

Kia ora koutou whānau,

Welcome back to Term Four! It's hard to believe we've reached the final term of the year already. Just like every other term, learning remains our key focus and there are still plenty of exciting opportunities ahead for our students to engage in and shine. For some, Term Four can feel like the end is in sight, and it can be tempting to switch off early, but being Simply the Best means maintaining high expectations and finishing the year strongly.

A reminder that Term Four marks a return to summer uniform. With the warmer weather upon us, please ensure tamariki are dressed appropriately for the heat to avoid exhaustion.

A gentle reminder that phones are not permitted at school under Government regulations. If your child needs to bring one, it must be handed into the office on arrival. Any phone found in a student's possession during the day will be confiscated and whānau will need to collect it from the office. We appreciate your help in supporting this expectation.

With the warmer nights, it's especially important for our developing adolescents to get a good night's sleep. Adequate rest supports learning, concentration, mood, and overall wellbeing. Some tips to encourage a good night's sleep include maintaining a consistent bedtime routine, limiting screen time and gaming before bed, keeping bedrooms cool and comfortable and engaging in relaxing activities such as reading or quiet conversation. By establishing a strong sleep routine, our students will be better prepared for the learning day ahead.

Our attendance data for term 3 was not pleasant reading with only 26% of our student population attending school regularly. Regular attendance is essential for student learning and wellbeing, and this is an area where we need to see improvement. Being at school every day helps students stay up to date with lessons, build positive relationships with peers and teachers and fully engage in all the opportunities on offer. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the school office directly either through the HERO app or by phone. This ensures we are aware of the absence and prevents you from receiving an automated text message from the school. Your support in maintaining consistent attendance is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference to your child's learning.

Please keep an eye on our newsletters and the HERO community feed for updates on upcoming events. There's plenty to look forward to, including Super 11 exchanges, Turanganui-A-Kiwa Festival Kapa Haka performance, the Year 8 Ball, our whole school pool day, Year 6 and 8 orientation days, and our end of year prizegiving.

With such a busy and exciting term ahead, let's continue to support one another to ensure it's an extremely positive one for all.

Ngā manaakitanga

Jonathan Poole
Tumuaki | Principal



ILMINSTER IN ACTION

OPC Camp

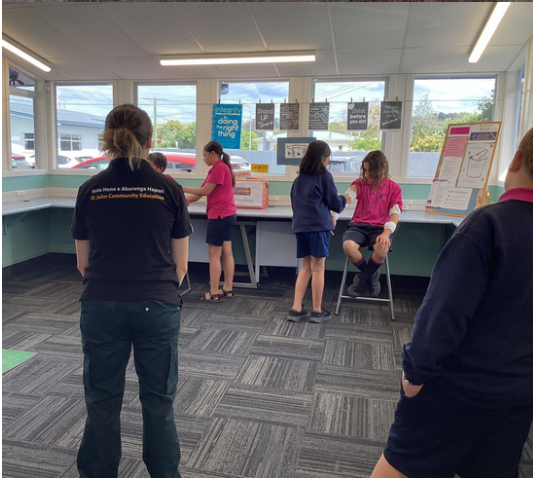
Our recent OPC adventure was full of teamwork, challenge, and unforgettable experiences in the great outdoors. Learners stepped outside their comfort zones, tramping through the forest, tackling high ropes, and even sleeping marae-style in Joe's Cave after a night of campfire stories and marshmallows. The group showed incredible resilience and cooperation, supporting each other through every new challenge. A huge thank you to Matua Frank for his outstanding organisation and to Natalie Teutenberg for her wonderful support throughout the trip.



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Cooking ECA's and first Aid

Learners in our Food Science programme had a valuable session with Laurel Mitchell from Hato Hone St John, who ran a first aid workshop tailored to our Food Room. The focus was on injury prevention and how to respond safely if an accident occurs during food preparation. On Wednesday, our ECA Food Science group explored the fascinating science behind pickling through a hands-on investigation. We're looking forward to using produce from our school garden, grown through the Scitec garden project, in future sessions.



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Michel Mulipola Workshop

We were privileged to have Michel Mulipola visit our school this week! Michel is a professional comic artist, storyteller, and pro NZ wrestler who has worked alongside of WWE comics and illustrated for a range of well known publications including Marvel comics. He shared his inspiring journey of turning his passions into a successful career, encouraging our tamariki to chase their own dreams with confidence and determination. His visit reminded us that when you follow what you love, amazing opportunities can come 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 four 2025

27th October - Labour day
 11th November - School Photos
 13th November - Kapa Haka Festival performance
 18th November - Year 6 and 8 Orientation Days
 20th November - Patrol Wardens Pool Day
 27th November - Matauranga Ends
 4th December - Year 8 Ball
 5th December - Pool Day
 12th December - Prizegiving
 12th December - 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 four

Ilminster 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	Venue
4	VOLLEYBALL	FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER	TAURANGA
5	BEACH CHALLENGE	THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER	GISBORNE
5	TRIATHLON	FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER	GISBORNE
6	CRICKET (GIRLS)	FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER	FERGUSSON PARK
7	ATHLETICS	FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER	TAURANGA

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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.

