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Wesley Intermediate

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Tēnā koutou katoa, Talofa Lava, Bula Vinaka, Mālō e Lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Nihao, Namaste, Kia orana, Assalamu Alaikum, warm greetings to you all.

SPECIALIST TEACHING PROGRAMME

Intermediate School is a transition phase of schooling between Primary and Secondary School. During this time students experience rapid growth and change. It is a time to discover gifts, talents and abilities that they might foster as they develop and grow.

Part of a good, well-rounded Intermediate School programme of learning is the Specialist Teaching Programme. In the past this might have been called "Tech" and was focussed on things like Metal Work, Wood Work, Cooking and Sewing. In our school we have prioritised the Technology and Arts Curriculums for our Specialist Programme. In Terms One and Two all students will experience Specialist Teaching in Visual Art and Food Technology.

We are fortunate to have two exceptional teachers in our Specialist Teaching Team, Ms Pollak in Technology and Ms Botica in The Arts. These photos show students in action in our Art and Food Tech classrooms.

Currently in Visual Art students are learning a range of drawing and painting techniques. In Food Technology students are learning about foods from different cultures, incorporating a range of different preparation, cooking and hygiene skills.



Ms Botica
The Arts



Ms Pollak
Technology





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VALUES TOKENS

Ākonga at Wesley Intermediate receive tokens for displaying our school values, and each token goes into a draw at Friday's assembly. Over the past couple of weeks students have chosen extra swimming time, hot chocolate or lunch with Whaea Rachel or a Juicie with friends at a break time as recognition of their efforts. It is wonderful to see our students embracing and demonstrating our values: Whanaungatanga|Belonging, Rangatiratanga|Leadership and Hiranga ki mua|Excellence.



STRENGTHS AND ASPIRATIONS PROGRAMME

We are excited to be able to enhance our ākonga experience at Intermediate School by offering a range of programmes that they can opt into. At the moment the programmes that they can be part of are: Wesley Culture Crew - learning and performing songs and dances from a range of different cultures; Kaitiaki Group - caring for the environment and the school gardens; and Manaakitanga Group - learning to serve others. As the year progresses we will be adding to the programmes that are on offer. Please encourage your child to keep an eye on the Daily Notices and to get involved in things that they have strengths in or that they aspire to learn more about.

We are grateful to be supported by two community organisations, The Salvation Army and Global Hope Missions who run leadership/mentoring programmes for us. James from The Salvation Army runs the Aspire Programme with a group of Year 8 students. Peter from Global Hope runs the Moana Pasifika programme with a group of Year 7 students.

We look forward to being able to share the learning and performances that arise from being part of these programmes later in the year. If you would like to be involved in sharing one of your own strengths with a group of students, please get in touch with us!

Thank you for supporting the teachers at our school with keeping your child/children at home yesterday while we were striking. It is my hope that the government listens and we can resolve the issues with the Collective Agreement and prevent any further disruption. Have a great weekend. Ngā mihi nui, Whaea Rachel