



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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MONDAY 18TH MARCH – TEACHER PAID UNION MEETING

School closes 12.30pm (lunch will be provided)
bus information to come on Monday

Kia Ora Whanau,

We have celebrated another fantastic week of engaging learning. It is worth noting that we are just over half way through the first term of the year! We have started so positively and are really building momentum towards what we hope to be an amazing year at our Kura. Next week will see the first class camp of the year heading away. Rooms 5 & 6 in Te Whanau o Otamakaokao are travelling to Rotorua for three days of fun, learning and activities. The students are really looking forward to the trip as are the teachers and whanau who are attending. We wish everyone a fantastic time and would like to thank the whanau who are able to attend. We really appreciate and value the support, as these trips would not be possible otherwise.

One of the major initiatives that the school has been working hard on over the last two years, is our attendance. Encouraging and supporting our students to attend school each and every day will enhance their chances of success greatly. Students should know that the secret to academic success is simply turning up to school and being present in the classroom. Each week at our Formal Assembly, the school celebrates that week's attendance with the presentation of a trophy to the class with the highest attendance rate. We also acknowledge each class that scores over 90% and the class with the biggest improvement from the week before. Last week the results were simply amazing and the best we have had in an extremely long time. 15 Classes had attendance at over 90% for the week. The remaining 6 classes had their rates at 85% or higher. This was something to be very proud of and we thank all whanau for your continued support in getting your child to school. Well done to Room 3 who took out the trophy last week and also to Room 2 who had the biggest improvement. We eagerly look forward to this week's results to see if we can match it or even go a few better!

This week I was extremely fortunate to be invited into 2 classrooms, to observe and be a part of their learning. Room 1 in Te Whanau O Ohinemataroa were having great fun with their maths lesson, learning about how to round numbers to quickly solve big equations. The class was getting quite quick with their answers, which was great to see. A huge thanks to Whaea Ashton Thrupp for creating such a positive learning environment. Room 15 in Te Whanau O Wainui Te Whara, shared their animation creations that told a few local purakau. Their enthusiasm and pride in their knowledge about discussing how Moutohora and Whakaari came to be where they are (for example) was very enjoyable to see. A huge thanks to Dr Sarah Morgan for also creating a positive learning environment.

Have a great weekend everyone and see you in Week 7!

Nga Mihi
Mike Webster

BILLETS NEEDED PLEASE

Can you host a student from Gisborne Intermediate on the 14th and/or the 26th of March? If so, please complete the google form on our facebook page or email Haruru Douglas for a form. haruru@wistecom.school.nz

NEWS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

As part of the Year 7 Enviro programme the students learn about Predator Free 2050 and the unwanted pests that we have on the Lagoon edge. Monitor Ink tunnels were set for a night to see what pests were present. It was clear that we have rats, mice and hedgehogs on the Lagoon edge. The traps have been set, so far we have caught 6 rats and 1 hedgehog!

Students from Mr Doney's and Mrs MacFarlane's class in Wairere caught 2 rats and the hedgehog, in one night! This helps with our Kaitiakitanga of our local environment.

Regards, Helen Dobbin (Environmental Science Teacher)



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Wednesday 13th – Friday 15th March - Rooms 5 & 6 Camp

MONDAY 18th March – Teacher Paid Union Meeting

School closes 12.30pm (lunch will be provided)
bus information to come on Monday

Wednesday 20th March – Goal Setting Interviews
(School closes 12.00pm)

Thursday 21st March – Goal Setting Interviews

Tuesday 26th March – Board Meeting

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

HPV FOR YEAR 8 GIRLS AND BOYS

All Year 8 students have had a short education session about the HPV vaccination and received a form to take home to be completed and returned. These forms must be returned **URGENTLY** informing the school of your decision.



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RESPECT
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VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

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.)

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.

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.



EBOP Children's Music School classes begin in March. We offer tuition in Keyboard, Recorder, Flute, Fife, Clarinet, Violin, Brass and Guitar. Please email us at ebopchildrensmusic@gmail.com and we will send you a form.

2024 ICAS Examination Registration

We are pleased to be offering our students the opportunity to take part in ICAS – International examinations again this year. These exams assess the students capabilities in: Spelling, Mathematics, Writing, Science, English and Digital Technologies. These are optional and if you are wanting your child to take part, they will need to get a letter from their classroom teacher. This year, we will be utilising the Parent Payment Portal, where you can register and pay for your child's exams. We will not be registering students at school so it is important for you to register online. Instructions on how to do this are clearly noted on the ICAS newsletter that can be requested from your child's teacher. The Parent Payment Portal will close on Monday 29th July so please register your child before this date. Examinations will be administered at school under exam regulations.

Thank you, Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal.)

WAIRERE STUDENT OF THE WEEK WEEK 5

Congratulations to **Darcey Simm from Room 16** who continuously shows integrity and tries her best at all times. Darcey, it has been great to see you slot into life at W.I.S so effortlessly.



WAIRERE STUDENT OF THE WEEK WEEK 6

Congratulations to **Aoraki Waititi-Eynon from Room 17**. Aoraki consistently displays all of the school values, particularly respect. He shows leadership within the classroom and his learning. Keep it up, Aoraki!



STUDENT NEWS

Last weekend saw the Whakatane Local Wild Food Festival come to the Mahy Reserve Ōhope. It was a celebration of local wild food from our great outdoors prepared, cooked and displayed for the crowds. The Festival's wild food cooking challenge saw three of our Intermediate tamariki: **Seb Reeves, Léa Collombet and Katharine Pick**, compete as Kaitiaki HALO Kadets in the youth category of the challenge. Their dish "A Basket of Treasures from Papatūānuku" included Pickly Kina dip, pickled kawakawa flowers, smoked & tempura-battered tuna and Pohutakawa and lemon cordial. The Kadets' dishes reflected the beauty of our backyard and they were thrilled to walk away with the Grand Prize of Best Youth dish! Well done. (Item submitted by Lori Reeves)

ST STEPHENS BOYS BOARDING SCHOOL REOPENING 2025

We invite whanau, friends and children to join us at the Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi, on Wednesday 20th March at 6.00pm to listen to Nathan Durie, the new Principal of St Stephens Boarding School in Bombay, Auckland. The school will be opened in 2025 comprising of Year 9 and 10 boys. For further details please visit our website or reach out via email to office@tipene.co.nz or contact Jimmy McLean at 0273728102.

WHAKATANE HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS HOMESTAY FAMILIES

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