

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.

Thursday 23 August

Wednesday 29 August

Wednesday 19 September

Thurs 20 to Sat 22 September

Friday 28 September

Monday 15 October

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

CONGRATULATIONS

Our students have recently achieved some wonderful successes and we congratulate them for their hard work and commitment. We also recognise the commitment, passion and talent of our teaching staff and the support given by parents and caregivers.

On Tuesday, the WIS Special Choir competed at The Kids Sing in Palmerston North and were the only choir to be awarded a gold. They also won the award for Best Stage Presentation and Best Performance of a New Zealand Work.

To begin, the choir performed a NZ classic 'Weather With You', followed by a gospel piece 'I Shall Wear A Crown'. They finished with the waiata 'He Honore'. The adjudicators were particularly impressed with their team work, harmonies and their song selection. This choir have shown great commitment, making time after school to rehearse once a week. Congratulations!



That evening they were joined by the rest of the WIS Choir for the Super Arts competition. This choir performed 'Can't Stop The Feeling' and 'Seize The Day'. Once again the Choir was praised for the way they worked together, their lively performances and their use of dynamics and harmony. The judges also liked the positive messages the songs brought. They were placed first equal. Both choirs were accompanied on the piano by former pupil AJ Malil-Malo-Lauano, whose brother is in both choirs. Video's of the performances are available to watch on the 'WIS Performing Arts' Youtube Channel.



CHESS COMPETITION

On Thursday 16 August a group of nine boys entered a Regional Chess competition being held at Churton School. After playing seven games over a four hour period the following results were achieved:
All players were placed in the top 11 positions, individuals - Harrison Smith 1st, Toby Clark 2nd, Alan Elston 3rd and Philip Dale 4th; the team of the four players were first.
It was an excellent day with very commendable results. Well done to the whole team who showed our school values well.



HIGHLANDS INTERMEDIATE SPORTS EXCHANGE

On Tuesday we welcomed around 200 students from Highlands Intermediate in New Plymouth for our annual sports exchange. Many of our students were involved in sports during the day with some events being run off site. The overall day was won by Highlands Intermediate with a score of 10 points to 12.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

We are now open for enrolments for 2019. Our school does have an enrolment zone and we will be following all rules and requirements the legislation around this dictates.

Our Board of Trustees have set the desired maximum number of students at 610. In order to maintain enough spaces for our "in zone" students we are currently determining the number of spaces that will be available for "out of zone" enrolments for next year.

We do encourage all parents/caregivers wanting to enrol their child/ren for 2019 to ensure their enrolment forms are returned before Thursday 18 October (Week 1, Term 4). If the number of "out of zone" enrolments exceeds the spaces available a ballot will be held.

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 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

It was great to see so many parents/caregivers taking advantage of this opportunity to meet with teachers and get an update on their child/rens progress and goals. If you were unable to attend on those days please contact the classroom teacher to make a more suitable time.

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 Armstrong at school if you are able to help out on (06) 3490231 or email armstrongr@wanganui-int.school.nz

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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