



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia ora friends and whanau,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope all students enjoyed a restful break and are re-energised and ready to tackle new learning and events happening this term.

I would like to thank Mrs Tracy Rhodes and school leaders:

**Mika Henry, Keelan Dawson, Emily McGougan and**

**Addison Cooper for representing our school at the Anzac service during the school break.** They laid a wreath on behalf of our school to signify our respect and remembrance of those who served and lost their lives during war.

Our technology integrated inquiry with Te Whanau o Ohinemataroa was a success this week. Students were engaged in relevant learning activities relating to their overarching theme 'Tauwhirowhiro' a term used to signal the changing of the moon. Activities included: A collaborative mural, kite-making and weaving, edible research, rongoa māori – natural Māori medicine and even the construction of some outdoor furniture that will be used as a space for the students to connect during break times. I had the privilege of being invited to a Matariki performance by the students of Room 24. They used creative dance and acting to retell the legend of Matariki. The presentations were extremely informative and I was very impressed with their efforts.

As the weather starts to cool, I ask whanau to support their children to ensure they are wearing appropriate winter uniform. We have received a supply of navy-blue school jackets that will be given to Year 7 students and to new students to our school. These jackets are part of our school uniform and we encourage all students to name and wear them. Year 8 students were issued with these jackets at the beginning of last year.

Lastly, congratulations to two staff members on their new recent arrivals - Jade MacFarlane (R18) welcomed a little girl and Kelsey Grace (R6) welcomed a little boy.

Enjoy a fabulous weekend!

Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal)

### TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ON JAMES STREET

Please take extra care when dropping off students at the front of our school for the next week or so - there is wastewater maintenance happening on James Street. This will mean a reduced speed limit and a closed cycle way. There are also limited parking spaces.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - Wed 29<sup>th</sup> May - Rooms 21 & 22 Camp

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Board Meeting

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May - Teacher Only Day - School Closed

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - King's Birthday - Public Holiday

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June - School Photos

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Gisborne Exchange

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Matariki Day - Public Holiday

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - School Cross Country

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Parent Teacher Interviews

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Last day Term 2

**STUDENTS - PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR FREE BREAKFAST CLUB MULTI CULTURAL ROOM FROM 8.15AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - FINN BAKER (Room 24)

NZ JMX Junior Nationals - 2024

3 NZ - Finn Baker - 8-10yrs 85cc class

Finn competed at Flippis MX Park near Foxton on a sand track against New Zealand's other top riders over 3 days in 5 races. Finn got 3rd in all 5 races, with number 1 NZ heading over to Europe for the world champs and one of Australia's top riders taking 2 NZ.

It was tough competition but Finn loved it and was keen for the next event! *Finn is pictured below.*

Bay of Plenty Motorcycle Club is hosting an inter-school event at the Awakaponga track on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. We also had another rider compete at the Junior MX Nationals, *Marco Carter Rm 19.* Marco was up the front at his starts and nearly got the holeshot each time. It's good to see that despite a few setbacks Marco is ready to ride at the next event. Well done boys!



### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - PIPER ROWLAND (Room 21)

Piper competed in her first Canoe Sprint Nationals at Lake Karapiro during the holidays. She had heaps of fun and gained a bronze medal in her K1 100 and gold in mixed K4 200. Fantastic results. Well done Piper. *She is pictured below second from left.*

(Item submitted by mother Cathryn Whyte.)



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

VALUES

MISSION STATEMENT

VISION

# EXTRAVAGANZA

## Extravaganza Postponement

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are having to postpone our school Arts Extravaganza. We are hoping to hold this event in Term 4 and will send out information regarding dates as soon as they have been confirmed. Students have been informed and the teachers in charge of Extravaganza activities will liaise directly with the students regarding time lines and expectations. Our Arts Extravaganza is a highlight of our school calendar and we look forward to showcasing our talented students and their amazing work.

## 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 is now open and 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 DOMP comp**. 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.)

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB** – Book Club catalogues have gone out to classes. Please get orders and money to the Library by **MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY**. 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](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) for details.

## BIO TECHNOLOGY NEWS

**Hemoata, Te Awamawai, Pititi and Ciara from Ōhinemataroa** showing off their amazing completed Bio-Tech projects. A wellness pack including a variety of medicinal herbal products including infused tea, heel repair balm and calming lotions. Thank you for your awesome mahi Mr Strydom, our students love the process!



## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING A JAPANESE BILLET?

Our school is super excited to have 20 Japanese students arriving at our school on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024. They will be staying until Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – 15 nights. We are still looking for welcoming and accommodating host families who can host a billet during this time. Please email [rebecca@wistecom.school.nz](mailto:rebecca@wistecom.school.nz) for more information.

Regards, Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal.)

**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

**Please note that not every wet day will be an early finish.**

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Hello, I am Zara McGregor, the Public Health Nurse for your child's school. I am here to offer support and discuss any concerns you may have about your children around a range of health issues. I visit the school on most Wednesdays where a self-referral clinic for students is held if they wish to come and see me. Please contact the school office if you wish to see me.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**"Our Sewing Club is super lucky to have been donated a machine from Singer Sewing, via Loretta at Singer NZ. We absolutely cannot wait to get to work on our creations. Thank you so much, Loretta and Singer NZ!"**

**Dr Sarah Morgan (Teacher in Charge)**



**TO CONTACT THE DENTAL CLINIC - PHONE 307-154**

