

Whanganui Intermediate School Newsletter

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Tena Koutou / Greetings to our Parents / Caregivers and wider community

COMING EVENTS – MARK THE CALENDAR

Wednesday 14 Feb

Wednesday 14 and

Thursday 15 Feb

Wednesday 21 Feb

Thursday 22 February

Mon 26 Feb to Fri 9 March

Wednesday 28 Feb

Wednesday 7 March

Monday 12 March

Tuesday 13 and

Thursday 15 March

Friday 16 March

Tuesday 20 March

Wednesday 21 March

Thursday 22 March

Tuesday 27 March

Friday 30 March

Monday 2 April

Tuesday 3 April

Wednesday 4 April

Thursday 5 April

Wednesday 11 April

Friday 13 April

Monday 30 April

SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 12.30 PM. Staff Professional Dev.

Immunisation Education sessions for students

with Public Health Nurse

Intercluster Swimming

Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30 pm

Outdoor Education at Lake Wiritoa

Supersport Softball Palmerston North

Supersport Tennis Whanganui

Intercluster Triathlon

Parent/Teacher/Pupil Conferences. SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 12.30 PM

School photos

Year 7 Boostrix immunisations

Supersport Triathlon Whanganui

Year 8 HPV immunisation

SCHOOL CLOSED 1.45 PM. Union meeting

GOOD FRIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

EASTER MONDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

EASTER TUESDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Supersport Cricket Whanganui

Inter-Intermediate Swimming Sports – Splash Centre

Supersport Mountainbiking Whanganui

End of term 1. School finishes at 3.00 pm

Term 2 begins

This is a snapshot of some of the dates in our term calendar. We will provide more information on things like Parent/Teacher/Pupil Conferences as the term progresses.

WELCOME

This year we welcome several new members of staff to our school. We are thrilled to have these wonderful new people working with us. We also welcome 300 new pupils. Please be aware that we are probably the biggest school most of our new pupils will have ever attended. For some it takes a few days to a few weeks for them to feel comfortable in this new environment. Please be patient, and if your child is showing signs of being anxious give them your support and encouragement.

We are happy to discuss your concerns should there be no improvement.

We are currently reviewing and changing a number of the ways we do things within the administration function of our school. We have just installed new student management software that will enable us to communicate with you more effectively via text and email. We are still in the early stages of utilising this programme and will keep you updated as more features become available for your use.

SCHOOL DAY

School starts at 8.50 am and the day is structured as follows:

Morning Interval 10.30 am to 11.00 am

Lunch 12.40 pm in class eating

12.50 pm out to play

1.25 pm back into class

3.00 pm school finishes

If your child is late arriving at school they need to come to the school office to sign in before going to class.

TEACHING CLUSTER ORGANISATION FOR 2018

TAWA CLUSTER

Room 1 - Geoff Diepraam
Room 2 - Sharon Kaua
Room 3 - Renee Nyman
Room 29 - Tracey Dent (Cluster Leader)

HARAKEKE CLUSTER

Room 12 - Nicki Hennessy (Cluster Leader)
Room 10 - Louise Tie
Room 11 - Trina Roy/ Gill Karatau
Room 13 - Robbie Power

RATA CLUSTER

Room 21 - Gillian Eades (Deputy Principal, Cluster Leader)
Room 7 - Claire Libeau
Room 8 - Zoe Anderson
Room 9 - Chloe Peters

KAMAHI CLUSTER - SPECIALIST TEACHERS

Robotics - Leigh Harvey
Hard Materials - Ian Porteous (Cluster Leader)
Science - Karen Booth-Richards

PASTORAL TEAM

Deputy Principal - Darren Torrie
Student Mentor - Angie Caird
Student Mentor - Moewai Gilsenan
Sports Co-ordinator - Jason Clark

RIMU CLUSTER

Room 4 - Ross Walker
Room 5 - Faye Bullock
Room 6 - Brylee Kemp
Room 28 - Dawn Duncum (Cluster Leader)

MATAI CLUSTER

Room 14 - Shelley Clark
Room 15 - Pikiteora Webber-Tamou
Room 17 - Cherilyn Erikson

Art - Stacey Hildreth
Food - Dianne Weston
Music - Roz Armstrong

PART TIME TEACHERS

Reading Room - Gill Karatau
Special Needs - Robbie Simes
Maths - Bianca Sheridan

SCHOOL TONE

All our classes have started well and our new pupils are quickly becoming used to their new school. We are thrilled with the fantastic start we have had. I am impressed with the manners and courtesy displayed around the school.

For most of our new pupils this is the largest school they have ever attended and with over 600 pupils it can seem to be a little overwhelming for some, especially in the playground during break times. Our Pastoral team and our teachers are very vigilant about behaviour in the playground and we are quick to deal with any indiscretions. If your child reports a concern about something that happens at school please contact us immediately. We are very responsive to such concerns.

For us it is simply that we will not allow any child to interfere with the happiness of another child, and the sooner we hear about it the faster we can solve it.

CELLPHONES AT SCHOOL

If children bring a cellphone to school it must be turned off and not used during the school day. Any child found using a cellphone for any reason will be asked to hand it to a teacher and it will be kept at the school office until the end of the day.

The following will apply:

1. 1st time found using a cellphone - confiscated and sent to the office - returned at the end of the day.
2. 2nd time found using a cellphone - confiscated and parents are contacted and asked to come and collect it.
3. 3rd time found using a cellphone - parents will be asked to keep the cellphone at home.

We do not take any responsibility for cellphones. Pupils bring them to school at their own risk.

We are happy to look after them at the school office if pupils want them kept safe until after school.

SWIMMING SPORTS

On Wednesday 21 February our Inter-House Swimming Sports will be held in the school pool beginning at 1.00 pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are very proud of our school and we are conscious of maintaining high standards of appearance. We expect our pupils to wear the correct uniform and we will not let our standards slip.

We do not allow jewellery of any kind except a wristwatch and a single stud in each ear. If pupils have more than one stud in each ear they will be asked to remove all but one. Make up, painted nails, wax, gel or dyed hair are not acceptable at our school. If pupils arrive with dyed hair parents will be asked to come and collect them.

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly named. It is amazing how many items of uniform end up in lost property with no names, jerseys in particular. We have negotiated with Display Associates (just around the corner from school) and for a cost of around \$5.00 they will embroider your child's first name under the school logo. This can make identification a lot easier.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION - LAKE WIRITOA

Over the coming weeks all classes will be going out to Lake Wiritoa to participate in sailing, kayaking and co-operative/team building games. This helps contribute to establishing class unity and is a great day for all involved. There will be notices coming home regarding permissions and requests for parent helpers. Information about what to bring/wear on the day will also be sent home. We do appreciate the parents and helpers who give up their time to assist on these days.

IMMUNISATIONS

Year 7 and 8 students are offered important free immunisations at school. These will help protect them against serious diseases, and will help protect your whanau and our wider community.

School information sessions are run by the Public Health Nurses and are being held on 8 and 9 February. Students will bring home consent forms after these sessions. Parents are welcome to attend information sessions. For further information on school-based immunisations, please talk to the Public Health Nurse, visit health.govt.nz/imms-older-children or call 0800Immune.

Public Health Nurse: Trish 021 373 506

SUNSENSE – SUNHATS AND SUNBLOCK

Please encourage your child to use sunblock. Sunhats are part of our school uniform and it is an expectation that all our pupils will wear the correct sunhat at interval, lunchtime and when outside participating in sports' sessions.

Our uniform sunhat is a green bucket hat with the school name on it. These are available from the school office for \$15.00.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

PB4L is a framework that we are using to develop a social culture that supports learning and positive behaviour.

At Whanganui Intermediate School we value and demonstrate:

Manaakitanga

Whanaungatanga

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

We don't just expect our students to demonstrate these values, we teach them. Students will often hear these words and will learn what they represent and what they "look like" in terms of behaviour.

This is a whole school initiative to address student behaviour in a positive way so that they learn how to manage themselves in a socially acceptable manner. Positive behaviour can be learned. A safe and caring environment that supports positive learning behaviour needs to be created and this is what we are all striving to achieve.

More information about PB4L can be found on our school website.

BICYCLES AND SCOOTERS AT SCHOOL

If students are riding bikes or scooters to school it is essential they have bike locks and use them every day. The bike compound is locked during school hours but it is almost impossible to monitor who drops off and collects bikes outside these times.

Please note we do not want skateboards at school.

COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

If you need to collect your child from school before the end of the school day you must sign them out at the school office. There are three car parks next to the office that are designated for "visitors" use and are handy for when you need to quickly collect children. If you notify the office in advance we can usually have your child at the office ready and waiting for you. Please remember children can often be out of their classroom participating in other activities and may not be instantly available.

After school the roads in this area are very busy and parking can sometimes be difficult. We ask parents to please arrange appropriate collection points for children that minimise the need for them to cross roads in busy traffic. Rainy days can be particularly dangerous.

We would also ask you to show consideration for our neighbours and not park across private driveways when collecting students. Please do not double park when collecting children from the back gate in Liverpool Street.

CANTEEN

The following items may be ordered from the canteen each day. Students order their lunch in the classroom before 9.15 am and lunches are delivered just before lunchtime.

We encourage children to order their lunches via the classroom.

Chicken Burger (Wed/Fri)	\$3.50	Hot Dog (Tues/Thurs)	\$3.20
Butter Chicken Wrap	\$4.30	Pizza	\$3.20
Hot Noodles chicken or beef	\$2.60	Mince & Cheese Pie (Mon, Wed, Fri)	\$3.60
Potato Top Pie (Tues & Thurs)	\$3.60	Savoury quiche	\$5.00
Apple Pie	\$2.00	Ham & Egg Sandwich	\$3.00
Flavoured Milk	\$1.70	Ham & Salad Sandwich	\$3.50
Unfrozen Juice Large	\$1.50	Sausage rolls	\$2.00
Ham, Cheese & Pineapple Sandwich	\$3.50	Steak & Cheese pie	\$2.20
Aqua cans	\$2.00		

Various counter sales are available at interval and lunchtime e.g. popcorn, water, slices, muffins, lamingtons etc. There are also other "hot" options at interval during the week.

Due to the current market, prices from suppliers are rising continually, but we do attempt to keep ours as low as possible.

Please note we do not allow students to leave the school grounds to purchase lunches.

READING ROOM

Mrs Karatau from the Reading Programme is making a request for kind-hearted, patient adults, who have a few hours free in the mornings to volunteer their time tutoring reading. We are very fortunate in our school to be able to provide a reading programme to help support reluctant or struggling students but this programme relies solely on volunteer helpers. The help of volunteers has proven itself to assist children with gaining success in their reading. If you are able to give of some of your time, please contact Gill Karatau on 349 0231, or email her on karataug@whanganui-int.school.nz

DENTAL CLINIC

The Whanganui Intermediate Dental Clinic is open Monday to Friday, phone 348 1716.

All Year 7 students have been issued with an enrolment update form. Please complete these and return them to school as soon as possible. Any students new to Whanganui will receive a dental enrolment form to complete. The Dental team is Judy Conybeer, Christine Lourie (Dental Therapists) and Brenda Whitworth, Hannah Kiff and Glenice Sullivan (Dental Assistants).

Charles Oliver
PRINCIPAL