

# Whanganui Intermediate School Newsletter

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

## COMING EVENTS – MARK THE CALENDAR

Wednesday 11 April

Friday 13 April

Monday 30 April

Supersport Mountainbiking Whanganui

Full School Mufti Day

End of Term 1. School finishes at 3.00 pm

Term 2 begins

Term 1 finishes next Friday 13 April. It has been a long 11 week first term and I am sure students and staff are looking forward to a well earned break.

## WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW

Mathematics is a key learning focus in our school this year and we have been very privileged to receive an invitation for the World of Maths Roadshow to visit our school. This is a fun, hands-on workshop that caters for all abilities. It is a highly engaging session where maths is applied to real life situations and shows students that Maths can be fun! If you would like your child to participate in this opportunity they can collect a permission slip from their classroom teacher. There is a cost of \$6.00.

## EPRO 8

Our school hall was a scene of great concentration and co-operation on the evening of Wednesday 21 March and the next morning. The EPro8 Challenge is an inter-school engineering and problem solving race which involves building large structures and solving practical problems. There are never instructions on how to do things. Groups of four students are given a problem and they have to come up with the solution. Each team receives a booklet full of challenges and it is up to the students to choose which ones they undertake in the three hours the competition lasts. Points are determined by the difficulty of the challenge and are updated to a live leaderboard by a judge, who reviews the challenges at the press of a big red button. For example one challenge required students to build a safe and then wire it up to include a door alarm and trip wire using electronic modules.

We entered three teams altogether and one team comprising Caitlin Lawler, Olivia Johnston, Alan Elston and Siobhan Sarkar won their section and progress to the Regional Competition next week in Palmerston North. We wish them well.



## MUFTI DAY

Next Friday will be a full school mufti day. The cost is a gold coin and all proceeds are going to support the Child Cancer Foundation. Two of our students are doing special fundraising and will be having their heads shaved during next Fridays assembly. A reminder that mufti does not mean "scruffti" and students need to be appropriately dressed for a day at school. Our rules around jewellery and make-up still apply.

## FOOTBALL

Football starts on Saturday 5 May. We have approximately 50 students who have indicated they wish to play for the school so we are likely to have three boys and one girls team. As a school we align with Wanganui Athletic Football Club and we are known as WIS Athletic. We play in the 12/13th grade and would love to hear from any parents willing to assist as team Managers or Coaches.

We also have a football Academy which consists of our top 28 players both male and female. Trials for the Academy have started. Students will be advised of trials and practices via the morning notices. Any queries regarding football can be directed to Mr Porteous.

## **BOOT BANK**

School holidays can be an ideal time for a good sort out of the kids wardrobes and all those dumping grounds in the garage. We are collecting rugby/football/hockey/turf shoes/boots and shin pads for our "bootbank". These will be passed on to students who need them. If you have any of these items that are in good condition and wish to either donate or exchange them please send them along to Mr Porteous.

## **NETBALL**

Trials have started for the 2018 season. We have approximately 120 girls who have indicated they would like to play for our school in the Saturday competition. As always we need parents who can help with coaching or umpiring. Secondary school sisters may be interested in umpiring as well.

Permission slips and payment (full or part) need to be sent to school by next Thursday 12 April.

## **PARENT/CAREGIVER CONTACT DETAILS**

It is important we have up to date contact details for parents and caregivers to enable us to make contact in times of emergency or illness. If you have changed address, phone numbers, employers or email addresses since enrolling your child please contact the school office with your new details. You can phone, send a note or email [office@wanganui-int.school.nz](mailto:office@wanganui-int.school.nz)

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

YMCA are running a Raise Up Programme for 13 to 17 year olds. Limited spaces available contact Tony Sundman 022 035 3877 or email [tony@ymcacentral.org.nz](mailto:tony@ymcacentral.org.nz). Check out the YMCA website [www.ymcacentral.org.nz](http://www.ymcacentral.org.nz)

Y Kids holiday programme for April school holidays. Contact 342 8510 or email [robyn.mann@ymcacentral.org.nz](mailto:robyn.mann@ymcacentral.org.nz)

Tranzit Wanganui Travel Club is heading to the Wellington Zoo these April school holidays. Families can have a fun day out visiting cuddly friends at the zoo. For further info and bookings contact Donna 345 7100 option 2 or [wagtours@tranzit.co.nz](mailto:wagtours@tranzit.co.nz)

Whanganui Ballet and Dance Academy present "Beauty and the Beast" Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 April, 2.00 pm at Wanganui Collegiate School Prince Edward auditorium. Tickets available from the Royal Wanganui Opera house.

## **WHANGANUI SPRINT KAYAK CLUB**

First Time Beginner sessions Saturday morning 10.30 am.

Learn to Kayak – no previous experience needed

When: 10.30 am Saturday morning or 5.00 pm Tuesday afternoons

Where: Whanganui Multisport and Triathlon Club, Anzac Parade, between Dublin St Bridge and the Train Bridge, opposite Anndion Lodge.

Cost: \$5.00 per session or \$95.00 for 12 months (Yr 8 and under). Fees consist of \$55 student kayak program and \$40 kayak hire.

Gear: Bring sports gear to kayak in and a change of clothes and towel.

Further Info: Contact Toby Brooke 022 698 2387 email [brooke.tobias25@gmail.com](mailto:brooke.tobias25@gmail.com)



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