

WAINUIOMATA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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WIS NEWS

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Key Events

- ❖ Waitangi Day – 8 February
- ❖ Parent Information Evening – 10 February
- ❖ School Photos – 24 February
- ❖ Athletics Day – 2 March
- ❖ Learning Conference Week – 14 March
- ❖ Health Week – 21 March
- ❖ Teacher Only Day – 24 March
- ❖ Last Day Term 1 – 14 April

From the Principal...

Dear Parents and Guardians

Hello, Kia Ora, Talofa Lava! Welcome to the 2016 school year!

The long summer holiday is over and I am delighted to welcome all our students and their families and whanau to our school.

So now that you are here, what can you expect from us this year?

At the Intermediate, we believe in growing self-managing, responsible and respectful young adults who apply rigour to all that they do.

OUR 2016 FOCI ARE:

1. *Building students' personal habits/skills:*
 - *Respect, Responsibility, Rigour*
 - *The 4 Cs: Communication, Critical Thinking, Collaboration and Creative Thinking*
2. *Learning:*
 - *Mathematics, Reading, Writing - target areas*
 - *Learning with Digital Technologies (LwDT)*
3. *Building Positive Relationships:*
 - *With our learners/students*
 - *With parent/whanau/guardians*

Our goal is to help your child achieve their goals with your support.

This newsletter contains more information about the Intermediate, our expectations, what is happening in Term 1, and how you can be involved in your child's education.

Please contact your child's teacher or me if you have any concerns regarding your child. We welcome your feedback and support.

I wish your child a happy and successful time at the Intermediate.

*Pearl Murti
Principal*



Respect Responsibility Rigour
Striving for Excellence

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY, 10 February
2016

6.30 - 7.30pm

- Welcome
- Meet the teachers/staff
- 2015 School achievement / 2016 Targets
- Open Forum:
 - Health Curriculum consultation
 - What can you do support your child at the Intermediate?

Please come to the school hall.

STAFF / CLASSES

Our only new member of staff this year is Mr Matthew Gibbons, Room 4 teacher. Welcome to our staff, Matt!

Our Bi-Lingual class or Te Kahui Tamariki (TKT) is in Room 11 this year with Mrs Va'a (neé Rameka) as their teacher and Miss Brown (Mrs Ratahi) will be teaching Te Reo in this room.

Miss Brown is our new Deputy Principal 2 after Miss Pilitati (Mrs A) retired to move overseas later this year. She will be relieving in the Music Room this term.

A full staff list is attached.

2016 CURRICULUM

The 2016 WIS Curriculum can be viewed at school. However, this year our integrated curriculum focuses on our over-arching concept: ***IDENTITY***

TERM 1 - Health ~ Personal Identity

TERM 2 - Social Science ~ Our Identity

TERM 3 - Science: Our place in the world.

TERM 4 - Technology: Changes in society

- Skills focus will be on ***THINKING and INQUIRY.***
- 'Changes at Puberty' will be one of the topics covered. A separate letter will come home about this.
- We will discuss this further at our first hui for parents and guardians on 10 February.

WORKING WITH PARENTS

Goal Setting

Students will start setting their goals from Week 2 for this year. Please help your child with this process and send the form back to school. There will be an electronic version as well.

Student-Parent-Teacher Conference:

- ✓ **Week 7, 14-18 March**
- ✓ Whole day Wednesday 15 March
- ✓ Student-led
- ✓ Discuss test results & review goals
- ✓ Discuss needs, issues or concerns

TECHNOCRAFT

Technocraft at the Intermediate includes the arts and technology and is taught on Tuesdays. It includes:

- Digital Technology (Computers)
- Fabrics (Sewing)
- Foods (Cooking)
- Music
- Visual Arts
- Woodwork

Our Tech fee is only \$50 and must be paid at the start of the Term. (Other Intermediate schools charge between \$80- \$250 for similar subjects.)

MATHLETICS

Mathletics is an on-line Maths programme that all students at the Intermediate are enrolled into. The cost to parents is \$10. The school pays the remainder of the cost for each student. Please pay this with the Tech fee. Thank you.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

We are a PB4L school and this is our 7th year in following this 'way of life' in our school!

These are the 3 core values that we teach and practice in our school to enable us to be successful learners:

1. Being **RESPECTFUL**
2. Being **RESPONSIBLE**
3. Applying **RIGOUR**

These 3 words underpin our school life; they are our motto, Code of Behaviour and core values. Students are taught what these words mean in class and are rewarded for showing the 3Rs at all times.

Waitangi Day – Monday 8 February. School will be closed.

INTERNET AGREEMENT

We will be sending home an Internet Agreement for parents and caregivers to read, sign and return to school this week.

No student will be allowed to use the internet till their form has been returned.

Please read through it carefully and ensure you understand the terms and conditions of usage.

Cyberbullying

Everyone knows what bullying is and probably experienced it. Perhaps less well understood is the insidious nature of cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person. It can be through:

- Text messaging
- Tweeting
- Facebook
- Email
- Creating a fake accounts
- Posting personal information online etc

Cyberbullying is increasingly becoming a problem in society today, and sadly, taking up valuable teaching and learning time in school.

It is illegal for children under 13 to have a Facebook account. It is also a crime to create an account for a minor.

Please ensure social media is not being used by your child to bully other children from home. All such cases will be reported to the police.

Coming up!!!

- Athletics Day: Wednesday 2nd March



2015 Athletics Day

- Ignite Sports: Starts from Week 2!!

HOMEWORK

All students will be expected to complete home learning tasks based on the key topics for the term.

In Term 1, students will have activities based on Health and physical fitness. The activities will be at students' ability levels and can be completed at Homework Club.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Lunches available on Wednesdays and Fridays starting Week 2, 10 February 2016

Order close 8.50am

QUICK CHECKLIST FOR START OF YEAR:

Is your child ready for school?

- Stationery – books, pens, pencils etc
- School Fees - \$50 for year, paid this month
- Internet Safety Agreement signed & returned
- Know and follow the school rules
- Switch off cell phones & hand in to teacher
- Wear the correct school uniform
- Come to school ready to learn
- Books & uniform items are named
- Be in school by 8.45am.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

Thursday 24 March

Please note:

TOD is the day before Easter/Good Friday

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- 2016 School Fee Form
- 2016 Staff List
- Internet Agreement for Year 7s and new Year 8 students to our school
- Canteen Lunch Menu
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
- Health Consultation

Please pick up and drop your child from Konini Street, not the school car park. Thank you.

GENERAL INFORMATION/ REMINDERS

This information is also in the School Prospectus:

School Uniform

All students must be in full school uniform, including correct shoes and socks. **All items of uniform and stationery should be named immediately.** Jewellery, other than that specified in the Prospectus, body piercing and non-regulation clothing are **not permitted**. Students must arrive to and leave school in full school uniform, not their PE gear or mufti. No nail polish or make-up is permitted.

Stationery

Please ensure your child has all the items they need for a successful start to the year. **All items must have your child's name and Room number on them.** They should have all their books by now.

School Fees

Technocraft fees must be paid at the **beginning** of the year. **The fee is \$50 for the year.**

School Rules

These are for the safety of all students. Teachers will have discussed these with students over the last few weeks. School rules are non-negotiable and non-compliance will result in consequences as laid out in school policy.

Cell Phones in School

Cellular phones are to be switched off and handed to the class teacher on arrival and collected from the teacher at 2.45pm each day. Failure to follow this rule will result in phones being confiscated. We do not encourage students to bring cell phones to school. We will not take responsibility for lost phones.

School Bus

There are 2 school buses for our students: one to the village and Coast Road, and the second goes via Parkway Extension to Arakura. The cost is \$12.40 for a 10-trip pass or \$1.50 single. Please ring Richard Potts, Classic Coaches, Ph. 564 5015 if you have a query.

Resolving Issues

If you have an issue or concern, please follow the school guidelines as set out in the attached poster. It avoids matters escalating. Get to know your child's teacher and work closely with them. Putting it on Facebook is irresponsible and will not lead to resolving problems or concerns.

Lunch

Students ordering lunch must do so through their class teacher **before 9am. Students are not permitted to leave school and go to the shops to buy lunch.** Lunch passes for students who live nearby are issued by the DP and a form has to be obtained through him.

Note – School Canteen will be open on Wednesdays and Fridays only.

Absences

Telephone the school office **before 9am** to let the school know if your child will be away for the day. All absences must be reported or there will be a follow-up call to your home or work to check up on absentees. A message may be left on the school answer machine or text **021 028 24544**. Text must be from a cellphone number held on the school records. A follow-up note to the class teacher is a good idea.

RETURN FORM

I have read this newsletter dated 1 February 2016

Name of Student: _____

Room: _____

Parent/ Caregiver's Signature: _____