

Ilminster Intermediate Newsletter

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Kia ora, Ilminster hāpori and whānau!

A very warm welcome back to Term Two! We hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed some quality whānau time. The start to the term has been a busy one with plenty of opportunities on hand for our students. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through this term.

We are delighted to welcome Matua Raniera to our team this term. Matua Raniera joins us as our new Music Teacher and will also be taking on the role of Room 7 Centre Teacher in the afternoons. He brings a wealth of talent, passion for music, and aroha for tamariki, we're excited to have him on board!

Term two sees the start of the winter sports season, with many of our students putting their hands up to represent our school and local clubs across a range of codes including rugby, netball, hockey and football. Being involved in sport provides so many valuable benefits, from building teamwork and resilience to developing leadership, confidence and a strong sense of belonging. Ka mau te wehi to all those getting involved, we look forward to cheering you on throughout the season.

A big congratulations to all the students who participated in Pink Shirt Day last week. Your courage and compassion were evident, and it was inspiring to see our school community come together to take a stand against bullying. This important kaupapa reminds us all of the power of kindness, inclusion, and standing up for others. We continue to encourage our students to be Upstanders, not Bystanders when they witness bullying or unkindness together, we make our school a safe and supportive place for all.

Thank you to the whānau who attended our recent Cyber Safety Evening with Tony Scragg and Constable Sam. Your involvement was hugely appreciated, and we hope you gained some valuable insights and practical tips to help keep your children safe in the digital world.

We're also looking ahead to the Rob Cope presentation on 19th June, this is an event not to be missed. Rob's presentation offers a brutally honest look at the online challenges our tamariki are facing and will leave you informed, empowered, and equipped to better support your child in navigating the digital world.

A reminder to all parents and caregivers to stay connected through the HERO app. Updates are regularly posted to the Community Feed and students can check the Student Feed to stay up to date with school notices and upcoming events. This is a great way to stay informed and engaged with everything happening at school. There are so many exciting opportunities for our students this term, from class inquiries, connection classes and sports events to leadership roles and creative endeavours. We can't wait to see them continue to be 'Simply the Best'!

Noho ora mai rā, Stay safe and have a great weekend.

Jonathan Poole
Tumuaki/Principal



ILMINSTER IN ACTION

Poverty Bay Hockey

Our school hockey teams proudly represented us at the Poverty Bay Hockey Intermediate Competition, showing great skill, teamwork, and determination on the field. It is fantastic to see their hard work and training pay off in such a competitive and fun environment. The players demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and made us all proud with their positive attitude and effort.

Ka pai to our hockey stars for their outstanding performances!



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Super 11 Lightweight Rugby

Congratulations to the students who took part in the recent Super 11 Lightweight Rugby competition, proudly representing our school with determination and heart. Our players showed outstanding commitment, giving their all in every match and pushing through against tough opposition. Throughout the tournament, the team consistently demonstrated fair play and respect, both on and off the field. We are incredibly proud of their teamwork, resilience, and the way they upheld our school values.



ILMINSTER IN ACTION

Sci-Tech Waka Building

At the conclusion of Term One, students in Sci-Tech explored identity and connections through the design and construction of waka, linking their learning to the journey of the Horouta waka. This inquiry challenged students to think like engineers and designers, using problem-solving skills to create waka out of cardboard that were both functional and meaningful. Through hands-on building and testing, they deepened their understanding of innovation and teamwork. This learning celebrated the stories of migration while helping students explore their own sense of place and belonging.



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Sci-Tech Waka Building and Testing



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Simply the Best

A huge congratulations to our outstanding Ilminster students who shone at the New Zealand Kayak Nationals in the 12-and-under division, held during the term break. Thomas Bull, Sam Quilter, Ben Quilter (Ormond School), and Moses Mcleod showed incredible teamwork, powering to multiple podium finishes in the K2 and K4 events. Including three individual wins (K1 100m, 200m, 500m) to Thomas Bull. Their outstanding effort, dedication, and unity on the water made us all proud of their incredible achievements and teamwork on the water!



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House Challenge Shadow Boxing

House competitions are continuing this term, with the first up event being shadow boxing! Students are took part in friendly bouts during lunch breaks, showcasing their skills with interesting gestures and body movement in attack and defence, earning points for their houses. Future challenges this term include exciting "Minute to Win It" games that will test strategy and problem solving and a spelling bee. House points are also available for parents if they take part in the upcoming cyber safety evenings. Keep an eye out for more engaging house challenges coming your way!



ILMINSTER INTERMEDIATE

School Uniform

We want our tamariki to look 'SIMPLY THE BEST'. Wearing a school uniform fosters a sense of unity among our students, instilling pride in our school community and themselves. It is essential that the uniform must be worn correctly at all times.

DAILY UNIFORM

Students **must** wear this to school **daily**.

Polo Shirt

- Regulation Cerise Ilminster polo shirt.

Shorts

- Regulation Ilminster dress shorts - navy blue, above the knee.

Track Pants (Term 2 and 3 only)

- Regulation Ilminster Navy (without stripes/bands).

Shoes

- Plain black, below the ankle(no high tops) shoes with no colour (this includes black laces).
- Plain black sandals, worn correctly with backstrap and no straps above the ankle. No socks with sandals.
- Jandals, slides or crocs are NOT permitted.

Socks

- Ilminster school socks or dark blue/black ankle socks- (quarter socks, low-rise socks or shorties, ankle socks show above your shoes, but only a little bit- they do not go above your ankle).

Sweatshirt

- Regulation Navy Blue (optional).

Jacket

- Regulation Ilminster Jacket (optional).

PE UNIFORM

Students **must** bring this to school **daily**.

PE Shirt

Regulation Ilminster shirt.

PE Shorts

Regulation Ilminster shorts - navy blue, above the knee.

Swimwear

- Swimming shorts (not below the knee) only are to be worn in the pool.
- Boys - no boxer shorts / underwear in the pool.
- Girls - full togs, no bikinis. Rash-vests and swimming shorts permitted over garments.
- PE uniform is not to be worn as swimwear.

OTHER ASPECTS OF UNIFORM

Jewellery

Small plain studs are optional for ears only. A taonga maybe worn. No other jewellery is permitted.

Hair

Hair must be kept tidy at all times, long hair needs to be tied for when attending connections for health and safety purposes.

Hats

- Students are strongly encouraged to wear a sun hat outside. Plain navy or black hats only.
- Hats to be worn the correct way around and both hats and beanies removed when indoors.
- Plain navy / black / dark blue beanies are permitted in terms 2 and 3.

Make-up

NO make-up (including tinted lip balms and fake eyelashes) or coloured nail polish permitted.

Thermals / Long Sleeves

If you are wearing these items, they must be under your regulation school uniform and not visible.



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Key Dates Term Two 2025

2nd June - Kings Birthday

16th June - Matariki Week

19th June - Rob Cope - Keeping our kids Safe Online

20th June - Matariki Day

23rd June - Board Meeting

27th June - School Cross Country

27th June - Last Day of Term

Note: Depending on circumstances we may not attend all events. Dates are subject to change.

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Super 11 Sports Term Two

Iminster Intermediate has the opportunity to participate in over 30 Super 11 events throughout the year, hosted by intermediate schools across the Bay of Plenty and Poverty Bay regions. These are typically one-day competitions, with teams sometimes traveling and staying overnight near host schools for events outside Gisborne. We welcome expressions of interest for coaching these exciting and competitive events, which provide valuable opportunities for student growth and teamwork. While we aim to involve as many students as possible, selection is based on team requirements and event criteria.

WEEK	EVENT	DATE	WHERE	HOST SCHOOL
6	MOUNTAIN BIKING	FRIDAY 6th June	ROTORUA	MOKOIA
7	INDOOR BOWLS	FRIDAY 13th JUNE	TAURANGA	TAURANGA INT
7	ULTIMATE FRISBEE	FRIDAY 13th JUNE	GISBORNE	GIS INT
8	RUGBY LEAGUE - TBC	THURSDAY 19th JUNE	ROTORUA	ROTORUA INT

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Office hours and Afterschool pick ups

OFFICE HOURS ARE 8AM TO 3:30PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up from school by 3pm unless you have made prior arrangements with the office.

