

Whanganui Intermediate School Newsletter  
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Tena Koutou / Greetings to our Parents / Caregivers and wider community

## COMING EVENTS – MARK THE CALENDAR

These are a few of the dates we have for this term.

### **Tues/Thurs 7 & 9 August**

Wednesday 8 August

Tuesday 14 August

### **Wednesday 15 August**

Thursday 16 August

Friday 17 August

Tuesday 21 August

Thursday 23 August

Wednesday 29 August

Wednesday 19 September

Thurs 20 to Sat 22 September

### **Friday 28 September**

### **Monday 15 October**

### **Parent/Teacher/Pupil Conferences. School finishes at 12.30 pm**

Supersport Rugby at Masterton

Kids Sing Competition and Super Arts Choir

### **NZEI Teachers Strike SCHOOL CLOSED**

Board of Trustees meeting 5.30 pm

School Mathex Competition

Sports Exchange with Highlands Intermediate (WIS)

Information Evening for 2019 enrolments

Regional Mathex Competition

Supersport Cross Country at Feilding

School Production: The Little Mermaid

### **End of Term 3**

### **Start of Term 4**

## WELCOME

Welcome to one of the busiest terms of the year, Term 3. There are a number of things that parents and caregivers need to be aware of during this term, from conferences to production, open night to Highland's sports exchange it is all happening this term.

## MEETING TEACHERS

We certainly want to encourage our parents and whanau to be actively involved in their child's education. Our teachers are approachable and should be the first port of call with any issues or queries you may have. That being said, we also have to keep track of the comings and goings within the school. If you would like to catch up with a teacher please be aware that they do have a number of other students that they are responsible for and an appointment may be required.

Our office staff are second to none and we will contact home if anything untoward has happened to your child. We would encourage all of our students to follow our processes of talking to our support team or seeing the main office if an issue needs to be dealt with rather than ringing home directly.

## UNIFORM

I would like to thank you for the wonderful improvement in the wearing of our school uniform. The students look great and it is good to see that pride on display.

## NEW STAFF

A very warm welcome to Donna Plumridge in Room 2. Donna offers a strong relationship based teacher with additional strengths in Te Reo Maori. She has already made a big positive impact within the school.

## LATES AND SICKNESS

We ask all caregivers to make contact with the office if their child is going to be sick or late. This will help us keep track of a student's attendance and help us to monitor any issues that we may need to address. If your child is away we ask you to ring the office or write a note for the student to bring to school on their return.

## CONTACT WITH HOME

We are currently looking at the ways of increasing our communication with home. As part of this communication we would appreciate it if you would notify the school of any changes in address, contact numbers or emails.

## PARENT/TEACHER/PUPIL CONFERENCES

A reminder these are being held on Tuesday 7 August 1.30 pm to 6.15 pm and Thursday 9 August 1.00 pm to 6.15 pm. This year bookings can be made online at: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) Event code am2yw.

If you cannot book online please contact the school office or your child's classroom teacher and a booking can be made for you.

**School will finish at 12.30 pm on Tuesday 7 August and Thursday 9 August 2018.**

## **SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITIONS**

On Wednesday we held our annual Speech competition and once again the judges were very impressed with the standard of the speakers. The winners for each year group were:

Year 7 - 1<sup>st</sup> Ivan Adams 2<sup>nd</sup> Zoe Bullock 3<sup>rd</sup> Jayden Ferguson

Year 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> Chase Morpeth 2<sup>nd</sup> Sophia Bedwell 3<sup>rd</sup> Eleanor Robbins.

Congratulations to all the speakers!

## **SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

On Tuesday afternoon the school went to Springvale Park for our cross country. This is the first time we have used Springvale Park for this event. The first three placegetters in each age group were:

Year 7 girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Carrie Rennie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Teresa Rennie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anya Carlson

Year 7 boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Tawai Pinnock, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mitch Karatau, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jahstice Metekingi

Year 8 girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Katie Ramage, 2<sup>nd</sup> Antonia Harding, 3<sup>rd</sup> Te Kahui Spittal Rauhina

Year 8 boys: 1<sup>st</sup> Chase Morpeth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kaleb McKenzie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Akiwa Koro

There will be further cross country competitions coming up with both Inter-school and Supersport events.

## **RUGBY WIS VS COLLEGIATE**

On Wednesday our school 1<sup>st</sup> XIV went to Wanganui Collegiate school and played Collegiate Colts (Yr 9's). The boys played a great game with the final score 45 - 10 to Collegiate. The Collegiate boys were very impressed with our team as they have been winning their own competition games with scores of 100 to Nil. Our boys did very well to hold them to this score.

## **SCHOOL PRODUCTION The Little Mermaid**

This year's school production is "The Little Mermaid" and preparation is now in full swing with practices underway. Tickets are on sale at the Royal Wanganui Opera House. Adults \$15.00, children \$8.00 (Under 15 years) and families \$35.00 (2 adults and 2 children). All door sales are \$15.00 so we encourage you to book early through the Opera House. Our performance dates are Thursday 20 September 7.00 pm, Friday 21 September 7.00 pm and Saturday 22 September 2.00 pm and 7.00 pm.

Even if your child is not involved, please encourage all your family and friends to come along and support our production. They are of a very high standard and regularly receive rave reviews!!!!!!!!!!

### **Needed:**

We are looking for anyone that has some old shade cloth that they are willing to donate. Also any parents who may be available for carpentry work down at the Opera House during the day. Please contact Roz Armstong at school if you are able to help out on (06) 3490231 or email [armstrongr@wanganui-int.school.nz](mailto:armstrongr@wanganui-int.school.nz)

## **ENROLMENTS FOR 2019**

We are now open for enrolments for 2019. We have visited all our contributing schools this week with enrolment packs and it was great to meet so many enthusiastic Year 6 students. The Whanganui Intermediate students that went on these visits as ambassadors for our school did a wonderful job.

## **SCHOOL DONATIONS**

Once again a big thank you to those who have already paid their school donations this year. A reminder you can pay online into the school bank account at Westpac 03 0791 0503615 00. Please enter student's name and "school donation". We try to keep these as low as possible and the \$75.00 has not increased for a number of years.



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