

WAINUIOMATA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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School Closed
Monday, 6 February
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Evening
Wednesday, 8
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- ❖ Learning
Conference Week
20 – 24 February
- ❖ Gardasil Vaccine
for Year 8s
Monday, 27
February
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March
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Thursday, 2 March

From the Principal....

Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to the 2017 school year! A very special welcome to all our new students and their families and whanau.

We have been busy these past three weeks preparing to welcome our students to WIS and ensuring we are well planned and organised. There is a full year's activity calendar once again and many wonderful things to look forward to, especially these two exciting events:

1. Our first innovative learning space should be ready in Term 1, and
2. It is Camp Year at WIS!

Camp/EOTC, 3-7 April

All students will have the opportunity to participate in education outside the classroom (EOTC) at a level of their choice and at a manageable cost to parents. Year 7s should have received an information brochure last year and there are further details and forms in this newsletter.

Please watch out for all letters that your child brings home, read, fill-in and sign all forms on time and return them to school on or before the due date. Information will also be on the school's website, including all monthly newsletters.

We want all our students and their families and whanau to have a positive experience at the Intermediate and for this to happen we need your engagement and positive support. If you have a concern or question, get in touch with the school immediately and together we will work to resolve issues.

There is a lot of information in this newsletter, so please read it carefully. The camp forms need to be a priority as spaces for the full camp are limited and will be filled on a first paid first served basis.

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



Pearl Murti
Principal

Respect Responsibility Rigour
Striving for Excellence

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

WEDNESDAY, 8 February 2017

6.30 – 8.00pm

- Welcome
- Meet the teachers/staff
- 2016 School achievement
- 2017 goals and targets
- Camp meetings in Areas

Please be seated in the school hall by 6.30pm.

2017 CURRICULUM

Our theme for 2017 is **CHALLENGES** – meeting and overcoming challenges at a personal, local/community, national and global level.

Students will cover a selection of objectives in the Health, Social Science, Science and Technology curriculum.

- Skills focus will be on **THINKING and INQUIRY**.
- We will discuss this further at our first Area hui for parents and guardians on 8 February.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING (PB4L)

We are a PB4L school and this is our 8th 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**

This year, we are introducing Restorative Practices to give us the skills to resolve issues between students as well.



2016 Athletics Day

SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Wednesday 1 March, 9am-2.30pm

The school Athletics day precedes the Inter-Intermediate Athletics competitions.

This is a really fun day with classes and Areas competing against each other in track and field events. The events include:

- 800m, 200m, 100m races
- Shotput
- Softball Throw
- Discus
- Long Jump
- High Jump

Come along and support your child and their class/Area!

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.

Student-Parent-Teacher Learning Conference #1:

- ✓ **Week 4, 20-24 February**
- ✓ Half day on Monday 20 February and Wednesday 22 February
- ✓ Student-led
- ✓ Discuss test results & review goals
- ✓ Discuss needs, issues or concerns

TECHNOCRAFT

Technocraft at the Intermediate includes the arts and technology and will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

It will include:

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

Our Technocraft parent subsidy is only \$60 per child and this covers additional materials of the take-home component in the above subjects. Your support of these curriculum areas is greatly appreciated as students love the hands-on component of learning.

Please note: The Technocraft hours have doubled this year to 3 hours per week.

Waitangi Day – Monday 6th February. School will be closed.

INTERNET AGREEMENT

Internet Agreement forms were included in the prospectus for parents and caregivers to read, sign and return to school. Please contact the school office if your child requires another form.

No student will be allowed to use the internet until 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 account
- 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.

BYOD AND SCHOOL CHROMEBOOKS

We are a BYOD school and encourage students to purchase and bring your own Chromebooks to school. Having your own device means that you can learn/work independently at school and home, to grow your skills and knowledge.

However, we are also mindful of the fact that some of our students, families and whanau cannot afford such an investment and therefore provide 20+ devices for each class. Students who rely on school devices need to take particular care of these:

- Look after the device and handle with great care eg do not pick the keys out, do not drop etc
- Report any damage or misuse immediately
- Only go on sites that are permitted.

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.

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 subsidises this programme and being an on-line programme means students can work on improving their Maths skills at home as well as at school.

QUICK CHECKLIST FOR START OF YEAR:

Is your child ready for school?

- Stationery – books, pens, pencils etc
- Tech subsidy - \$60 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.

SCHOOL CANTEEN

Lunches available on Wednesdays
and Fridays starting Week 2,
8 February 2017

Orders close 8.50am

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER

- 2017 Payments Form
- 2017 Staff List
- Canteen Lunch Menu
- Camp Letter #1

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

CAMP/EOTC WEEK – 3 - 7 APRIL 2017

Option 1 – Camp El Rancho



Going on school camps is one of the enduring memories students have of their time at school. In 2017, Wainuiomata Intermediate is heading to El Rancho camp, which is located on the Kapiti Coast.

El Rancho has a great selection of challenging and rewarding camp activities, as well as being alongside the Waikanae river and a short stroll to the beach.

It promises to be a fun time for all involved. However spaces are limited so placements will be allocated on a first pay, first in basis.

A deposit of \$50 is required by 24 February 2017.

Cost: \$250 per student

www.elrancho.co.nz

Option 2 – Out and about in Wellington

Wellington is the greatest little Capital and we often don't get the chance to get out and explore it. This option will provide students with the chance to see and experience some of the wonderful things Wellington has to offer, as well as leave them with stories they'll talk about for years.

While the final activities are still being finalised, students could experience Matiu Island, Wellington Space Observatory, kayaking in the Wellington Harbour, Go Karting, Adrenalin Forest, mountain biking, tour of parliament.

A deposit of \$20 is required by 24 February 2017.

Cost: Approx. \$100 per student



Option 3 – Out and about in Wainuiomata

There's no place like home – and in our secluded little valley lies a treasure chest of fun. Wainuiomata offers all kinds of adventure and in this option; students can get out and about in their neighborhood.

Final activities for this option are still being finalised but could include day at Wainuiomata Pools, games Wise Park, Dowse Art Museum, fishing at Wainui beach, Rimutaka Forest Park.

A deposit of \$10 is required by 24 February 2017

Cost: Approx. \$20 per student

