



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whanau

Week four of the term has been another very positive and enjoyable one for the school. Our routines and timetables are now well in place, with the students settled and familiar with their learning. The year has certainly been set up for success with the amazing start we have had, and we would like to thank all whanau for their support. This week and next does have an assessment focus as we have the students sit their E-AsTTLE tests for Panui (Reading) and Tuhituhi (Writing), as well as the PAT test for Pāngarau (Maths). These assessments are standardised, schoolwide tests for all students and help provide information for each teacher to assess where a student's learning is at, along with other in-class tests and observations. Each teacher can then look to develop and progress each student's learning in a positive and engaging way.

Cyberbullying is an important issue that is affecting large numbers of students all around the country. This form of bullying is intensely hard to manage given the numbers of students with access to any number of online social media platforms. All schools deal with regular incidents of students engaging in unsafe online behaviour, and in many cases they do not know that such behaviour is unsafe and potentially damaging. The school takes a very firm, zero tolerance approach to dealing with any type of bullying, especially cyberbullying. We want all students to understand how to keep themselves safe while online. To help with this, the school has arranged a presentation from a cyber safety expert, Mr Rob Cope. The school wants to help parents and whanau understand what the dangers of online cyber bullying are, recognise what it may look like if their child is involved and provide solutions for whanau to use so their child is kept safe. This is about whanau and the school coming together to learn how we can keep our students safe online and the presentation is free for all Whakatane Intermediate school whanau. The school would like at least one parent from each whanau to attend so we hear the messages and advice together. We have advertised this for over two weeks and we realise whanau are busy, but the school does consider this issue important and vital to ensure each student's well-being is safe. We are asking whanau to RSVP via their classroom teacher or the google doc that has been sent out. A large number of whanau have done so already, which is pleasing to see. If childcare is an issue, ie you have young ones at home, please inform your child's teacher as the school is looking into arranging some childcare at school while the presentation is on. The school is also giving out some spot prizes for whanau who attend this presentation but they must be in attendance to collect them! The presentation is at 7.00pm next Tuesday 27th February and is in the school's auditorium. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

To contact the dental clinic phone 307-1548



- Monday 26th February – Board Meeting
- Tuesday 27th February – Cyber Safety Presentation
- Wednesday 20th March – Goal Setting Interviews (School closes 12.00pm)
- Thursday 21st March – Goal Setting Interviews
- Friday 29th March – Good Friday – Public Holiday
- Monday 1st April – Easter Monday – Public Holiday
- Tuesday 2nd April – Easter Tuesday – A School Holiday
- Friday 12th April – Last day Term 1
- Monday 29th April – First day Term 2

PARENT/TEACHER GOAL SETTING INTERVIEWS 2024

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

Thursday 21st 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 20th 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 21st March is a normal school day. Interviews can be booked online by visiting:

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.)

RHYTHM INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP AND SHOW

Coming to our school on 22nd March

We have space for 200 students

and the cost is \$7.00

Sign up and return your slip to the office

More notices available at office

Any questions: see Mrs Robb in the Performing Arts Room



HPV FOR YEAR 8 GIRLS AND BOYS

All Year 8 students have had a short education session 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.)



MISSION STATEMENT



SWIMMING SPORTS RESULTS

Well done to all of our students for competing in this year's school swimming sports championships. It was fantastic seeing everyone enjoying the event and giving it their best. It was also outstanding seeing so much colour in the stands, with students supporting their syndicates.

Below are the results of our overall champions for 2024.

Year 7 Girls

- 1st Maya Choudhary-Woodcock
- 2nd Azelle Stansloski
- 3rd Jayde Simmons/Piper Rowland

Year 7 Boys

- 1st Liam Lawrence
- 2nd Flynn Watkins
- 3rd Bear Wren

Year 8 Girls

- 1st Georgia Standen
- 2nd Cassandra Rouse
- 3rd Niamh Lindley

Year 8 Boys

- 1st Hunter Lawn
- 2nd Harper Thompson
- 3rd Beau Broadhurst

Class Results

1st Room 23, 2nd Room 1, 3rd Room 21

Syndicate Results

1st Tai Koraha, 2nd Ohinemataroa, 3rd Wairere

FREE THROAT TESTING AND HEALTHY SKIN CHECKS EVERY WEDNESDAY

Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora is providing a **free weekly school-based throat-swabbing and healthy skin programme** to help reduce the high rates of Rheumatic Fever and skin infections in the Eastern Bay. Rheumatic Fever is highly preventable. **Students can just come along to the office at 12.15pm if they have any skin sores/problems or a sore throat.**

MANGAI/KAITAUTOKO 2024

	Maangai(mar-ngai)	Kaitautoko(kai-toe-tor-cor)
Rm1	Ciara Reti	Ella Copeland & Rico Te Pou
Rm2	Riley Nahi	Khyan Ulafonua & Hemo Tupe-Basher
Rm3	Roger Blackburn	Paora-Kingi Black
Rm4	Ruby Glasse	Felix Edwards & Kimiora Smith
Rm5	Frankie Adlam	Briar Barker & Cam Webster
Rm6	Kalesha Pakuria	Zebb Coxon
Rm7	Jayden Kingi	Ohomairangi Rangihueua-Akuhata & Hinetera Smith
Rm8	Te Kahuwaero Tutua	Eruera Wharewera & Waipapa Ngamoki
Rm9	Te Waimarino Takamore	Jack Bonne & Ani Stowell
Rm10	Valour Taha	Blayde Greaves & Sofia Arriagada
Rm11	Marlo Mays	Ryan Mitchell & Bailee Pawson
Rm15	Ruby Smailes	Kora Findlay
Rm16	Rhiaan Hose	Tai Moko & Zara Thorne
Rm17	Mahinarangi Paora-Houkamau	Emma Bellamy & Caleb O'Neill
Rm18	Addison Cooper	Ava Clark & Noah Sukeri-Ribeiro
Rm19	Sophia Hall	Keelan Dawson & Silvie Brunetti
Rm20	Felix Anderson-Smith	Lucian Marsh-Smith & Paetyn Taylor
Rm21	Mika Henry	Levi Alridge
Rm22	Emily McGougan	Cassandra Rouse
Rm23	Alannah King	Kunal Patel
Rm24	Kolton Kerrigan	Leah Van Rysewyk

SOMEWHERE IN OUR SCHOOL TODAY

by Bailee (Room 11)

- * A class of happy kids whisking their bowls full of batter all around the room
- * An exciting game of volleyball is cut short because of the aggravating sound of the bell
- * Year 7's are magically racing up the rockwall to see who finishes first
- * The office ladies have their game face on while checking all the classroom rolls
- * A zesty game of long jump is getting played in the boiling hot sandpit

BUS UPDATE:

One of our Kawerau buses (The bus that travels through Western Drain Road) and the Edgecumbe bus will be picking our students up at 2.50pm starting next week. This is so our students can have seats on the bus. Prior to this change, our students were being picked up last so we have asked for the bus company to be collected first. This change will not impact classroom learning.

Whaea Haruru and I will be ensuring these students are on their bus at this time.

Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal.)

STUDENTS - ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING TO PLAY DARTS?

Whakatane Darts Association are encouraging children to come along to their first youth/junior camp in April - Contact Charles Maru

0226486250 or email whakatanedarts@gmail.com

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.

