

# Whanganui Intermediate School Newsletter

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

## COMING EVENTS – MARK THE CALENDAR

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

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.

## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The school year is well underway and already students are involved in a growing number of activities. We currently have school teams playing cricket, volleyball, touch rugby, tennis, badminton and softball with more sports due to start soon. Some students are training for upcoming triathlon, cycling, swimming and lifesaving competitions and our elite running group is also underway. The school choir has formed and has started practising under the excellent tutelage of our own Ms Armstrong. We are a busy school and strive to provide a varied range of activities and opportunities for our students. This is only possible through the commitment of our staff and the support of our parents. We thank you for your assistance and support.

## PARENT/TEACHER/PUPIL CONFERENCES

On Tuesday 13 March and Thursday 15 March we are holding the first of our Parent/Teacher/Pupil Conferences. Teachers have completed initial assessments and we look forward to discussing your child's achievement levels and setting learning goals for this year. We will be sending home a separate notice about the conferences. **School will finish at 12.30 pm on both of these days** to allow enough time to fit everyone in.

## SCHOOL DONATIONS

School Donations are set annually by the Board of Trustees and for the past few years have remained at \$75.00 per pupil per year. Requests for payment will be sent out soon and I wish to say a huge thank you to those who have paid already. Payment can be made either through the school office or by internet banking. Currently you are able to make one off payments direct to our school bank account and our account number is 03 0791 0503615 00. If making a payment please note your child's full name and the reason for payment i.e. school donation. We hope to soon be able to provide more on-line options for making payments and will keep you advised regarding this.

We do try to keep our fees as low as possible but we rely on your contributions to support the many programmes we provide for our pupils.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

There have been a number of enquiries regarding the wearing of P.E. uniforms particularly with the hot weather we have been experiencing. We are comfortable with our students wearing either their full P.E. uniform or their full school uniform but they are not able to "mix and match". Students will need to wear their full uniform for formal occasions.

## **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.



## **SCHOOL-GEN ENERGISING YOUNG MINDS COMPETITIONS**

Our school is entered into the School-Gen Energising Young Minds Competition. All you need to do is go on the website [www.schoolgen.nz](http://www.schoolgen.nz) and vote. You can vote once every day. We have the chance to win some money to spend on tech equipment for our school. It would be awesome if you could make a habit of voting each day. The more votes we get the more chance we have of winning some wonderful cash.

## **TABLE TENNIS TASTER DAY**

Saturday 24 February 2.30 to 4.00 pm at Jubilee T T Stadium. FREE!

For ages 9 to 15 years. Registration by email giving name and date of birth to: [grant.wilsontt@outlook.co.nz](mailto:grant.wilsontt@outlook.co.nz) or phone 021 0432 724.

## **FREE FAMILY FUN DAY**

Saturday 24 March 10.00 am to 2.00 pm Springvale Stadium. Free sausage sizzle and lots of activities.

Face painting, Army obstacle course, Fire Service, Escape castle, Pepe pods - safe sleep wahakura, Child CPR demonstrations.

## **NEW WORLD SHOPPERS**

If you shop at New World and purchase two Kellogs products you can go online at

<https://freebookskellogs.com> and this will help us win more books for our library. We receive one book for every receipt. This runs instore until 28 February and you can enter your receipts online until 14 March.

## **SCOUTING**

Scouting offers fun and friendship, challenge and everyday adventure to over 15,000 girls and boys across New Zealand. We have a positive impact on young people, our 5,000 adult volunteers and the communities in which we live. Scouts develop wide-ranging technical, practical, life and social skills with over 200 different activities from abseiling and caving to drama, tramping, camping and kayaking. Scouting helps 6 - 26 year olds grow in confidence, achieve their full potential and become active members of their communities.

For more information call 0800scouts or email [LNI@scouts.org.nz](mailto:LNI@scouts.org.nz)

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