

Kia ora, Ilminster hāpori and whānau!

Welcome to the Ilminster Intermediate Whānau!

Kia ora koutou and a warm welcome to our returning students and their whānau, as well as those joining us for the first time. We are excited to kick off a fantastic new school year filled with learning, growth, and success.

A special mihi to our newest staff members: Koka Ngaire Rhodes, who steps into the role of Assistant Principal, and Mrs Kelly Hansen, who joins us as a Challenge and PE teacher. We are also delighted to welcome Northern Health School, their staff, and tamariki to our site. It's great to have you as part of our school community.

It was fantastic to give everyone the warm welcome they deserve with a rousing pōwhiri. We look forward to seeing the energy, talents, and contributions our new students and staff will bring as we continue striving to be simply the best at Ilminster Intermediate.

Stay Connected with Hero

Hero is our key communication tool for sharing updates and important information. Keep an eye on the community page for the latest news and updates. You can also use the Hero app to report student absences quickly and easily.

New School Lunches

The government's new school lunch program has begun! Please be aware that there may be some teething problems as we get things up and running. If your child has specific dietary requirements, it may be wise to send them with their own kai until everything is sorted. Forms regarding dietary allergies have been sent home via email and hardcopy for those we are aware of. These forms will be sent on to the Ministry of Education for approval and to be entered into the system, please be mindful that food allergies will be considered for special dietary requirements, lifestyle choices may be declined. This decision is out of our hands. For reasonable eaters, you may also need to pack some extra food to keep them fueled for the day.

We are looking forward to the year ahead and working alongside whānau to support our tamariki to be simply the best!

Ngā mihi nui

Jonathan Poole
Tumuaki/Principal



ILMINSTER IN ACTION

Welcome to the Ilminster Whānau

Our welcome pōwhiri was a heartfelt way to embrace new whānau, students, and staff, fostering a strong sense of belonging. It was fantastic to give everyone the warm welcome they deserve, including the Northern Health School, while honouring tradition and connection. Our pōwhiri set a positive tone for meaningful relationships and collaboration. We look forward to the energy, talents, and contributions our new students and staff will bring as we continue striving to be simply the best at Ilminster Intermediate.



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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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Lockdown Practice

As part of keeping our school safe we need to be able to respond safely and quickly to a range of emergency situations. We work alongside an independent company, Harrison Tew ®, who specialises in emergency management planning for schools, whose procedures have been successfully implemented in hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand.

As part of maintaining our emergency procedures in our school, specialised training is being conducted with our senior leadership and staff by Harrison Tew ® on Wednesday 26th February 2025. The students will also receive information on how to respond in an emergency directed at their respective age groups from their teacher and our advisor at Harrison Tew ®. We will then be conducting a lockdown exercise under the guidance and support of Harrison Tew ®.

During the exercise you will receive a notification via text and on our facebook page from the school, so it is important that your emergency contact details are up to date and correct. The notification will emphasise that this is an exercise/practice and will explain that all updated information will then be posted on the school website.

In a genuine incident, should you become aware of a lockdown or evacuation at the school, can I please ask that you do not attend the school or phone, as we will not be able to respond. Your presence or contact may make it more difficult for us or the emergency services to manage a situation and our focus is on keeping our students and staff on site safe.

We thank you for your support.



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Key Dates Term One 2025

6th February - Waitangi Day
3rd February - School Swimming instruction begins
10th February - Mātauranga Learning Groups Commence
11th February - Whānau Evening / Meet the Teacher
26th February - Lockdown Practice
Further dates to be added

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

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Super 11 Sports Term One

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	WHERE	HOST SCHOOL
3	CRICKET (BOYS)	THURS 20th & FRIDAY 21st FEB	FERGUSSON PARK	OTUMOETAI INT
5	SURFING	FRIDAY 7th MARCH	MT MAUNGANUI	MT MAUNGANUI INT
6	TENNIS	FRIDAY 14th MARCH	WHAKATANE	WHAKATANE
7	SWIMMING	FRIDAY 21st MARCH	ROTORUA	KAITAO INT
9	TOUCH RUGBY	FRIDAY 4th APRIL	ROTORUA	MOKOIA INT

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Office hours and Afterschool pick ups

OFFICE HOURS ARE 8AM TO 3PM 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.

