



KIA ORA KOUTOU

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Newsletter 4

It is amazing to think we are almost at the end of Week 4 Term 1 – time is flying!! Leaving us just 7 school weeks to go in this term – for most syndicates these next few weeks are going to be very busy with camps, Swimming Comps, Goal Setting etc. Make sure you keep an eye out for all the various notices and messages coming home.

Remember that Term 1 ends Friday April 13th - with Easter just the week before, also the Whakatane Schools **Teacher Only Day on March 29th** - schools will not be open for instruction on that day (the day before the Easter break!).

Easter Break = Good Friday March 30th, Easter Monday April 2nd, Easter Tuesday 3rd (please note that Tuesday April 3rd - the school is closed - Easter Tuesday (3 April) a school holiday is observed as required by [Section 65C\(1\) \(a\) of the Education Act 1989](#)

- **Goal Setting Thursday 15th March**

Bookings will be available from 1.00pm onward.

Remember school finishes at 12.30 on this day to allow for interviews to start at 1pm.

The booking website will be up and running a week before Goal Setting.

A special note will come home explaining how to access and use this site and book your time.

BUILDING UPDATE

Things are really starting to move along and with scaffolding starting to come down the real shape and look of the building is more obvious.

The inside of the building has all internal walls now up, light fittings and other services being installed, ceilings about to go up, all internal painting almost complete – over the next month wall covering (Autex) will go up.

Outside – the bay windows will go in during the next week, cladding will be finished, with final exterior painting to happen over the next month. Full attention will now be on the bus bay area and the neighbours driveway.

Working in this area is going to disrupt our access way again over the next week – the whole access will be moved back next to the stream. The goal is still to have the whole school in the new building by the start of Term 2 – fingers crossed this will happen!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 28 Feb - Nga Huiarau Swimming**
 - EBOP Touch Rugby Y3 & 4 only
- 15 March – Goal Setting Conferences from 1pm**
School finishes at 12.30
- 16 March – Interschool Swimming**
 - Dream Chaser Fundraiser
- 19 March – Interschool Swimming pp day**
- 21 March – EBOP Swimming**
- 29 March – Teacher Only Day**
- 30 March – 3 April – Easter Holiday**
- 4-6 April – Nga Huiarau Camp**

CYCLE CHALLENGE

Yesterday some of our senior students took part in the Cycle Challenge held at Apanui School. Their bikes and helmets were checked for roadworthiness.

They were tested on the road rules by completing several tasks.



They also took part in various bike-handling challenges.



Thank you to the parents who transported and supported our children on the day.

ADVERTISEMENTS

BIKE MONTH RACE CHALLENGE FAMILY BIKE -

Orienteering Onepu Saturday Feb 24th.
Challenge starts 11am. Rego from 10am. Race briefing 10.30am. Go hunting for clues with your kids and their bikes. Lots of spot prizes and fun to be had!! In aid of purchasing bikes for school kids to use at Whakatane High. Entry cost: \$5 per family

Whakatane Children's Music School

Enrolment day Saturday 23rd March 9am – 11am

Whakatane Intermediate Auditorium
Enrolment fee is \$50 for the whole year that is to be paid on the enrolment day. Instruments are available for hire.

Lesson begin 12th March and follow the school term ending with a concert at the end of November.

Enrolment forms are available from the school office.



GUITAR AND UKULELE LESSONS STARTING WEEK 5.

Greg Malcolm will be offering guitar and ukulele lessons to students of Ohope Beach School during school hours on a Friday. This replaces the previous lessons from Music Hub. He will give a short demo at tomorrow's assembly and enrolment forms will be given out to those interested. These need to be filled in and returned next week. Lessons begin on Friday 2nd March. If you have any queries please phone Greg @ 3124703 or 0220121556

IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)

We have had a few children become infected with Impetigo (you say, im-pa-ty-go), also known as school sores, causes blisters on exposed parts of body, such as hands, legs and face. The blisters burst and turn into a sore with a yellow crust that gets bigger each day. This is highly contagious and needs to be treated.

Time off school - Until sores have dried up or 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has started.

ICAS Tests – years 3 to 6 students

The subjects assessed in ICAS are Digital Technologies, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. Each year, a team of subject experts develop the tests. Experts write skills-based assessments designed to assess the level of competency a student possesses in each subject area.


If you would like to look at the practice tests head to <https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/download-practice-questions>.

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the permission slip available from the office and return it, with payment to the school no later than 15 March 2018.

Please note late entries will not be accepted.

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SCHOOL CROSSING HELP



HELP!! We need parents or friends of the school to help our children on crossing duty in the morning from 7.50am to 8.30am for Tuesday and Thursday. This is a very busy time for traffic and we need to keep our children safe when crossing the road. If you can help please leave your contact details with the office.

ABSENCE AND LATE TO SCHOOL – Please ensure you contact the office to advise if your child is going to be absent or late to school.

If you do not advise, the school and we are unable to contact you your child will be marked as Truant from school.