



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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MONDAY 18th March – Teacher Paid Union Meeting

School closes 12.30pm

Buses run at normal time of 3.00pm

Kia Ora Whanau,

Next week the school is holding its first Parent Teacher Hui of the year. This Hui is a great chance to catch up with your child's teacher and discuss how the beginning of the year has gone. We have had an incredibly positive start and our staff would love the opportunity to korero with you about it. Each teacher will also be able to discuss recent test results and what that means for your child's learning programme for the year. You can also discuss goals that your child has identified for the year with the teacher, and what can be done at home to support your child. Our staff also greatly value the chance to simply meet with whanau and continue the connection that was made on the first day of the year. Our Mission Statement refers to working in a collaborative partnership, which means school and whanau working together. Thanks to all whanau who have been able to book an interview with your child's teacher. There is still time to book one if whanau have not yet managed it. We look forward to seeing you next week! Contact the office if you need assistance to book an interview.

The goal this year is for each student to have an attendance rate of at least 90% or more throughout the year. If a student attends school 90% of the time, they are still absent for 20 days or 4 weeks over the year. This is still a significant amount of learning time that they are missing out on. Therefore attendance will be an ongoing focus all year to ensure our students attend as often as possible. Last week we had 6 classes with a 90% attendance rate, which is still very pleasing. **A special well done to Room 6 who had the highest rate at 96%, and to Room 2 who had the biggest improvement from the previous week with a 8% increase with their attendance.** We look forward to seeing this week's results! As an extra incentive to attend school regularly, any student who wishes to represent the school at major events will have to maintain a minimum attendance rate in line with the school's expectation. For example, to compete at the AIMS Games, go on the Cultural Trip to Samoa or be involved in the Kapa Haka or Extravaganza Festivals, students will be expected to have high attendance. It will be monitored regularly and discussed with the students to ensure they can comply.

This week I was extremely fortunate to visit Room 23 in Te Whanau O Tai Koraha, and observe their learning. They were having great fun with their spelling lesson using the "Code". This programme helps the students develop and improve their spelling by recognising the different sounds that come with words that are spelt the same. The class were doing well with their learning and developing their understanding, which was great to see. A huge thanks to Whaea Sarah Afriyie-Agyemang for creating such a positive learning environment.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Nga Mihi

Mike Webster

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

This past weekend students from our school participated in the Junior Oceania Tag Tournament in Auckland as part of the Aotearoa Maori U13 Mixed Team. They had a magnificent tournament winning 6 - 7 games only going down in the Grand Final to NZ Barbarians 6-10. They came home as runners up and silver medal winners.

They represented their families and the wider community with respect and honour. The students are: *Kesiah Ngaheu, Pitti Savage-Christie, Lexus Wirangi and Felix Edwards*

and past students: *Presley McGarvey, Hunter-Lily Takiari and Taisha White-Curnow.*

We had high expectations of this team but they went over and above in a code we are still learning. I look forward to sharing more successful news with you.

(Item submitted Proud Team Manager, Rio Grey.)



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MONDAY 18th March – Teacher Paid Union Meeting

School closes 12.30pm (see attached letter)

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

BILLETS NEEDED PLEASE

Can you host a student from Gisborne Intermediate on 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

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



MISSION STATEMENT



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.)

ROOM 9 NEWS

Room 9 was lucky to have beautiful weather on their Surf Day last week. We had an awesome day at Salt Spray Surf School catching waves. Thank you again to the whānau who came and supported us. Without you, days like this wouldn't be possible.

Miss Byrne (Room 9 Teacher)



Makayla Cao and Maya Choudhary Woodcock (above) and Leila Clarke-Battock (surfing below)



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.

FRAZZLED KIWI ADVENTURE RACE NEWS

On Sunday a large group of Intermediate School students competed in the Frazzled Kiwi Adventure Race. The race was held on Sisam's Farm and consisted of a 7km adventure. The students got the map on Sunday morning with 24 checkpoints, and 3 mystery activities. *Our teams did so well, taking out the first 3 places in the Intermediate Section and our winning team, the WIS Warriors, came in 7th overall. Team members were Thea Miller, Keelan Dawson, Rosie Milne, Sophia Hall and Mia Hyndman* It was a great day out, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

Regards, Helen Dobbin (Teacher in Charge.)



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.

