



# WHĪTAU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTER NO 20: 27 June 2019

**WHĪTAU  
SCHOOL**

221 Woodham Road, Christchurch 8062 Phone (03) 389 8112, Mobile 027 758 1467

eMail: [office@whitau.school.nz](mailto:office@whitau.school.nz) [www.whitau.school.nz](http://www.whitau.school.nz)

Find us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/WhTtauSchool>

*Take care of our children. Take care of what they hear,  
Take care of what they see, take care of what they feel.  
For how the children grow, so will be the shape of Aotearoa’.*

*Dame Whina Cooper*

## KEY DATES - PLEASE KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!

<b>This Week</b>	<b>Tomorrow</b>	8.30am St Chad’s Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 10.30am Extra Term 2 School Cultural Trip to NZSO concert at Town Hall Mid Year Reports and Student Self Assessments issued to all students <i>*Please take time to check the Lost Property in the School Office if you are missing school uniform</i>
<b>Next Week</b>	Tues-Wed 2/3 July Thurs 4 July (Korāri Only) <b>Wednesday 3 July</b> <b>Thursday 04 July</b>  <b>Friday 5 July</b> - Last day of Term Two	2pm - 7pm Student Led Learning Conferences and Goal Setting Interviews <u>- School will finish at 2pm Tuesday and Wednesday only</u>  8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 2.30pm SCHOOL DISCO planning meeting in Board Room - parents welcome! 8.30am St Chad’s Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room <b>GOLD AWARDS LEARNING CELEBRATION</b> Sausage Sizzle Lunch \$2 orders to class by 9am today
<b>Coming Up</b>	<b>Monday 22 July</b> - First day of Term Three <b>Friday 09 August</b>	<b>Term 3 begins - Winter uniform. Kids Can jackets to school daily please</b>  Crazy for KidsCan Day - School Discos - Juniors and Seniors

**OUR WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER IS ISSUED EVERY THURSDAY. PLEASE READ IT!**

Whakatauki of the Week:

*‘Ko te mutunga orange, he timatatanga kaha’ -  
‘Winning starts with beginning’*

**SHARP**

**KidsCan**  
Supporting Disadvantaged Kiwi Kids

**Kids  
Base**

Principal: Sandra Smith, JP

[principal@whitau.school.nz](mailto:principal@whitau.school.nz)

Board of Trustees Chairperson: Alexandra Davids

[boardchair@whitau.school.nz](mailto:boardchair@whitau.school.nz)

**We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner**

## From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whītau School  
*Kia ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Māiō e lelei! Greetings everyone!*

### Celebrating Whītau School Achievements

- Our Year 1 - Year 4 Jump Jam team who were awarded an excellence for sportsmanship and a merit for their presentation
- Our School Basketball team for their amazing win last week against Linwood Avenue School 14 - 4
- The first win of the season for the Tamai Rugby team against Merivale -Papanui
- The number of positive comments I receive from visitors about our wonderful students
- Our positive, enthusiastic new Board of Trustees
- Our Learning Achievements - do read your child's Learning Team Term review newsletters



### Board of Trustees

Our Board of Trustees held their first meeting after school yesterday. The Board have unanimously co-opted Alexandra Davids to the Board for governance expertise and elected her to be the new Board Chairperson. You may contact Alexandra at anytime via email [boardchair@whītau.school.nz](mailto:boardchair@whītau.school.nz) or by cellphone 021 308 440.

### Our Roll Growth Classrooms

The construction of our new Senior Block, **Kāmata**, is speeding along and the builders, HRS Construction hope to have the roof on and the building wrapped by the end of term. The design of the new block follows the design of the other classroom blocks with the addition of interior sliding doors between classrooms, so they can be opened to create larger learning spaces when required. After the completion of the building during Term 4, we will be equipping the block with new furniture and equipment ready for use by Year 5 and 6 at the start of 2020. Next year the **Kārawha** and **Kōrari** Blocks will swap over year levels to allow a smooth transition of our students through the year levels from our Reception class **Te Kura Waka**. **Kākano** will remain the Junior Block.

### School Uniform

Schooltex have advised that they will replace any new items of school uniform with the Whītau logo on where the logo has been put on crooked! Please inquire at The Warehouse Eastgate. As sizes in our former LNS school uniform sell out they will be replaced by the new Whītau School uniform.

**Please ensure your child comes to school warmly dressed! It is NOT acceptable for students to be arriving at school on these cold frosty mornings dressed only in their green polo shirts. All children should have their KidsCan jacket at school daily please.**

### NZPF Conference

Next week I will be away from school attending the New Zealand Principals Conference in Auckland. The theme of the conference is **'Renaissance not Reformation'**. Currently there is huge potential change, given the acknowledgement by many of the need to refresh our education system in Aotearoa NZ. The learning at the conference will be about the time for renewal, new beginnings and 'big' step change in our sector, rather than the addition of continuous layers of smaller changes such as we have seen since the introduction of Tomorrow's Schools in 1989. The Maori whakatauki – **'Kotahi te tapuwae, he mano, he mano kei muri'** – (the first footprint is followed by 1000s upon 1000s), acknowledges where we have come from and that what we do today will impact on the future of those to come. In my absence next week, Miss Amy Collins will be Acting Principal.

Kind regards everyone

Sandra Smith, JP

Principal - Tumuaki

## Weekly Principal's Class Awards

These awards are presented at Team Whānau Time on Monday at 9am. Families are most welcome to join us in the School Hall. The following awards will be presented next Monday:

**Class Awards for 'Caught Being Good as Gold' using our School Values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning:**

Weston Burton	TKW	For showing confidence in class at mat time
Ashton Lewis	Room 1	For being independent and completing all of his morning jobs by himself
Jayden Churchill	Room 2	For being focused during our Writing workshop and being a responsible learner
Ataahua Masiu	Room 3	For being respectful and responsible with our class property
Lexie Eades	Room 4	For being a kind member of our class
Ezekiel Matau	Room 5	For excellent listening at KiwiCan
Josiah Pitama	Room 6	For being helpful and taking on extra responsibilities in the class
Klara de Waal	Room 7	For her focus and following the school values
Sapphire L-S	Room 8	For her can-do attitude in her learning
Kera Miles	Room 9	For always being focused and being a great role model
Ava Yazdanpanah	Room 10	For always being a helpful citizen showing the school values
Zoe Glintmeyer	Room 11	For supporting others in their learning

**Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:**

Aria Goodwin	TKW	For showing improvement in her Reading
Katie Nicol	Room 1	For showing great improvement in her Reading
Raymeo-Lee L-D	Room 2	For working hard in independent writing and thinking about his sounds
Alin Tamang	Room 3	For extending himself in Reading and adding expression
Yuhan Oliva	Room 4	For consistently trying his best in all areas of learning
Riley Smith	Room 5	For persistence at Maths time
Sulola Asanso	Room 6	For her creative contributions to our class Korowai cloak
Nevaeh Elliott	Room 7	For her creative story writing
Naomi Ashwell	Room 8	For her perseverance and success in Maths
Justine Teh	Room 9	For focusing on her writing and producing a great persuasive letter
Lilly M-B	Room 10	For continuing improvements in her Writing
Jaydhen Kumar	Room 11	For writing a wonderful Haiku



**Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room 7**

**Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 4**

**Weekly Winning House - Ngarimu**

## Mathletics Results from Week 8

At Whītau School, the Board of Trustees fund Mathletics for each child to access online in class and at home. This means that learning can be ubiquitous as learning can happen at home, at school or anywhere.

**If your child does not have access to Mathletics, please see your child's teacher for their login details.**

**The top Mathletics Classes were:**

Kākano: Room 2

Karawha: Room 7

Kōrari: Room 11

**The top Mathletics students were:**

Kākano: Maia Hiku (Room 2)

Karawha: Adriana Vaoga (Room 6)

Kōrari: Abraham Vaoga (Room 11)

## Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 9

This week our focus is: **Be A Learner - Ask for help when you need it**



**What does this look like at home?**

- ⇒ Look at the person
- ⇒ Ask the person if she or he has time to help you
- ⇒ Clearly explain the kind of help that you need

