



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## Housekeeping Newsletter 2023

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### **WHAT HAPPENS ON A VERY WET SCHOOL DAY? - A**

decision is made at morning tea if the day is wet as to whether or not school will close early at 2.30pm. A notice is placed on the school answerphone at 11.00am advising if it is an early finish. Notices are also placed on Radio 1XX and The Sun FM and our Facebook page. Buses always run at the normal time of 3.00pm and bus students are supervised until then. If you want your child to stay at school until 3pm they can and they will be supervised by their teacher. Please either ring the school, listen to a radio station or check Facebook for information if you think it may be an early finish. Please also discuss this with your child/children so that they know what to do on a wet day. You can imagine how difficult it is to have large numbers of children trying to ring home at 2.30pm to make arrangements with their parents. Thank you for your help with this.

**Please note that not every wet day will be an early finish.**

**BIKES AT SCHOOL** - It is great to see so many students biking to and from school. Congratulations to all those who bike safely! The bike racks are located outside the library. It is the law of the land for all students biking to **wear their helmet**. For your child's safety please ensure they have their helmet with them. It is also important that they **bring a bike lock** each day, to secure their bike to the stands. Thanks, Tai Miskell (Deputy Principal.)

**BUSES** – Many students are travelling to and from school on a bus. If anyone hasn't signed up for one of the buses they need to see Mrs Paterson and get their name down on the appropriate bus list. Behaviour to and from school on the bus should reflect our School Mission Statement. If you have any concerns over the buses, please do not hesitate to contact me. Bus students have also received a newsletter outlining acceptable behaviour when travelling to and from school.

Thank you, Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal.)

**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.

**TO CONTACT THE DENTAL CLINIC  
PHONE 07 307-1548**

**ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS** – Unless your child is ill or there are some very special circumstances, everyone is expected to attend school every day. In the case of an absence it is really important that you let the school know. Please leave a message detailing the reason for the absence e.g. sickness, funeral etc. so the correct information can be entered into the system as the Ministry of Education requires that each absence has its own special code. **Please phone the office (07 308-6480) to report an absence. Absences should be reported by 9.30am as we send out text alerts if a child's name appears "unmarked" at that time.** Also, any student arriving after school starts (8.50am) needs to report to the school office for a late pass.  
Thank you, Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal.)

### **NORMAL SCHOOL TIMETABLE**

**School starts 8.50am sharp**

**Morning tea 10.40am – 11.00am**

**Lunch 12.30pm – 13.30pm - School ends 3.00pm**

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Please check the school prospectus for the uniform requirements. We really appreciate the effort parents/caregivers make to ensure our students are in correct uniform. **Please ensure all items of clothing and footwear are clearly named.** Students need to bring their PE uniforms to school each day in their bags as they need to change to participate in sport.

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

**There is a good selection of second hand items (jerseys, shorts and polo shirts) for sale at the school office. Cash only please.**

### **SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME**

Free lunches are provided each day for every child as part of the Healthy School Lunches Programme. **A notice requesting information of any allergies/dietary concerns has been given to your child to take home for you to complete and return to their teacher. If your child's requirements have changed (or you have not received this notice) please let the office know urgently.** Students may wish to bring a snack for morning interval as lunch each day will not be available until 12.30pm. Our school does not operate a canteen. We encourage families to provide water only instead of sports/juices/fizzy drinks. **If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the office.**

### **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."**

**TECH CONTRIBUTION** – The Technology contributions for 2023 are \$100.00 per child per year or \$25.00 per term. Please make payment at the school office. Contact the office if you have any queries or concerns regarding payments. 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.

**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.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

**PLEASE CLEARLY NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. YOU CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW HARD IT IS TO RETURN UNNAMED ITEMS. ASK AT THE OFFICE IF YOU HAVE LOST ANYTHING.**



**FIRST CREDIT UNION WILL BE OPERATING SCHOOL BANKING AT OUR SCHOOL THIS TERM. BRING YOUR BANK BOOK TO THE OFFICE FIRST THING EACH WEDNESDAY MORNING. IF YOU WISH TO OPEN A NEW ACCOUNT PLEASE ASK AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

### **IMPORTANT – ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS**

#### **CORRECT?**

#### **WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO CONTACT FAMILY/CAREGIVERS**

If you shift house, change your phone number, email address or caregiver details, please send a note to the school office or phone us on 07 308 6480. If you want someone other than a person listed on your enrolment to pick up your child, please let the office know as we need to be sure only authorised people collect our students.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB – MULTI CULTURAL ROOM**

**FROM 8.15AM MONDAY - THURSDAY**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Staff member Nicola Marsh is hosting a FREE Breakfast Club this year in our Multi Cultural Room.**

**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](mailto:julie@wistecom.school.nz)**

**SCHOOL HATS** - Please make sure all hats are named. Students can wear their own hats to school. Any hat can be worn, as long as it is appropriate and has nothing that could cause offence on it. The hat must be worn the correct way. Students are responsible for looking after their own hat.

### **THE SPEED LIMIT AROUND SCHOOLS IS 40KPH**

With that in mind we would like to remind you to slow down around the James Street area and also to help our Road Patrol Team in the mornings and afternoons by stopping to let them put out the signs in Hinemoa Street. Thank you for your consideration.

### **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 Frazer Street is very difficult. We would appreciate you not parking on yellow lines and grass verges. Thank you.**

### **NITS NITS NITS NITS**

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

### **WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

#### **TERM DATES 2023**

**Term 1:** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 2:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Term 3:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

**Term 4:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

