



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whanau,

A shortened week leads us nicely into the Matariki Holiday weekend and celebrations. As I mentioned last week, one way to celebrate Matariki is to get together with whanau and friends, prepare a fantastic meal and spend some quality time connecting with each other. We are often all very busy with "life" and so making time to catch up with whanau and friends can be very meaningful. So don't hesitate and make the most of the opportunity!

This week we were supposed to head off with great anticipation to Gisborne for our annual Sports and Academic Exchange. As some of you will know, we had to unfortunately postpone this trip due to the weather conditions making the travelling conditions too unsafe. We left it to the last possible moment before making the decision and as it turned out, it was the absolute right decision. The school is now busy looking at possible dates next term to hold the exchange and we will let all whanau and those involved know as soon as possible. We are exploring all available options so that our students get to experience this unique and special part of our school calendar.

I was fortunate again today to be able to spend some quality time among classes and share the learning experiences with the students. There were a variety of activities going on, and all students were highly engaged and focussed. In Room 2 from Te Whanau O Ohinemataroa, the students were doing some goal setting and plans of what they wanted to achieve over the next term. This is in connection with Matariki, the Maori New Year and about looking forward to what is ahead. In Room 5, in Te Whanau O Otamakaokao, the students were fully involved in their Mandarin Lesson from our Mandarin Learning Assistant, Huixian. All our students really enjoy learning about a different culture and language, especially when they see similarities with our own unique culture. A special thanks to Whaea Rosey Kara in Room 2, and Mrs Nic Laurent in Room 5 for their enthusiastic classroom atmosphere.

There are major events to remind our whanau about for next week. One is our annual school cross country on Tuesday, July 2nd. We hope as many whanau as possible can be present to help cheer on the students. Beginning on Wednesday, July 3rd we are holding our Parent Teacher Hui, where whanau can meet with their child's teacher, and discuss their academic and all-round progress. We strongly encourage all whanau to make an appointment and come and hear how well their child is doing.

Have a great holiday weekend.

Nga Mihi
Mike Webster



- Tuesday 25th June - Board Meeting
- 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

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 is now open
 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

WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This coming Tuesday our school is holding our school cross country. Below is all of the relevant information regarding the event.

Venue

The event is going to be taking place at the Nita Shannon Netball Court and Eve Rimmer Park on Tuesday the 2nd of July. We will be having an early lunch break and then head down to the course at 12.25pm. The timetable is as follows:

- 12.50pm – Race briefing
- 1.05pm – Year 7 Girls warm-up
- 1.15pm – Year 7 Girls
- 1.30pm – Year 7 Boys
- 1.45pm – Year 8 Girls
- 2.00pm – Year 8 Boys
- 2.30pm – Prizegiving
- 2.45pm - School is released and bus children



return to school with teachers. Children who do not catch the bus are permitted to leave the venue at this time and head home.

Equipment

Children will need to run in their school P.E. uniform OR have clothing that relates to their syndicate colours. They are welcome to have fancy dress but we would like to emphasise that they will need to be able to run in their gear. They can bring accessories such as hats, tutus, leis, shirts, sunglasses and scrunchies. No paint, markers, or other markings are permitted on the skin. If your child requires medication, please ensure that they have it with them on the day.

Children will be running through a farm at the venue, and they will get wet feet, so shoes are optional to wear. Please note that there will be prickles around the course.

We welcome parents and friends of the school to come along and support our students on the day. On Tuesday, a decision will be made at 9.00 am to cancel or postpone if the weather is too wet. In that case, all students will remain at school.

This will be shared on our school's Facebook page

Ohope Beach Golf Links

Junior Golf Holiday Coaching

Day 1 - Professional coaching, play some holes, skill sessions and games.
 Day 2 - Mini putt competition, play some holes, skill sessions and prizegiving.

2 Days: Mon 8th-Tue 9th July

9am-1pm: Lunch included! \$40 per day

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - call or email the office to book your place. payment taken on the day

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