



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whanau,

Last Friday the school held its annual Pink Shirt Day, which is part of a nationwide day to raise awareness of and take a stand against bullying. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the school raised a substantial amount of money for charity as part of the day. What was especially pleasing to see was the sheer number of students who wore pink to show that bullying does not belong in our school. Bullying is simply a deliberate or intentional action taken against someone else that is designed to hurt, intimidate or isolate someone else. It can be physical, verbal or through social media. Bullying has a variety of forms and is done for a variety of reasons. Whakatane Intermediate has always maintained a zero tolerance for bullying and will always look to resolve such issues. The only way to deal with issues of bullying is to seek help by talking with a trusted person. The school doors are always open to concerns of this nature and the school will always look to work with all parties to ensure such behaviour does not continue. A huge well done to all the students who supported the day.

This week we are announcing our AIMS Teams and athletes for the 2024 edition. Naturally, there is a lot of excitement for the students who have been fortunate enough to be selected, and well done to all those who are in this situation. Unfortunately, there will be disappointment amongst those who have missed out. The school would very much like to take all students and compete in all the sports, but it is simply beyond our capacity. The decisions on which events to compete in or which students to take are not easy and not taken lightly. Every effort is made to make the selection process fair and transparent for all. To those who have missed out, there will be other opportunities throughout the year to have a go at, and the school hopes you give such events a go. The students who missed out should still feel proud to have put themselves forward for selection and take confidence that they were considered. Well done to all the students who are in this situation and we hope to see you all involved in other events throughout the year.

Last week's attendance trophy was again handed out to the class who made sure they were all present the most over the week. Well done to all the students, staff and whanau for working together to ensure that we have students attending school as often as possible! A special well done to Room 17 which had the highest rate at 92%. We look forward to seeing this week's results!

Next Friday, May 31st there is a Teacher Only Day for the entire Whakatane Kahui Ako, and therefore involves all local schools. This is a Ministry of Education accorded day where the staff will be looking at aspects of the Curriculum Refresh and developing other structured teaching approaches.

Nga Mihi
Mike Webster

ASTHMA INHALERS - If your child has an inhaler, please ensure they bring it to school and know how to use it properly. We should also have these details noted in our enrolment information. We have an inhaler here if necessary but if a student is not carrying their own inhaler, we will call a caregiver before administering it. Any questions – please call the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mon 27th - Wed 29th May - Rooms 21 & 22 Camp
 - Tuesday 28th May - Board Meeting
 - Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th May - Mangai Leadership Camp
 - Friday 31st May - Teacher Only Day - School Closed
 - Monday 3rd June - King's Birthday – Public Holiday -
 - Wednesday 19th June - School Photos
 - Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th June - Gisborne Exchange
 - Friday 28th June - Matariki Day - Public Holiday
 - Tuesday 2nd July - School Cross Country
 - Wednesday 3rd July - Parent Teacher Interviews - School closes at 12.00pm
 - Thursday 4th July - Parent Teacher Interviews - normal school day
 - Friday 5th July - Last day Term 2
- NOTE: EXTRAVAGANZA POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 4**

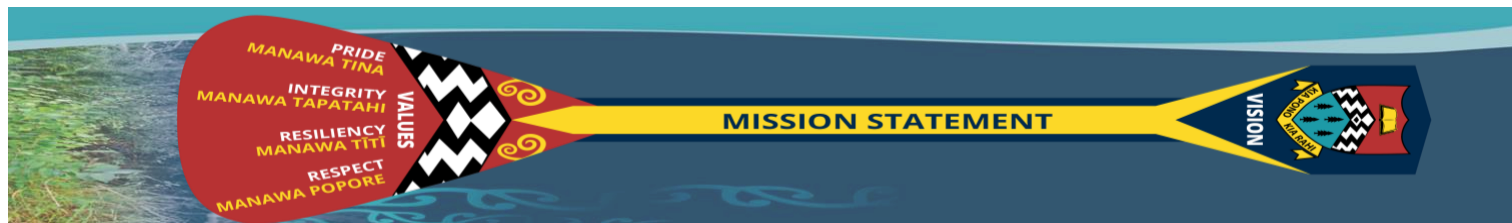
SCHOOL INTERVIEWS

Our parent/teacher/student interviews will be held on
 Wednesday 3rd July from 1.00pm - 6.00pm and
 Thursday 4th July from 3.15pm - 6.00pm
 The portal for you to book your appointment will be open
 from 3.00pm on Friday 24th May
 Go to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
 THE BOOKING CODE IS: zu27b
 or phone the office to book
 Please note that school will close at 12.00pm on
 Wednesday 3rd July (buses run at normal time of 3.00pm)
 Thursday 4th July is a normal school day
 It would be fantastic to have every family attend as we value
 the education of your child as a partnership
 between the home and school

SEASONS FOR GROWTH

If you or your child have experienced a significant change in your lives which has impacted the family you could benefit from doing the Seasons for Growth Programme which supports change, loss and grief. At school we offer the Seasons Programme over an 8 week period in a small group supported environment. Programmes also on offer are for Teenagers and Adults who have experienced loss, separation or divorce. The school has brochures and information about all courses at the office. For more information Karen Stanton is the local Coordinator karen.stanton@acw.org.nz. If you would like your child to do the Seasons Programme here at school or simply want more information, please email raewyn@wistecom.school.nz to register your interest.

**COME ALONG TO BREAKFAST CLUB
 MULTI CULTURAL ROOM
 FROM 8.15AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY - ALL WELCOME**



JAPANESE BILLETS

Thank you to those families who have emailed me and expressed an interest in hosting a Japanese student from 16th-31st October this year. I have four confirmed host families and we have twenty students coming. They are a fantastic group of students and the feedback we received from our host families of last year's group was extremely positive. They do attend school every day. Please get in touch with me at: rebecca@wistecom.school.nz if you would like to host a student or would like more information.

More Photos from Pink Shirt Day



FREE THROAT TESTING & HEALTHY SKIN CHECKS EVERY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

NORMAL SCHOOL TIMETABLE

School starts 8.50am sharp
Morning tea 10.40am – 11.00am
Lunch 12.30pm – 13.30pm - School ends 3.00pm

SEWING CLUB NEWS

The Sewing Club went on a super quick field trip on Tuesday during lunch, to see Ati Keepa's works at the Art Gallery. Ati has made a series of banners that represent important things in his life. The first sewing club challenge is to design and make a banner to share something important with the world, using only recycled fabrics, so this was an excellent opportunity to get some inspiration! Ati met us at the gallery with Tame Iti and Aimee the curator, and talked us through his banners. It was super amazing and we were so lucky to hear from the artist himself! Huge thanks to Ati, and Aimee from Te Kōputu a te Whanga a Toi for the opportunity! Regards, Dr Sarah Morgan (Teacher in Charge)



LET US KNOW IF YOU KNOW OF A STUDENT ACHIEVING AT A HIGH LEVEL AT AN "OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITY" eg. SPORTS, CULTURAL, MUSIC etc. WE LOVE TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN OUR NEWSLETTERS. SEND ANY INFORMATION TO julie@wistecom.school.nz

ROAD SAFETY

A reminder to all whanau who pick up or drop their children at school each day, that the bus lane needs to remain free and accessible to the buses. Due to the unpredictable nature of students, this is a health and safety risk, and we therefore ask whanau to not drive into the bus lane, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day. ALSO – Parking in James Street and Fraser Street is very difficult. We would appreciate you not parking on yellow lines and grass verges. Thank you.

ICAS

Thank you to those families who have registered their children to sit the ICAS examinations in August. A reminder that registrations close on Monday 29th July. Please get in touch with your child's teacher for a newsletter regarding ICAS examinations – what they involve and how to register online. I will be administering the exams under exam conditions at school. Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal)

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Kids Can have provided us with product and combs. Don't be embarrassed to ask for a free pack at the school office.

