



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whanau

Officially we have come to the end of the third week of the term, but the first full one of the year. It has been great to have five uninterrupted days with the students and seeing them settle well into the routines and structures of Whakatane Intermediate. The atmosphere around the school is very positive, with the school's Mission Statement of being friendly and caring being demonstrated amongst the students each day. Our learning programmes have been up and running for over two weeks and there already has been some great work done in the classroom. Already I have had some students share their learning with me in the form of a poem which reflected their memories of their summer break. Well done to the students of Room 5 in Te Whanau o Otamakaokao for their creative writing and thoughts.

The standout this week was easily our school's annual swimming sports at the Whakatane Aquatic Centre. The day was amazing with a huge number of students participating and joining in with the spirit of the day by supporting their friends and classmates. The behaviour of the students was outstanding and should be commended. Events that bring the school together under the idea of friendly competition and also sharing in celebrating school spirit are always enjoyable and positive. It was also great to see so many whanau pop in at various times throughout the day and support the students. A huge thanks to everyone who made the day go smoothly and we look forward to the next school event.

As a school we always celebrate and acknowledge student effort and success, however it comes. Last weekend nine students participated in in the Junior Eastern Regionals Surf Life Saving Championships. This event is a very busy two days of intense competition in the elements of surf, sand and sun. We are very impressed with how our students competed and the success that they achieved. It is great to see a good number of students involved, and is another example of the opportunities in either our school, or in this case, the community. Well done to all the students who competed.

Thank you to all whanau for refraining from dropping off and/or collecting your children in the car park on James Street. It is a little unsafe to have vehicles in and out of this carpark, with so many students walking around, and we appreciate the support.

Again, thank you for your support in making the start of the year so positive. The doors of Whakatane Intermediate are always open to friends and whanau. Please feel free to contact us about any concerns, questions or offers of support at any stage.

Nga Mihi  
Mike Webster

### PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:

Nurse Zara visits our school every Wednesday from 12.30pm - 2.30pm. She is happy to meet with both parents and students to discuss and advise on any health concerns you may have. Let the office know if you would like to see her.



### LOST PROPERTY FROM SWIMMING SPORTS

One Converse high top shoe and also a Watch – bright green (named Burgess)  
Let the office know if your child has come home with something that does not belong to them please.



- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Board Meeting
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Goal Setting Interviews
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Goal Setting Interviews
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday – Public Holiday
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday – Public Holiday
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Tuesday – Public Holiday
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Last day Term 1
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – First day Term 2

### PARENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS 2024

Our goal-setting interviews will be held at Whakatane Intermediate School on:  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March (1.00pm- 6.00pm)  
and

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March (3.15pm-6.00pm.)

We invite and encourage all parents/caregivers to take this opportunity to attend a one-to-one interview of 15 minutes at which your child's learning and future goals will be discussed.

School will close at 12.00pm (noon) on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Lunches will be provided. Buses will still run at the normal time of 3.00pm for those students who are not being picked up at 12.00pm or during the afternoon. Any other students who cannot be collected at noon can be supervised until 3.00pm also. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March is a normal school day.

Interviews can be booked online by visiting

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and using the code **m6psk** the booking site is now open. Select your preferred time and you will receive confirmation by email within minutes of the booking. If you are unable to book online, please call the office and we can book a time to suit. It is our goal to have all parents/caregivers attend these interviews.  
Regards, Rebecca Paterson deputy Principal.)

### SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

Now the weather is a little cooler, we have a good supply of fleece jerseys for sale at the office - \$20.00.

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### HPV FOR YEAR 8 GIRLS AND BOYS

All Year 8 students had a short education session on on Monday about the HPV vaccination. Students received a form to take home, fill in and return to school. It is a personal choice whether you would like your child to have the vaccine or not, but the forms must be returned informing the school of your decision. If you have not received this form, please contact the office. Please note, this is not a vaccination for Covid-19. Regards Haruru Douglas (Deputy Principal.)



### SAMOA TRIP 2024

Fly to a tropical paradise, bask in crystal clear waters and immerse yourself in the warm and welcoming culture of SAMOA. We would like to offer our students the opportunity to attend this exciting cultural overseas experience. We plan to take a limited group of students and parents/caregivers to Samoa in Term 3 this year. This is one of the many amazing opportunities on offer at our school each year. Positive attendance and impeccable behaviour are prerequisites for students wishing to attend. If you are definitely interested in learning more, get your 'Registration of Interest' form from the school office ASAP. This will need to be filled out by a parent or caregiver and returned to school. We will then have a meeting on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, at 5.15pm to discuss this exciting, self-funded adventure. A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 will be required.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** - Book Club catalogues have gone out to classes. Please have orders and money to the Library by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February**. You can also order and pay online with Book Club Loop - or visit [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) for details.



**LOST PROPERTY  
WE NEED YOUR HELP  
PLEASE CLEARLY  
NAME ALL ITEMS OF  
CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR.  
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR  
THE OFFICE TO FIND  
ITEMS IF THEY  
ARE NOT NAMED.**

To contact the dental clinic phone 307-1548



### STUDENT SUCCESS

Over the weekend 8 Whakatane Intermediate School students competed for Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club at the Eastern Regionals Competition held over 2 days in Whangamatā. They were: *Harper Thompson, Levi Aldridge, Hunter Lawn, Zoe Williams, Veda Firmston, Jessica Williams, Ivy Stephens, Zach Baxter and Liam Lawrence*. *Bear Wren* also competed for Mount Maunganui Surf Club. The competition saw athletes compete in many events and achieved great results.

Of special mention is Liam Lawrence who won Overall Bronze in the U11 Boys, a super result.

(Item submitted by Sherrie Thompson.)



### WAIRERE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to Ty Cochrane who was awarded the Wairere Student of the Week award. Ty has displayed our school vision, Kia Pono, Kia Rahi making the most of the opportunities provided to him, as well as working hard academically. Congratulations Ty.



First Credit Union has commenced School Banking at our school. Banking needs to be brought to the office first thing each Wednesday. If you would like to open an account, please see our office.

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

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

### WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL - TERM DATES 2024

TERM 1: WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY - FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
TERM 2: MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL - FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
TERM 3: MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY - FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
TERM 4: MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER - THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

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