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"Success Crowns Effort"

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Thursday 10th May 2018
DATES TO DIARY

NEXT FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Friday 11 May at 11:50am
Ruma 12/13 are hosting. All welcome to attend

Monday 14th May
B.O.T Hui - 5:30pm in the staffroom

Tuesday 15th May
School Photos

Friday 18th May
Pink Shirt Day

Wednesday 23rd May
Winter Sports Day at Kensington Park

DATES FOR 2018

Term 2: Monday 30 April ~ Friday 6 July
Term 3: Monday 23 July ~ Friday 28 September
Term 4: Monday 15 October ~ Thursday 13 December
Total: 384 ½ days

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers,
Nau mai, hoki mai ki te kura takawaenga o Whangarei terenga paraoa. Nau mai, haere mai ki te Wāhanga tuarua o te tau nei. Welcome back to WIS. Welcome to term 2 which is full of loads of learning opportunities and our end of term triadics: parent/student/teacher conferences.

ENVIRO SCHOOLS SILVER AWARD

After 2 years of hard work, our school has moved from a bronze school to silver in the Enviro schools programme. Students, past and present, Staff and Enviro schools facilitators spent half a day reflecting on the 5 areas of the Enviro schools programme to ensure we were a comfortable fit for the Silver Award. The five guiding principles are; Empowered Students, Learning for Sustainability, Māori Perspectives, Respect for Diversity of People and Cultures and lastly, Sustainable Communities. As you can probably tell it requires a whole school approach to sustainability education. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those staff, community members and whanau, that have contributed to this silver award.

TEACHERS CONTRACTS



Our school staff were really encouraged to hear the results of a new survey showing strong public support for more Government spending on public education.

This includes more support for children with additional learning needs and a significant pay rise for teachers to address recruitment and retention issues. Educators have been saying for a long time that to turn around the growing teacher shortage we must make teaching a more appealing career choice. A big part of that is ensuring we have the time and support to teach every child, regardless of their learning needs. Teaching also needs to be a financially viable career option.

The findings are a strong indicator of public opinion leading into the May Budget and teacher and principal collective agreement negotiations in the coming months. Like every school, we struggle to balance the budget to provide the resources to support every child's learning, and that shouldn't be the case in a wealthy country like New Zealand. It's simply a matter of priorities.

Other key findings of the research were:

- 83% believe that teachers need a pay rise and of those, 91% of respondents support at least a "moderate" pay increase - 67% want at least a 10% pay rise for teachers and 29% want more than 20%
- Most (82%) agree that a pay rise will improve teacher numbers and address shortages
- Widespread agreement that there is a shortage of teachers, both at Primary and Secondary schools (85%)
- Very strong agreement (91%) that more support is needed for students with additional learning needs

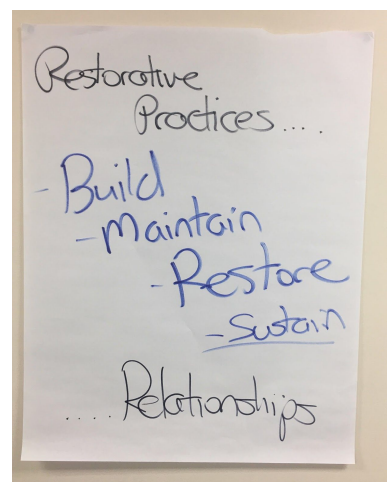
As always, we need your help to:

- Spread the good word about the profession.
- Stand alongside teachers when they argue for more teaching resources for our most disadvantaged students.
- Write to our MPs about the need for specialist literacy and numeracy support for students who are struggling to access the curriculum.
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RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

As part of our PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) contract we have had the great opportunity of having free access to restorative practices. It was the best training I have attended in recent years and forms the basis of our school's kaupapa when dealing with relationships that have been harmed. There are three levels of restorative circles which our teachers employ either on a daily basis or when the need arises.

- **Mini conferences** lasts about 1-2mins.
- **Classroom conferences** (student/teacher/mediator) 5-10mins



SCHOOL NOTICES

• Formal Group conferences (45 mins~60 mins).

As a teaching faculty it is our vision to continue to move from the punitive quadrant to the restorative approach which encourages the students to be: problem solving, respectful, collaborative and taking responsibility. Using this approach students experience structure, limits and high expectations. All of our senior leaders have been trained in restorative conferencing and as we know, the more we practice, the better we become.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Increasingly we are having to deal with raruraru (fights) that are occurring online and coming into our school yard 'he said, she said, they said etc'. Many of our students are on social media sites that are R13. There is a reason why these sites are R13, as students who are at that age, are more likely to have the maturity to recognise bullying online and therefore able to make decisions around whether to participate and contribute or to unfriend. Our students are of an age where they are still learning and developing these social norms. Attached to this newsletter are sites that you need to be aware of as parents. We really need you to have a chat to your child about the appropriateness of these sites and please make sure they are allowed to be on the site (age restrictions), and please monitor their movements online. We can only do so much at school but if it is occurring outside of school, our hands are tied.

Read on to find out the fabulous things that are happening at our wonderful school.

Ma te wa, na Hayley Read. Principal of the best school in Whangarei with the coolest students (especially those who are demonstrating our school's vision: mā te whānaungatanga, ka whai mātauranga te akonga, ka tū rangatira). 'Success Crowns Effort'

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS - Every week, students are chosen from each team for demonstrating our school values - Respect ourselves, Respect others and Respect environment. Here is a list of those students:

Waiarohia Team 1:	Ruma 1 - Roshan Madhav Ruma 2 - Isaac Rumble Ruma 3 - Phoenix O'Donnell Ruma 4 - Cameron Furze Ruma 24 - Logan Ogden
Ngahere Kowhai Team 2:	Ruma 5 - Ray Witana Ruma 6 - Izabelle Kaka Ruma 7 - Ariki Murupaenga Ruma 8 - Haylee Genders Ruma 23 - Caleb Going
Te Whanau o Waimirirangi Team 3:	Ruma 12 - Karl Wati Ruma 13 - Ella Fraser Ruma 14 - Stella Harding Ruma 15 - Awhina Oakes Ruma 16 Tianah-Rose Boakes
Kahurangi Team 4:	Ruma 9 - Lennox Karaitiana-Marino Ruma 10 - Bailey Wilson Ruma 17 - Tai Pullen Ruma 18 - Alexis Holroyd
Parihaka Team 5:	Ruma 19 - Jackson Rollinson Ruma 20 - Harlena White Ruma 21 - Jordan Butler de Vantier Ruma 22 - Georgette Williams
Specialists	Food and Nutrition - Mary Hoyle Rm 19 XPLO Tech - Sam Du Plessis Rm 20 Music - Bonnie-Rae Hadfield Rm 14 Perf Arts -Sarah-Lace Pitman-Peak Rm 24 Visual Art - Abby Jaques Rm 19

WISE UPDATE PINK SHIRT DAY

Bullying-Free NZ Week runs from 14-18 May. In the lead up to this we are addressing some related issues beginning with What is Bullying? All classes will be discussing and exploring what bullying looks, sounds and feels like and what they can do to prevent and stop it. On Friday, 18th May we will hold a Pink Shirt Day to raise awareness and understanding of bullying and the impact it has. Students will be allowed to wear a pink shirt or predominantly pink shirt on this day.

SPEAK UP...STAND TOGETHER....STOP BULLYING

Whaea Liz

TEAM POINTS Over the year we run an inter team competition. Points are awarded for participation and sportspersonship on sports days, for looking after the school environment, wearing correct uniform and library returns. Which team will be crowned 2018 Champions?

Waiarohia	3519	Ngahere Kowhai	3357
Waimirirangi	3470	Kahurangi	3348
Parihaka	3672		

TE WHANAU O WAIAROHIA

Wow - what an exciting beginning to Term 2. In Waiarohia Whānau we have spent the first week deciding and planning our Science Fair presentations, selecting our Winter Sports day codes, registering for AIMS Games teams and participating in Enrichment classes. We are looking forward to all the learning that these opportunities provide us and hopefully gaining enough points to be the winning Whānau. ~ Whaea Sam

STUDENT COUNCIL

Thank you for supporting the Student Council Easter Raffle and the last day of term 1 \$2.00 muffin day. This term we will be running a school social, which will be a \$5.00 entry and will run from 6 to 8.30pm. We may also be looking at running a table-a-thon or spell-a-thon, depending on student interest expressed through our student council body. At the end of term we will also be holding another paid muffin day. The Student Council can support anyone that requires a small donation. The only proviso is that the person attends our school and is an attentive student. To apply for any financial assistance, have the child write a letter to the WIS student council.

On another note we are getting a quote from Tawapou to purchase native trees for part of the beautification projects happening at school~ Mr Rankin

CELLPHONES

The Board of Trustees has instructed the school management team to no longer investigate lost or stolen cell phones, if a student's cellphone was to go missing. Students are encouraged to hand in their cellphones to the office or to their classroom teacher upon their arrival to school. If students choose not to follow our advice, then their cellphone is totally their responsibility. The school rule is that cellphones are to be turned off once the child is at school and can be turned back on, once school has finished for the day. The only exception is BYOD contract where the teacher lets their students use their own device in their learning programmes. This enables the students to have their devices on during class time. However, this does not apply during break times. If a student is caught using their cellphone during break times, it will be confiscated and handed into the office, only to be collected by a parent. The office has a student phone that can be used for emergency situations. Students must organise their own after school arrangements before the start of the school day. The Board of Trustees thanks you for your cooperation in this matter. Board of Trustees

SCHOOL FEES

Each family is asked to assist the school through an annual school contribution of \$110 per child (\$65 material/activity levy, \$45 donation) as explained in the

stationery notice. This pays for your student's extra-curricular activities such as enrichment, gifted and talented teaching, the highly acclaimed arts programme (visual arts and music) as well as the literacy support and extension programmes in the school. We are very much aware that this time of year is a strain on the family budget with uniforms, stationery, school contributions and class camps. Every year the board and staff agonise over the amount and the need for us to ask for so much at this time of year. We balance this out with the overall educational development and needs of the school programme to provide the best we can for your child. Paying school contributions also guarantees your child a **free** school magazine at the end of the year. All school related costs should be paid either by cash/efpos at the office or via our online shop (see below).

LETS REDUCE OUR WASTE

Whangarei Intermediate School is committed to reducing the amount of waste our school produces. As part of this we compost, recycle and shred our paper for worm farming. However we need everyone's help to make a meaningful impact. Here are some tips you could employ:

- Use a re-useable drink bottle
- Use a re-useable lunch box
- AVOID using single use plastics such as glad wrap, (use wax paper instead) plastic bottles and zip-lock (glad) bags.

We appreciate some of these are about convenience but we are disposing of way too much plastic in our landfill bins and these are the main culprits.

THANK YOU to those who already employ some of these strategies. ~ Mr Peyton

CANTEEN

A reminder that students are no longer be able to order lunches during the morning-tea break. All orders need to be made at the student counter before classes begin at 8:45am or by using the online shop.

ONLINE SHOP

We have had a huge response from parents who are now ordering canteen lunches and paying student costs online. It's simple to open an account - all you need is your email address which matches the one held on our student records. No cash, no paper, no hassle! More information can be found on our website. www.wis.ac.nz

WIS BOYS FOOTBALL COACH WANTED!

AIMS Games Football

Tauranga 9 to 14 September 2018

- Are you a football fan?
- Do you have a full driver's license?
- Do you have some knowledge and experience of football coaching?
- Are you great at working with boys aged 11 to 13?
- Are you available on Friday afternoons from 12:50 pm to 3:00 pm to run training for the team?
- Are you interested in going to Tauranga from Sunday 9th - Friday 14th September for the AIMS GAMES tournament?
- Can you be available for the week to travel to Tauranga?

I do the management and organisation. I arrange the uniforms and equipment. The boys bring their own drink bottles, boots and training gear. Our team plays 9 a side with 3 reserves at the tournament of about 60 teams. Our 'goal' for 2018 is to place in the 20's for the tournament. Are you keen? If your answer is YES, then I need you to contact me NOW!

Garry Posa

Room 17 teacher

AIMS boys football manager

garry.posa@wis.ac.nz or Mobile (TEXT) 0204 007 0572

ICAS Maths and English

This year we will be offering the following ICAS tests at

school on the listed dates. These tests are administered by the University of New South Wales across the Pacific region. Students receive detailed feedback on their performance and a certificate. Students in the top 30% receive awards ranging from Merits to High Distinctions. This year we will stagger entries so will only call for Science and Digital Technology at present. Cheques should be made out to WIS. Please note we can't refund money as it goes to Australia. We have a number of old tests in the school library that students can borrow to practice with. We also do at least 2 practice/ revision sessions for each competition at school prior to the events. Due to some fabulous local sponsorship we are able to discount the first 100 entries for each test to \$5.50. With a maximum of 30 places in each of the Science and Digital Technology tests. Once these are filled the cost per test will be \$9.50 so get in quick.

The sponsorship will apply for a maximum of 3 tests per student.

Please include this entry slip with fees in envelope and place in the ASB box for collection.

Subject	Test Date	Cost N.Z.\$	Entries close at WIS
Maths	Tues 14 August	\$5.50/\$9.50	Fri 15 June
English	Tues 31 July	\$5.50/\$9.50	Fri 15 June

ICAS International Competition

Students Full Name _____

Subject/ Entered _____

Room Number _____ Year Level _____

Total enclosed _____

Please include this entry slip with fees in envelope and place in the ASB box for collection.

WINTER SPORTS DAY

The annual WPSSA Intermediate Winter Sports day is on **Wednesday 23 of May**. Sports include; Football, Netball, Turbo Touch, Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Hockey and Gymnastics. We urgently need a number of parent helpers to manage teams so all our students can go. All children will bring home a notice asking for help so if you can manage a team for the day please return the notice to your child's teacher.

NORTHLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Olivia, Ellinor and Jayden did well at the Northland Primary School swimming Champs in the last week of term. It was pretty cold but at least it didn't rain. Lots of kids participated.

Results as follows:

Ellinor Whittam 11 year old girls:-

75m IM came 2nd overall, time 1:05:63

25m Freestyle 7th overall, time 16:40

25m Backstroke 6th overall, time 19.88

25m Breaststroke 1st overall, broke the record, time 19:96 (Old record was 20:37)

25m Butterfly 4th

11-12 year 100m Freestyle 4th Ellinor also swam in 2 relays.

Olivia Erai 12 year old girls:-

75m IM 3rd overall 1:10:88

25m Freestyle overall 5th, time 16:38

25m Backstroke overall 6th, time 19.78

25m Breaststroke overall 4th, time 21:43

Jayden Milne 12 year old Boys:-

25m Backstroke 8th overall, time 21.03.

A special thanks to Kath Erai for taking the team on the day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Liz Davies photography will be taking class and individual

photos on Tuesday 15 May. Students have been issued with an order form. Parents/caregivers can also order online at www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz. Individual photos are taken from 8am so parents will have to remind students on the day to get their individual photos.

SMAC FUNDRAISER

Come along to a fantastic day of fun!! International Food and Cultural Festival Saturday 12th May 1pm - 6pm Canopy Bridge. Our very own After School Dance Group - SMAC will be performing. There will be Loads of beautiful tasting food, activities and stunning performances from different cultural dance groups. See you there!

PUBLIC NOTICES

The positive hit series XVenture Family Challenge TV Series 2 is looking for great families

Your family could have the experience of lifetime and win \$25,000 whilst representing our school and community! Team and Leadership experts, XVenture, are once again looking for great families to participate in the family experience of a lifetime. XVenture Family Challenge presented by ecostore is the positive hit TV series featuring families* (2 adults and 2 adolescents 11-16) learning, growing and developing together whilst competing in a series of fun, unique and exciting challenges. 8 Australian and 8 New Zealand families will be selected to spend 4-10 days in the stunning Bay of Islands competing for the title of XVenture Family Challenge Champions and the \$25,000 cash prize! To find out more, go to www.xventurefamilychallenge.com

