

Kia ora, Ilminster hapori and whānau!

As we near the end of this week, we find ourselves just four weeks away from the conclusion of the school year. This term has been filled with numerous activities and events that have engaged our tamariki in meaningful ways.

Well done to our school volleyball teams who travelled to Tauranga to represent our school. Your determination and commitment during each game, as well as the embodiment of our school values and vision, were evident in each game. Thank you to Matua Tom, Mr. Simmons, and Koka Donu for their dedication in preparing the teams, ensuring they were ready to face strong competition.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the recent Beach Challenge and Triathlon against Bay of Plenty intermediate schools. Your energy and dedication were evident throughout the events! A special thank-you goes to Mr Hooks, Mr Simmons, John Scott, and Graham Lawson for their unwavering support in training our athletes, and to the staff and students who volunteered as marshals to help the events run smoothly. Your contributions were key to making the day a success. A notable mention goes to Couper Reid, who secured third place in the Year Seven individual boys' category—a fantastic achievement that we are all proud of.

We also extend a huge shout-out to our Kapa Haka group for their outstanding performance at the Tūranganui a Kiwa Festival. Your powerful display celebrated and honored our connection to te ao Māori and our cultural heritage. We are grateful to Mrs. Ewe and our dedicated tutors, Samantha Cotter and Nicole Beach, for their tireless work and passion in preparing the group for this significant event.

We were privileged to host 13 Intermediate Principals from across the Bay of Plenty, Waikato, and Tūranganui. They were greatly impressed by our students' positive behavior and the welcoming atmosphere of our school. A big thank-you to our student leaders for their exceptional roles as tour guides and ambassadors, showcasing the very best of our school.

Finally, we are pleased to see our students taking pride in wearing the correct uniform and raising their standards to be 'simply the best'. Keep up the great work, everyone! We look forward to maintaining this momentum and ending the school year on a positive note.



Jonathan Poole
Tumuaki/Principal



ILMINSTER IN ACTION

Kapa Haka festival

The Tūranganui a Kiwa Festival was a breathtaking performance that honored our deep-rooted connection to te ao Māori and our rich cultural heritage. With passion and unwavering determination, our performers lit up the stage, weaving together powerful stories and traditions through kapa haka, whilst making connection to the whenua in which our stands upon and the acknowledgment of our mana whenua, Ngāti Oneone. Our performance was just 'Simply the Best', 'Te Taumata o Angitu'!



ILMINSTER IN ACTION

Beach Challenge

The Beach Challenge event at Midway Beach Surf Club brought together intermediate schools from across the Bay of Plenty and Gisborne for an exciting day of competition, in perfect weather conditions. Students showcased their skills in a variety of high-energy events, including Beach Flags, Beach Sprint Relay, and the challenging Run/Swim Relay. The Run/Board Relay tested participants' endurance, while the Mixed Team Relay fostered teamwork and strategy to complete a challenging course.



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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Notices and Upcoming Events

Uniform Standards: We are lifting our uniform expectations for the remainder of the term, we want our tamariki to look 'SIMPLY THE BEST'. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day. Students must wear cerise and dress shorts to school. The PE uniform is for students to wear when they are doing PE and when they are playing/practicing in teams at intervals and lunchtimes. Students are not to wear mufti clothing - hoodies, trackpants, beanies, sports socks, coloured shoes etc. Crocs will still be allowed to be worn for the remainder of term four (black only). These will no longer be permitted from term one, 2025.

Students who do not have correct uniform, will be followed up with a letter home and a phone call to have their correct uniform arranged to be dropped off at school.

Cell Phones: If your child is needing to bring a phone to school to connect with you after school, these need to be handed in the school office at the beginning of the day. Any student in breach of this will have their phone taken off them and whānau will have to come in to collect this.

Absentees: If your child is away from school, please make sure that you let the office know why they are away by either ringing or using the HERO app, which is the preferred method.

Swimming term 4: Swimming for term four has started. Please get your child to check in with their timetables to know when to bring their togs for this.

Key Dates Term four

25th November - Athletics Tabloid Day

26th November - Year 6 open day, Year 8 High school visits

12th December - Year 8 Ball

13th December - Pool Day

16th December - Teacher Only Day

18th December - Prizegiving

18th December - Last Day of Term. School closes 12:30pm

