



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Monday 1st April – Easter Monday – Public Holiday

Tuesday 2nd April – Easter Tuesday – A School Holiday

SEE YOU BACK AT SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL

Kia Ora Whanau,

This week we get to celebrate some amazing results of events that the school has been involved in. Last Sunday was the annual Awakeri Top School Competition. This event is organised and run by Awakeri Primary School and first started in 1986! Every year our school organises teams to take part and this year we had two teams primed and ready for the big day. Mrs Nic Laurent and Ms Kiana Angel spent many a lunch time selecting and training the teams. The event is based on the Top Town concept (like in the 80's) where teams have a range of physical challenges that involve problem solving and teamwork. There are different divisions and an overall winner. There were also food carts and other activities to take part in. **What was especially pleasing for our school was that we had one team earn second equal in their division and the other team secure first place in the same division. That same team was also awarded the overall winner for the day!** A huge congratulations to both teams who ensured that Whakatane Intermediate is the Top School for 2024. What was an especially pleasing aspect of the day was the way all our athletes supported and encouraged each other throughout the event. While they were there to compete, the friendly and caring nature of the students ensured that they all simply had fun representing our school and took pride in what they were doing. Another "well done" to all the athletes, a huge thanks to our whanau who were there to support and a very special acknowledgement to Mrs Laurent and Ms Angel for their commitment and energy.

Last Friday, the school also had four teams competing in the Eastern Bay of Plenty Surfing Festival. There was a total of 23 teams over a range of ages, and Whakatane Intermediate had four teams with an equal amount of male and female surfers. Again the way the athletes supported each other and enjoyed the day was a standout. The day was stunning, the waves were running and the participants were humming with excitement. None more so than Mrs Carmen Holder who organised the day and also demonstrated some quality wave riding herself! Again thanks to the whanau who assisted on the day and ensured our students were safe! What was especially exciting was all four teams from our school made it into the finals, and had a lot of fun competing against each other. Well done to all the surfers for a great day out.

This week's attendance trophy was again handed out to the class who made sure they were all present each day. It was another fantastic week with 8 classes achieving an attendance rate of over 90% and not a single class scoring below 80%. Well done to all the students, staff and whanau for working together to ensure that we have students attending school! **A special well done to Room 19 who had the highest rate at 99.4%, and to Room 1 who had the biggest improvement from the previous week with a staggering 18% increase with their attendance.** We look forward to seeing this week's results!

I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Easter weekend. We will see you next Wednesday when we return.

Nga Mihi
Mike Webster

TOP SCHOOL NEWS

"On Sunday, we took two teams to compete in the annual Awakeri Top School Competition. Each team worked incredibly hard throughout the 5 events, even when it poured down with rain! Both teams displayed awesome teamwork, positivity and resilience. With all their hard work, we came away with some amazing results!

In our category, Whakatane B team came 2nd with Whakatane A team taking out 1st place! (See photos below.)

And, after last winning it 15 years ago, Whakatane A team won the overall Top School bringing the shield home!

Everyone at WIS is so proud of both teams!

Regards, Mrs Laurent and Ms Angel (Team Managers)



Keelan Dawson
competing at Top School

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

**LOST PROPERTY
PLEASE CLEARLY NAME
ALL ITEMS OF
CLOTHING AND
FOOTWEAR. YOU CAN
ONLY IMAGINE HOW
HARD IT IS TO RETURN
UNNAMED ITEMS. ASK
AT THE OFFICE IF YOU
HAVE LOST ANYTHING.**



MISSION STATEMENT



UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Wednesday 19th June – School Photos

STUDENT "OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITY"

Each year Whakatāne Hospital recruits newly graduated junior doctors from all over New Zealand. One of the annual requirements in this process is submitting a professional recruitment video advertising the benefits of living and working in our wonderful but under-resourced community. This is the first year that WIS students completed this task for us. *Daphne Espinosa* wrote the script and directed, while *Colby Philpott, Nina Fallows, Noah Sakeri* and *Roger Blackburn* starred alongside a cast of actors that included hospital doctors. They gave up their spare time to create an excellent promotional video that will be viewed by hundreds of applicants and benefit a population catchment of 52,000. Whakatāne Hospital is grateful for their effort.

(Item submitted by Katie - Senior medical consultant and supervisor at Whakatāne Hospital.)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING A JAPANESE BILLET?

Kia ora, Konichiwa whanau and friends of Whakatāne 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.)

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.

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE

Information and order forms will be sent home shortly. You can order and pay on-line or leave your completed envelope at the school office.

DONATIONS OF SEWING MATERIALS NEEDED PLEASE

WIS Sewing Club would love to receive any donations to the office of excess materials (rickrack, edging, binding, batting, stuffing), sewing resources (needles, scissors, pins, picks, clasps, buttons), yarn or fabric for our amazing art and fashion creations!



Thank you,

Dr Sarah Morgan (Teacher in Charge).

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE:



Nurse Zara visits our school regularly. 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.

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.

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

ROAD SAFETY

A reminder to all whanau who pick up or drop their children at school each day, that the bus lane needs to remain free and accessible to the buses. Due to the unpredictable nature of students, this is a health and safety risk, and we therefore ask whanau to not drive into the bus lane, particularly at the beginning and end of the school day.

ALSO – Parking in James Street and Fraser Street is very difficult. We would appreciate you not parking on yellow lines and grass verges. Thank you.

LET US KNOW IF YOU KNOW OF A STUDENT ACHIEVING AT A HIGH LEVEL AT AN "OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITY" eg. SPORTS, CULTURAL, MUSIC etc. WE LOVE TO INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN OUR NEWSLETTERS. SEND ANY INFORMATION TO julie@wistecom.school.nz

NORMAL SCHOOL TIMETABLE

School starts 8.50am sharp
 Morning tea 10.40am – 11.00am
 Lunch 12.30pm – 13.30pm - School ends 3.00pm

