



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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A GENTLE REMINDER TO WHANAU:
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE YELLOW LINES AND GRASS VERGES AND IN OUR CAR PARKS IN JAMES STREET WHEN DROPPING OFF OR COLLECTING STUDENTS.
THIS IS FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

END OF YEAR – BUS INFORMATION
 We have been advised that once the high schools have finished, the following buses will no longer be running:
 D040303 - Taneatua/Sisams Valley
 D040316 - Ruatoki
 D040324 - Waimana
 D040325 - Matahi Valley.
 The families affected will need to find other transport to get their children to school for the rest of the year.

Kia Ora Whanau,
 We are very quickly coming to the end of the year with now just over two weeks of school left. The last day for the year is Tuesday 17th December, with the prize giving the day before. Please be aware of other dates that involve celebrations, so you can be there to support your children.

Today we welcome back our last class camps for 2024. Rooms 10 & 15 from Te Whanau o Wainui te Whara return from their class camp to Rotorua, and Rooms 24 & 4 from Te Whanau o Otamakaokao return from their camp at the Ngamuwahine Lodge in Tauranga. No doubt the students had a fun filled few days and we look forward to hearing all about it. The teachers from both camps have shared some great stories already, which is fantastic to hear. Thanks again to those whanau who are able to attend and support these trips. It helps bring a successful end to our extensive Education Outside the Classroom programme at the Intermediate.

Next week the school is running its annual Electives programme, which is the final part of our E.O.T.C. programme and is definitely one that both staff and students look forward to with great enthusiasm. The electives are a two day programme, where staff take a break from regular classroom teaching and lead an activity that is either an interest or passion of theirs. The students select options they are interested in doing and are then allocated an activity for the two days. It is a chance to try something completely new, experience something that they have longed to try but haven't been able to, or share a common interest with others. It is great getting out and about over these two days and seeing the fun and delight from the students, and I look forward to seeing the 2024 edition in action.

Unfortunately, I again need to finish this week with request of whanau. It is well known that parking around the school is difficult, which is something we are aware of and are continuously looking at possible solutions. However, we have to ask whanau to refrain from parking on school site (carparks etc), or on the verges and/or beside yellow lines when picking up or dropping off your tamariki. It is a safety issue for our students as they are having to move around a number of vehicles to enter or exit the school. We understand the frustrations, but must ask all whanau to park elsewhere at these times.

Nga Mihi
 Mike Webster

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th December – Electives

Thursday 12th December - Tech Awards Assembly

11.00am all welcome

Monday 16th December - Final Assembly

12.15pm all welcome

Tuesday 17th December - Last Day Term 4

12.00pm finish

2025

Tuesday 28th January and Wednesday 29th January
9.00am - 12.00pm - Office open for second hand uniform sales and late in-zone only enrolments
Monday 3rd February - First Day Term 1
Thursday 6th February - Waitangi Day - School Closed

SECOND HAND UNIFORM
A MESSAGE FOR OUR YEAR 8 STUDENTS

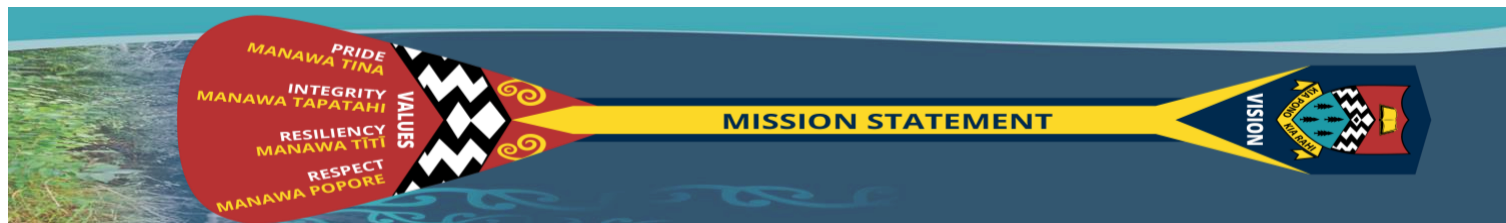
At the end of the year we ask families of Year 8 students to consider donating school uniforms to the school on the last day of Term 4. These are then sorted and sold to students at the beginning of the new year and money raised is used to support needy students with costs for camps etc. Year 8 students are allowed to come in "mufti" on the last day if they donate uniform items.

All others need to be in correct uniform (including all Year 7s.)

Please do not donate Kids Can jackets. Thank you.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Library stocktake has begun. All library books need to be returned by Friday 6th December and no further books will be issued. Please return any library books that may be at home - no questions asked - just happy to have books returned. During the holidays please make use



of the Public Library so the pleasure of reading can continue.



REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY

THE SCHOOL OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR ALL PAYMENTS AT 4.00pm ON THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER TO ENABLE PAYMENTS TO BE PROCESSED BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. PAYMENTS CAN STILL BE MADE BY INTERNET BANKING. OUR BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER IS AS FOLLOWS: 123253 0016645 00 THANK YOU.

TERM DATES 2025		
Term 1	Monday 3 rd February -	Friday 11 th April
Term 2	Monday 28 th April -	Friday 27 th June
Term 3	Monday 14 th July -	Friday 19 th September
Term 4	Monday 6 th October -	Tuesday 16 th December

TO CONTACT THE DENTAL CLINIC - PHONE 307 1548

ROOM 18 AND 19 CAMP

Last week, Room 18 and 19 embarked on an unforgettable camp to Auckland, diving into the wonders of marine science and tourism. Highlights included an awe-inspiring visit to Kelly Tarlton's, where students explored the mysteries of the ocean, and a breathtaking trip up the Sky Tower, where they took in the city from dizzying heights. A huge shoutout goes to our incredible camp parents—Mrs MacFarlane, Miss Angel, and Mr Doney couldn't have pulled it off without your support. Your help made this amazing experience possible, and the memories will last a lifetime. Thank you for being the real MVPs!



AIMS GAMES STARS SHINE AT OLYMPIC PARADE



Our AIMS Games medallists and flag bearers had an unforgettable experience on Tuesday, taking part in the Olympic Parade honouring local legends Stacey Waaka, Lisa Carrington, and Hayden Wilde. Walking proudly in the parade, our students represented our school with pride and were inspired by the powerful words of wisdom shared by these incredible athletes. It was a day of celebration, motivation, and community spirit, as our district came together to recognise world-class talent and inspire the next

generation of champions.

Pictured below is Kobe-J Amai and VJ Tapsell who were lucky enough to win some of Stacey Waaka's playing boots and playing shorts from the Olympics!!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE
 There has been a national alert for whooping cough. Currently 10 active cases in the Bay of Plenty, and 263 cases reported within a four week span to 15th November.

WHOOPING COUGH: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Childhood vaccinations to protect against whooping cough are needed at ages six weeks, three months and five months, and again at four years
- A further booster is given at age 11 years (school year 7)
- Vaccination free for pregnant people
- Adults are eligible for one free booster from age 45 (if they have not had four previous tetanus doses) and can get one free from age 65
- Whooping cough causes breathing difficulties and severe coughing fits. The cough can go on for weeks or months which is why it is sometimes called the "100-day cough"
- People are most infectious in the early stages - with the first signs of whooping cough usually appearing around 1 week after infection

Symptoms (after about one week):

- A blocked or runny nose
- Sneezing
- A mild fever
- Uncontrollable coughing fits that last for a few minutes
- Coughing that leads to vomiting.
- A thick mucus that can make you vomit or choke
- During coughing spells, young babies may gasp for air and may briefly stop breathing and turn blue.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



In Term #1, Kiana started Shotokan Karate as a white belt. In Term #2 Sensei Sue moved Kiana to the seniors' class giving her the opportunity to learn and grow.

While Term #3 was fully loaded with AIMS Rock Climbing and the fabulous school trip to Samoa, Kiana was also triple graded to orange belt during competency grading. At the yearend ceremony, the Sensei awarded Kiana with a trophy for "The

Best Senior Girl of 2024" for her commitment, passion for the sport and how quickly she has grown/ advanced.

(Item submitted by parent Kevin Skead)

ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS 2024		
Congratulations to the following students		
YEAR 7 GIRLS	1 ST	AALIYAH SEXTON
	2 ND	ALASKA ROPER
	3 RD	AYLA DANIELS
YEAR 8 GIRLS	1 ST	CIARA RETI
	2 ND	KESIAH NGAHEU
	3 RD	THEA MILLER
YEAR 7 BOYS	1 ST	NIXON GILLIES
	2 ND	MASON LITTLE
	3 RD	HEATH GALLAGHER
YEAR 8 BOYS	1 ST	CALEB O'NEIL
	2 ND	BLAKE BINNEY
	3 RD	DAVID KEMP

