



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whanau,

This week the school held its first parent teacher hui for the year. What was pleasing to see was there were 540 interviews completed which means that 92% of our whanau were able to meet and discuss their children with the classroom teacher. This is very pleasing and great for the connection between school and the whanau, which can only enhance the chances of each student's achieving in 2024. A huge thank you to all those who were able to attend and we hope to see you all next time!

This week has seen a new and exciting initiative within our Technology programme. This year Te Whanau O Te Aronui, our Technology Syndicate has been able to increase the amount of learning time available to our students. Students will have their usual amount of lessons with each technology plus an intensive-styled inquiry time that is taught for an extra 9 sessions. The intention is to provide an opportunity for all students to have lessons around extending their technology skills through participating in a project with a central theme. The staff in each Syndicate will get together with the Te Aronui team and plan a series of activities that students can either opt into and/or work as a collective group to create a Syndicate-based project. The first Syndicate to have their turn is Te Whanau O Wairere which has planned activities around what it means to have Wairere as their name. The students began their lessons yesterday and were certainly excited about them. What is extra special is that with the Te Aronui team working with each individual Syndicate, there are now more opportunities as more staff are available to teach. It adds further strength to the school's overall Technology Programme, which is designed for and taught in a primary school setting, and allows the students to genuinely connect to it.

The focus on attendance continues, and we acknowledge those classes who did well in last week's results. A special well done to Room 23 who had the highest rate at 95.5%, and to Room 2 who had the biggest improvement from the previous week with an 9% increase with their attendance. We look forward to seeing this week's results! As an extra incentive for the attendance trophy, each time a class has a score of 90% or over, means an entry to the overall term prize of a pizza lunch provided by the school. So if a class attends 90% or more 6 times over the course of the term, that means they have 6 entries and 6 chances to win the big prize! So whanau, we would like your support for this idea by encouraging your children to be in the classroom as often as possible.

This week I was extremely fortunate to visit Room 6 in Te Whanau O Otamakaokao, and observe their learning. They were quietly focussed on their reading activity which involved completing activities from a book of their choice. The students knew a lot about the book they were reading and were able to discuss openly what the storyline was about. A huge thanks to Ms Tessa Parker for creating such a focussed learning environment. Ms Parker is new to our Kura this year and has settled in well to life at Whakatane Intermediate. There is a very settled and focussed atmosphere in the class, which the students are comfortable with.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Nga Mihi
Mike Webster



TE WAIRERE STUDENT OF THE WEEK WEEK 6

Congratulations to Joseph in Room 18. Joseph has displayed all of our school values consistently since starting at our kura this year. Keep up the amazing work Joseph.

TO CONTACT THE DENTAL CLINIC PHONE 307-1548

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING A JAPANESE BILLET?

Kia ora, Konichiwa whanau and friends of Whakatane Intermediate School.

Our school is super excited to have 20 Japanese students arriving at our school on Wednesday 16th October 2024. They will be staying until Wednesday 31st October – 15 nights. The purpose of their visit is to immerse themselves in the culture of Aotearoa, New Zealand and to learn the English language in a safe and supportive environment. They will attend school daily.

We are looking for 20 welcoming and accommodating host families who can host a billet during this time. We hosted the same number of students last year and the feedback from host families was extremely positive. A financial contribution will be given to host families towards food and accommodation.

Please email rebecca@wistecom.school.nz for more information. Regards, Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal.)

WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL - TERM DATES 2024

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

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MANAWA TINA

INTEGRITY
MANAWA TAPATAHI

RESILIENCY
MANAWA TITI

RESPECT
MANAWA POPORE

MISSION STATEMENT

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WHAKATANE

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.)

Registrations are now open
SATURDAY FOOTBALL
for children ages 4 - 13 years

Is your child keen to play football this year?
Join our club!

LAST CALL

Juniors \$75
U13 \$120 (includes team t-shirt)

We need coaches too!
Get in touch if you are interested

Please register here:
www.ohopefootball.org.nz/Registration-1/2024-season
Last entries in by Thursday 28th March

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.

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.

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND SHOES

NORTH ISLAND SCHOOLS MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

On Sunday 15 students competed in the North Island Schools' Mountain Bike Race in the Redwoods Rotorua. It was a huge event which coincided with the Crankworx Biking Festival in Rotorua. Our team of keen riders were: *Harper Thompson, Colby Philpott, Hamish Fuller, Jacob Rouse, Tye Knight, Conor Mullen, Thea Miller, Rosie Milne, Nina Fallows, Aaliyah Sexton, Flynn Watkins, Finn Baker, Ethan Jackson, Mason Little and Marco Carter.* All competed really well on the challenging 12km circuit. **Flynn Watkins came in 4th in the u13 event and Harper Thompson 8th in the u14. Our girls team came in 2nd in the U16 relay event.** It was a great day out.

Regards Helen Dobbins (Team Manager)



BREAKFAST CLUB – MULTI CULTURAL ROOM
FROM 8.15AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY - ALL WELCOME
Staff member **Nicola Marsh** hosts the **FREE Breakfast Club**

FREE THROAT TESTING & HEALTHY SKIN CHECKS EVERY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB – Book Club catalogues have gone out to classes. Please get orders and money to the Library by **MONDAY 25TH MARCH**. More catalogues are available from the school library. Many thanks for your support. You can also order and pay online with Book Club Loop – or visit mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz for details. Thank you, Sue Wadsworth, School Librarian.

