March - Teachers' Stop Work Meeting - details above
Friday 29th March - School Photos
Friday 29th March - Interschools Touch Tournament
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
Friday 12th April - last day Term 1

PE TEE SHIRTS - N.Z. UNIFORMS - If you purchased an interim plain navy blue tee shirt, please take it (cleaned) into N.Z.Uniforms on the Strand, Whakatane and the staff will be happy to exchange it for the correct Whakatane Intermediate logo PE shirt which you paid for.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PERFORMING ARTS?

In Performing Arts, Year 8 students have an exciting and challenging opportunity to collaborate with their peers and make a video! They will journey through the entire process which I hope will give them the skills to become creative content creators in the future. Each year 8 student will need a USB stick/flash drive (8G or more) so they can store their videos onto it at the end of our sessions.

Regards, Simon Kolo'ofa'i (Performing Arts Teacher.)



Pictured above: Room 21 students William Turner, Maddison King and Charlotte Billings add some final touches to their videos.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY?

Our focus this term is on "café food" with the idea being, that in the future, there will be employment opportunities in the food and hospitality areas. Some of the delicious foods they are preparing are crepes, pasta, sushi, tacos, churros, icecream and brownies. We are having a lot of fun!
Elaine Pickford (Food Technology Teacher.)

TOP SCHOOL 2019

AWAKERI SCHOOL SUNDAY 24TH MARCH

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected for our Top School Teams.

BOYS:

Ben Hipkiss, Jesse Kara, Patrik Thomson,
Maiororangi Moses-McRoberts, Tiaki Hunia. Sub: Paul Brosnahan

GIRLS:

Hannah Baxter, Layla Rowland, Caitlin Bridge, Charlize O'Neil-Teepa, Tuihimareikura Apanui. Sub: Zoe Giles
Children are practising every Monday, Wednesday and Friday and every day next week. All practices will be during lunchtimes at school. More information about this event will be posted next week.
Regards, Ngamihi Moses (Teacher in charge.)

TERM DATES 2019

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

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. No referral is necessary - students can just come along. Alternatively you can go to the pharmacies who offer a free, drop-in swabbing service or at your enrolled GP. Any queries please phone the team on 021 813 994.

FREE THROAT TESTING AND SKIN CHECKS AT OUR SCHOOL

EVERY THURSDAY 11.15PM - 12.50PM

VENUE - OFFICE FOYER



Our school Electives Programme will run on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April. There are some amazing choices - skateboarding, scrapbooking, kayaking, contemporary poi making and cupcakes - just to name a few. All students have been issued with a booklet outlining the various Electives and from this they need to select their preferences. **These need to be returned to their classroom teacher urgently.** Graham Henton will have the hard task of placing as many students as possible into the Elective of their choice. Please note that it is sometimes not possible for a student to be placed into the Elective of their choice.

