

WAINUIOMATA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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WIS NEWS

1 March 2018

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KEY EVENTS – MARCH

- ❖ **School Photos**
1 March
- ❖ **Swimming**
Area 2 - 5 March
Area 3 – 7 March
Area 1 – 9 March
- ❖ **Wednesday “Drop Ins”**
starting 7 March,
3.00-5.00pm
- ❖ **Whanau Parents Evening**
12 March
- ❖ **International Students arrive**
19 March
- ❖ **Board of Trustees Meeting**
20 March
- ❖ **Fono Parents Evening**
29 March
- ❖ **Good Friday**
30 March

From the Principal....

Kia Ora whanau,

Another month has flown past and we are now officially in autumn. The school is very settled and our new students seem to be enjoying the pace and challenge of intermediate life. They have all taken part in one Technocraft option and are enjoying the challenges that our Technology and Arts curriculums present them with.

We are talking a lot at school about culture. What it is, and what implications it has. The idea being that once we understand all of the cultures represented in our school we can form a school culture that embraces all the elements of culture our students bring and make this a safe place for them to learn in.

Culture is a word for people's 'way of life', meaning the way groups do things. Different groups of people may have different cultures. A culture is passed on to the next generation by learning, whereas genetics are passed on by heredity. Culture is seen in people's writing, religion, music, clothes, cooking, and in what they do.

The concept of culture is very complicated, and the word has many meanings, in our case we are looking at the outlook, attitudes, values, morals, goals, and customs shared by a particular society.

As part of that investigation we will ask parents for their input into which values they would like us, as a school, to value and model. We will also ask specific groups of parents their aspirations for the students who share their culture. To this end we have a “Whanau Evening” on March 12 where parents who identify as Maori can have input into our Maori achievement plan and help us define what the government means when they ask us to show Maori achievement as Maori.

There will be a Pasifika Fono meeting later in the month and opportunities for other groups representing other cultures to have input as we get further into the year.

We are trialling some paperless documents to try and reduce our paper wastage and make life easier for parents and our office staff. Please read the newsletter about this and let us know your thoughts.

As always we are open to good ideas and will steal adopt and adapt ones we like! Janette Melrose has started “Drop Ins” at the high school and it seems like a great idea, (she has many and the High School is in great hands) so....next Wednesday I will be in the staffroom from 3.00 until 5.00pm, I will have coffee, tea and biscuits available. If you want to drop in and have a chat about anything that we are doing well or could do better I will be happy to meet with you. No appointment necessary just drop in.

We had local Labour MP Ginny Anderson drop in this week and talk through some of the education changes being proposed by parliament and ways she could assist us here at school. It is always good to have support from our MPs.

Thank you for your support,

Nga mihi,

Craig Sharp



Respect Responsibility Rigour Resilience
Striving for Excellence

*Students enjoying the challenges of the
Technology and Arts curriculum*



SignMee Communication

Our School is going to be using SignMee as our online service for managing home-school communications in 2018. A separate newsletter went home on Monday.

We have chosen to use Signmee as it allows our school to create and send online forms that can be filled, paid and signed by parents without the need for printing and returning.

More information is available on their website www.signmee.com. Extra copies can be picked up at the Office if you missed this newsletter.

WATER SAFETY PROGRAMME

Students will be involved in a one day Water Safety Programme at Wainuiomata Pools from 10am – 2.00pm as follows:

- **Area 2 - Monday, 5 March**
- **Area 3 – Wednesday, 7 March**
- **Area 1 – Friday, 9 March**

The cost for the Water Safety Programme is \$10 to cover pool entry and swimming instructors.

Students will walk to the pools in school uniform and must bring:

- Sunhat
- Packed lunch or food for the BBQ and a large drink
- Togs, towel and sunblock

Please return permission slips as soon as possible.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY



Anuesh Achari

*Road Patrol and
always volunteering to help*

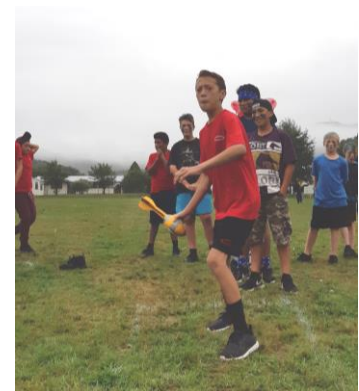
ATHLETICS DAY

Thank you to students, staff and parents for their support of our very successful Athletics Day. In particular Mr Hayes for his organisation.



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

ATHLETICS DAY – Wednesday 28 February 2018



SPORTS

Touch Rugby

We have 5 teams entered in the Friday night competition and wish them well for their season.

Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to:

- Arilee Marks and Shonte Awatere on their selection in the HV Under 13 Softball team.
- Brian Woolley who has been selected to represent New Zealand in the International Softball Academy NZ Under 13 Boys Team in America. Brian's recent achievements have been:
 - Supercity Wellington U13 Baseball Team that played in the Gold Coast Classic
 - Wellington Region Baseball Rep Team that played in Auckland
 - Hutt Valley U15 Development Softball Team that played in Central North Island and National Tournaments
 - Hutt Valley U13 Softball Team that won both Auckland and Central Regions going undefeated. He also made the Tournament Team
 - Hutt Valley Hornets Baseball Team to play in the Nationals in April.



SCHOOL LUNCHES
These are available
Wednesday and Friday.
Orders to the Canteen by
8.50 please.

SUNSMART

Please remind your child to students to wear their sunhats at school to protect themselves from our harsh sun.

REMINDERS

- ❖ ***Please name all school uniform.***
- ❖ ***Please advise the office of any change of contact details.***
- ❖ ***Please advise the office if your child is going to be absent. Messages can be left on the school answer phone 939 1970, school website www.wis.school.nz or text 021 0292454.***
- ❖ ***As the weather gets cooler students can wear their own jackets to and from school but must take their jackets off during class.***
- ❖ ***We are a KidsCan School and as part of the programme we have food items for lunch, health items, shoes and jackets available to all students. The aim of the programme is to enable students to have the essentials that will help with their attendance and achievement in school.***

Classic Coaches Bus Tickets

10 Trip bus tickets can be purchased at the school office at a cost of \$12.40. Payment can be made by cash or cheque only.

RETURN SLIP

I have read this newsletter dated 1 March 2018

Name of Student _____

Room _____

Parent / Caregiver's Signature _____