



# WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Kia ora friends and whanau,

Strong Literacy and Numeracy skills provide the foundation of learning at Whakatane Intermediate School and we expect Reading, Writing and Mathematics to be taught every day at our school. We are constantly reviewing our programmes and analysing our data so that we can provide our students with relevant and engaging learning that allows for positive student success. This week, our staff meeting had an Algebra focus. Teachers were able to look at best practice relating to the teaching of Algebra and experienced differentiated learning tasks that could be implemented in classroom teaching. It was an extremely collaborative and fun meeting and teachers look forward to implementing what they learnt in their classrooms.

We have been thrilled with the attendance rates this year. Last week, there were 10 classes who had an attendance rate of over 90% and all other classes achieved above 80% attendance. There is a clear connection between going to school regularly and doing well in the classroom so we thank you for your support in getting your child to school each day. **Congratulations to Room 11 who took out the attendance trophy last week with a percentage of 95.5% attendance!** We look forward to acknowledging the class who has made the most progress in attendance in the newsletter next week.

Finally, I must mention the amazing culture at our school. As I have been out and about this week, I have been overwhelmed by the friendly, caring nature of our students. Their warm greetings and the way they exhibit our school values must be commended. It is an absolute privilege to work at such a fantastic kura.

Enjoy your weekend!  
Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal)



Congratulations to **Thomas Slater, Room 5**, for coming first equal in the Super XI golf competition in Te Puke on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are extremely proud of Thomas' efforts and results. It was a very close event and all of our team should be commended for their great efforts.

**The other members of the team were Mika Henry, Braxton Yardley and Tyson McCormack.**

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

### JAPANESE BILLETS

Thank you to those families who have emailed me and expressed an interest in hosting a Japanese student from 16<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> October this year. I have four confirmed host families and we have twenty students coming. They are a fantastic group of students and the feedback we received from our host families of last year's group was extremely positive. They do attend school every day. Please get in touch with me at: [rebecca@wistecom.school.nz](mailto:rebecca@wistecom.school.nz) if you would like to host a student or would like more information.



**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May - Pink Shirt Day - \$2.00**

**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**

**NOTE: EXTRAVAGANZA POSTPONED UNTIL TERM 4**

### **FREE THROAT TESTING AND HEALTHY SKIN CHECKS EVERY WEDNESDAY AT SCHOOL**

Tuwharetoa ki Kawerau Hauora is providing a **free weekly school-based throat-swabbing and healthy skin programme** to help reduce the high rates of Rheumatic Fever and skin infections in the Eastern Bay.

Rheumatic Fever is highly preventable.

**Students can just come along to the office if they have any skin sores/problems or a sore throat.**

**TUWHARETOA KI KAWERAU HAUORA** have kindly donated gift bags for all our students.

The packs include soap, a toothbrush, sticking plasters and wound care along with information on Rheumatic Fever and skin conditions.

Packs will be given out on Monday to take home.

**ASTHMA INHALERS** - With the cooler weather we are noticing students with breathing problems (particularly after taking part in sports.) 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.



**MISSION STATEMENT**



**PINK SHIRT/MUFTI DAY  
FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MAY - \$2.00**

donations will go to this  
"anti-bullying" charity  
WEAR YOUR CRAZIEST PINK OUTFIT  
THERE WILL BE LOTS OF PRIZES FOR  
BEST DRESSED



**ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVALS** - 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.

**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.

### ICAS

Thank you to those families who have registered their children to sit the ICAS examinations in August. **A reminder that registrations close on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July**. Please get in touch with your child's teacher for a newsletter regarding ICAS examinations - what they involve and how to register online. I will be administering the exams under exam conditions at school. Rebecca Paterson (Deputy Principal)

### LIT QUIZ FUNDRAISING

Our Lit Quiz team who recently won the regional Kids Lit Quiz Competition in Tauranga are furiously fundraising to get their team, and teacher in charge, to Wellington for the National competition.

They have a stall at the Sunday markets where they are doing hair wraps. **Daphne, Alannah, Emily and Elizabeth** would appreciate any support and invite you to come and see them for a hair wrap. They will be at the Sunday market in Pyne Street for the next couple of weekends. Any support of this team and their fundraising is appreciated.

Regards, Mrs Burns  
(Teacher in Charge of Lit Quiz)



Alannah with a happy customer at the market last Sunday

### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME - REMINDER

Free lunches are provided each day for every child as part of the Healthy School Lunches Programme. If your child's requirements change please let the office know urgently. Students may wish to bring a snack for morning interval as lunch each day will not be available until 12.30pm. Our school does not operate a canteen. We encourage families to provide water only instead of sports/juices/fizzy drinks. Contact the office with any concerns.

### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**KHYAN ULUFONUA (Room 2)**

Year 8 Student, Khyan, has been selected to represent New Zealand at the Youth World Muay Thai Championships from September 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> in Bangkok, Thailand as part of a 20 strong team. Khyan describes Muay Thai as similar to kickboxing or MMA but with no "take downs" and using knees and elbows instead. He trains every day after school and sometimes in the mornings before school. Khyan says he is looking forward to the international competition and is excited and nervous but his goal is to bring back a medal.

We look forward to following Khyan's progress.

### EPRO 8

On Tuesday evening, WIS hosted the Epro8 competition and had two teams compete with incredible results. The Pink Fluffy Unicorns came 2nd and the WIS Warriors came 3rd!

Epro8 is an engineering and problem solving competition where teams have to build different items from scratch. Both teams built roller coasters and are now heading to the semi-finals in Rotorua!

**Pink Fluffy Unicorns (below) - Quinn Wearing, Aiden Griessel, Harper Thompson and Hunter Lawn (all from Rm 23)**



**WIS Warriors (below) - Kyreese Mikaere (Rm 3) Rikihana Raki (Rm 15) Theo Lepper-Blackett (Rm 15) Charlie Lange (Rm 10)**



**STUDENTS - CAN YOU SOLVE THIS MATHS PUZZLE?**

Answers (with workings) to [julie@wistecom.school.nz](mailto:julie@wistecom.school.nz) or come to the school office.

*"It's 7km from Tim's house to where his grandma lives. It's uphill on the way there so he can only cycle at 14kph but he can do 21kph on the way back. Tim leaves his house at 6.00pm.*

*How long can he stop at his grandma's house if he wants to be back home for his favourite TV programme at 7.00pm?"*

