

# Whanganui Intermediate School Newsletter

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

## COMING EVENTS – MARK THE CALENDAR

Monday 4 June

Tuesday 6 June

Wednesday 20 June

Wednesday 4 July

Friday 6 July

Monday 23 July

Queens Birthday Holiday **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Supersport Badminton Ross Intermediate

Super Arts Dance Globe Theatre Palmerston North

Supersport Basketball Ross Intermediate

Supersport Netball Masterton Intermediate

**End of Term Two**

**Start of Term Three**

## REGIONAL CHESS COMPETITION

On Friday 25 May, school students from the Whanganui district, converged on the Whanganui Intermediate School Hall to compete in the 2018 Whanganui Regional Chess Championships.

Schools involved were Whenuakua, St Josephs (Taihape), Upokongaro, Monrad Intermediate (PN), Whanganui Intermediate, Churton, St Johns Hill, Whanganui High School and TKKM o Te Atihaunui-A-Paparangi. In total there were 88 students participating in the following sections: Rookies, Junior, Intermediate and Senior.

First in the Intermediate age group was Tawai Pinnock and in the team competition 1st Tawai Pinnock (WIS), 2nd Toby Clark (WIS), 3rd Harrison Smith (WIS). WELL DONE!!!!



## SCHOOL CLOSED

A reminder that Monday 4 June is a statutory holiday for Queens Birthday weekend and school will be closed.

## UNIFORM

We are very proud of our uniform and would like all students to take the same pride in their appearance. Now that we are in the winter months it is timely to remind students of our expectations with regards to the wearing of our uniform.

The PE uniform should now only be worn for PE or sports lessons. Students must wear the correct Whanganui Intermediate uniform as stated on our website. A WIS white polo shirt, school skirt along with navy blue socks or stockings and shoes for girls and our WIS navy shirt, navy shorts, green socks and shoes for boys. To stay warm students should also wear a school jersey, girls may wear a white skivvy or wear a white thermal under their polo shirt. Boys may wear a navy skivvy or wear a navy or black thermal under their polo shirts. The wearing of a plain, preferably black, unlabelled jacket or black beanie is also permitted to be worn outside. No hoodies, caps, colours, or labelled clothing should be worn with our uniform. We would also ask that students wear traditional black leather "school" shoes. Canvas or street style sneakers are not permitted to be worn with the day to day uniform.

We ask for parental support in ensuring that your children are wearing the correct uniform. Any uniform items can be purchased from the school office.

**Please also name your child's uniform!!** We receive numerous phone calls and visits about lost items and often they are un-named. This makes it very difficult to return these items to their owners.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL/COUNTRY BUSES**

We have been advised by TRANZIT that there will be no secondary school buses running on Tuesday 5 June as all secondary schools are closed for staff training.

## **40 HOUR FAMINE**

This year once again Whanganui Intermediate students will have the opportunity to participate in the 40 hour Famine. The focus for the Famine this year is standing united with the children of South Sudan. Thousands of South Sudanese children have fled for their lives across the border to Uganda. The money raised this year will be used to fund Word Visions work to bring essentials like food and clean water, as well as shelter, education and hope for a better future.

On Friday 8 June we will be holding a Mufti Day and Bake Sale to help with our 40 hour Famine fundraising. Students are required to bring a gold coin for the Mufti Day. The Bake Sale will run during the morning and items will be \$1 each to purchase. If your child is participating in the Famine we ask that they bring in a plate of baking to contribute towards the Bake Sale.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

A reminder to please keep your contact details updated with the school office. You can do this by phone, sending a note, or emailing [office@wanganui-int.school.nz](mailto:office@wanganui-int.school.nz)

We rely on this information to contact you.

It is also interesting to note how many of our students do not appear to know their address or a contact phone number or even where parents/caregivers work or attend courses. While some students have phones to contact parents this info is only accessible while the phone is charged. Perhaps a note of important contact info could be kept in a special pocket in their school bag etc.

## **ENROLMENTS FOR 2019 FOR WHANGANUI INTERMEDIATE**

We have been receiving a number of enquiries regarding enrolments for next year. This process will begin next term.

## **SCHOOL DONATIONS**

Invoices have been sent out. Thank you to all those who have made payments. A reminder that it is only \$75.00 for the full year and you are able to make payments direct to the school bank account through internet banking.

The school account number is: 03 0791 0503615 00. Please enter your child's name, room number and reason for payment i.e. school donation.

Payment of this really does help us to continue to provide the variety of activities and resources that are available to our students.

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS**

Currently secondary schools are advertising their Open Days for enrolments for 2019.

I encourage you to look carefully at all the schools as each has different things to offer.

Following the Open Days, enrolments for next year will be available for our Year 8 students.

We do not promote one school over another and therefore we do encourage our Year 8 students to participate in organised visits where they are requested by particular secondary schools.

Cullinane College

Open Evening Thursday 7 June 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm. Starts at College Chapel.

Whanganui High School

Open Day Thursday 14 June. Two sessions starting in the school hall 4 pm to 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm.



Charles Oliver