



WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia Ora Whanau,

It is hard to fathom that this is the last week of Term 1. We have had an extremely successful 11 school weeks, full of exciting new learning and experiences. Last week, we held our annual 'Kaitiaki Day' where our Syndicates went to their associated waterways to engage in meaningful activities relevant to their particular area. The sun was shining and the beautiful weather allowed for a fantastic day.

On Monday evening we took three teams to the annual 'Lit Quiz' – a literature quiz for students aged 10-13 years. The event was held in Tauranga. These quizzes are also held in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Indonesia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand and the USA. One of our teams won the Bay of Plenty event and have qualified to compete at the Nationals in Wellington. This was very exciting and we look forward to supporting the team to get to Wellington to compete against other New Zealand finalists. Congratulations to Stacey Burns and her team of literature enthusiasts.

Finally, I wish all our students a well-earned break. It is a time to rest and re-energise for a busy and exciting Term 2. To our staff, thank you for your ongoing work and care of our students and to our school community, thank you for your support. We are privileged to have such an amazing school community.

Ngā Mihi

Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal)

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH!**

“Thank you from Te Wairere Syndicate

A HUGE THANK YOU TO BUNNINGS

AND PLACEMAKERS who both kindly donated paint and paint brushes to help us with our Tech Focus Day and our mission to brighten up our Syndicate area. We greatly appreciate your help.”



LIT QUIZ SUCCESS



On Monday evening, three Lit Quiz teams set off for Tauranga Intermediate to take part in the annual Regional Lit Quiz competition. There were 22 Intermediate age teams taking part in the competition which started at 6.30pm and finished at 9.30pm!

Our three teams all competed to a high standard and there was a real battle for the top positions. **In the end though there could be only 1 winner, and it was Whakatane Intermediate Team 1 consisting of Daphne, Elizabeth, Alannah and Emily.** The final score saw us beat Tauranga Intermediate by a half mark!! The girls are pictured below.

These four girls have now earned themselves a trip to Wellington to compete in the National Lit Quiz competition and I am sure they have their eyes firmly set on not just this, but the next level of the competition which would see them heading to Canberra, Australia! The girls received \$1,000 prize money to help go towards travel costs to the next level of the competition in Wellington in June.

A huge shout out to all three teams who represented our school so proudly. **A special thanks to Mel Hoffmann who provided additional transport to get our third team to the event.**

Regards, Stacey Burns (Teacher in Charge.)



Our girls and Mrs Burns with the Quizmaster

PRIDE
MANAWA TINA
INTEGRITY
MANAWA TAPATAHI
RESILIENCY
MANAWA TITI
RESPECT
MANAWA POPORE

VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

WISDOM
COURAGE
ALERTNESS

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

"WE ARE SUPER LUCKY AND VERY GRATEFUL TO BROTHER who have donated two sewing machines to our school for our Sewing Club to use! We've got a group of very excited students who are keen to either learn to sew or keep developing their skills while making their fabulous creations for our Art Extravaganza next term. **Thank you so much, Niki and Brother New Zealand!"**
Dr Sarah Morgan (Teacher in Charge of WIS Sewing Club)



ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE NEWS

We have again been accepted into the funding round for the **School Sustainability and Resilience Fund**. The project: a **school composting project at the gardens**. As part of this programme I have an idea to harvest the aquatic weed that is taking over the lagoon and put it into a **composting project**. The voting opened yesterday, here is the link:

<https://www.participate.boprc.govt.nz/ssrf> to the voting page. **Parents, family friends** – please go online and vote for WIS!! **ALSO** it is time for the **Halo Whakatane Moth plant comp**. A great thing to do for the school holidays. This video is good to watch [Kaitiaki Kadets Moth Plant video](#)
The terms and conditions for registration are here: **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Regards, Helen Dobbin (Environmental Science Teacher.)

WANTED MOTH PLANT

Have You Seen This Weed?

Help our community control this pest plant that is killing our native plants, moths & butterflies.

Each pod counts & those with the most pods win!

Join HALO's Local Schools Moth Plant Competition!

1 April - 30 May

Open to Primary, Intermediate & Secondary schools.

Register on our website!
www.halowhakatane.org.nz

& receive your team POD COLLECTION KIT!

HALO Whakatane

WANTED FOR: RAMPANTLY DESTROYING THE FOREST CANOPY & GLUING BUTTERFLIES MOUTH'S SHUT

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING A JAPANESE BILLET?

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. We are looking for 20 welcoming and accommodating host families who can host a billet during this time. Please email rebecca@wistecom.school.nz for more information.
Regards, Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal.)

RHYTHM INTERACTIVE VISIT - MARCH 22nd

Students were super excited to be involved in the drumming workshop that Rhythm Interactive brought to our kura. 68 students took part, learning while having fun and winning our school some African drums in the process. Below is a photo of the students participating. We thoroughly enjoyed our morning and I am sure there were a few hands aching after that workout! We look forward to creating more drumming experiences for students in the future.

Nga mihi, Mrs Robb (Performing Arts Teacher.)



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT KENZIE TIDD (ROOM 15)

Kenzie is part of a NZ representative team called the Kiwi All-Stars. This is a troupe of 40 x 12-18 year olds selected from around the country after auditioning for a spot. The group will represent Aotearoa at a massive youth theatre festival in America in February 2025. As part of the experience Kenzie will get to undertake theatre training with professionals on Broadway, at the Junior Theatre Festival in Sacramento and at Disneyland. (Item submitted by parent Trace Tidd.)

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday 12th April – Last Day Term 1
- Monday 29th April – First Day Term 2
- Monday 3rd June – King's Birthday – Public Holiday
- Friday 28th June – Matariki Day – Public Holiday
- Wednesday 19th June – School Photos

HOLIDAYS

**SEE YOU NEXT TERM
MONDAY 29TH APRIL AT 8.50AM
HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY BREAK**

