



WHANGANUI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



Newsletter

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Tena Koutou / Greetings

* COMING EVENTS

Thursday 13 April
Monday 1 May

End of Term 1. School finishes at 3.00 pm
Term 2 begins

* CONGRATULATIONS



On 30 and 31 March, 26 of our students represented our school in the NZ Schools National Triathlon which was held this year in Whanganui. They competed with 600 students from all over New Zealand (even a school from Tahiti) in four different events. There was an individual triathlon, team triathlon, aquathon, and tag team triathlon, all involving a river swim with a very strong current which at times they had to fight against.

Our students all gave their best and embodied our school values, demonstrating outstanding team spirit. In the end we came away with a gold, two silvers and two bronze medals, and put Whanganui Intermediate on the map in the Triathlon arena. Mr Harvey and Mrs Hildreth are extremely proud of everyone who participated.



Congratulations also to the members of our two Kids' Lit Quiz teams who competed in the Regional competition last week. Our teams came first and third equal. Well done to you all. Pictured are the winning team: Toni Adams, Calum Sinclair, Hazel Maguire and Kathleen Clunie. This team now goes to the NZ final in Wellington.

* **ENVIRO-COUNCIL LEADERS**

Congratulations to Cyprus Hill, Kaleb McCullough and Faith Solomona who have been doing excellent work since being elected as leaders of the school Enviro-Council. The Council meets each week and organises Green Activities around the school such as the Enviro-Shield and fundraising for environmental projects. Bronwyn Peacock and Riley Heka were also elected as their Year 7 assistant leaders.

* **SAILING**

A big thank you to the parents who helped with transport so that the students could enjoy this popular Tuesday afternoon option in Term 1. We are also indebted to Sailing Wanganui stalwart Bob Davies and Ken who provided expert instruction.

* **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)**

Our latest PB4L focus has been the use of appropriate language within the school. We are constantly reminding our students about acceptable ways to communicate with each other and providing classroom lessons to reinforce our position. Once again we appreciate your support at home.

* **WINTER SPORT**

On Tuesday afternoon Week 1 of next term our winter sports programme begins. This involves all students participating in a variety of sporting activities. Some of these activities are held off the school grounds and students will walk to the venue. For example netball is held at Laird Park. Girls need to be collected from there by 3.15 pm. If students play more than one sport they will go to a practice for the sport they usually play on a Saturday. Sporting options include (but are not limited to): Volleyball, Mountain Biking, Ki O Rahi, and Basketball in addition to our Saturday codes of Netball, Rugby, Football and Hockey. Children in sports offsite will be told if they need to be picked up from there or return to school by 3.00 pm. Children need to bring their PE gear to school every Tuesday.

Please also be aware it can be difficult to get messages to students after lunch on Tuesdays.

* **SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOES**

If you are purchasing winter shoes for school during the holidays please ensure they meet our dress code. Pupils may wear either black roman sandals or black leather school shoes. Canvas shoes and hi-tops are not acceptable.

* **MESSAGES FOR STUDENTS**

There will be times when as a parent, you need to get a message to your child. Often this can be for a change of plans for after school. We endeavour to get all messages to students but please be aware that at times this can be complicated by classes and children not being in their classrooms through participating in other activities or playing sport etc. On rainy days we can have many, many phone calls. In the mornings we try not to interrupt the classes "teaching" time and will take messages to pass on to students. In the afternoons we may put calls through to the classrooms so you can speak directly to your child or the classroom teacher. Please be aware that Friday afternoons (full school assembly) and Tuesday afternoon (sports) can be difficult times to get messages through.



Charles Oliver
PRINCIPAL

I have received newsletter number 5

Signed: _____

Child's Name: _____

Room No: _____