



WHĪTAU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**WHĪTAU
SCHOOL**

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*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!

This Week	Thursday 6 February Friday 7 February	Waitangi Day. School closed for instruction MOE Teacher Only Day No 1. School closed for instruction
Next Week	Monday 10 February Wednesday 12 February Friday 14 February	All children require their Stationery Packs to use in class. \$40.00 from the School Office. NB THIS IS THE ONLY PARENT COST FOR 2020 9am Mihi Whakatau Whole School Assembly in the School Hall to welcome our new students and their whānau Fruit in School daily delivery starts 8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the sKids Room Lunchonline Commences - order and pay for Subway Lunch 8.30am St Chad’s Breakfast Club in the sKids Room
Coming Up	Friday 21 February	Sausage Sizzle Lunch, fortnightly, even weeks 4, 6, 8 & 10. \$2 per sausage. Orders to classroom teacher by 9am please

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

Whakatauki of the Week:

‘Moea tō poi, Moea tō taiaha’ - ‘Be prepared’

Principal: Sandra Smith, JP

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Board of Trustees Chairperson: Alexandra Davids

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We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Wh Ttau School
Kia ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Māōe lelei! Greetings everyone!



A very warm welcome indeed to WhTtau School for 2020. We are starting the year with close to 280 students. Our school roll is now only open for out of zone enrolments for New Entrant students. Thank you to all parents who attended the Meet the Teacher Learning Conferences on Thursday and Friday. We hope you found the meeting as worthwhile as the teachers did. Thank you too for ensuring your children look so smart and proud in their School Uniforms to start the year. It is really lovely to all be back at school together for the exciting year ahead of our learning theme **'Today a reader... tomorrow a leader'**.

Exciting news - SUBWAY Lunch Online orders commence next Wednesday!

We are really excited that our Board of Trustees has opted into trialling a Healthy Lunch Online system where families can order Subway Lunch for the children to be delivered to the School on Wednesdays starting next week. The trial is for Term 1 so we really need to get on board and order! Come to the School Office if you have any questions or require support to register your family account.

WOW

Subway to deliver to Whittau School in 2020, every Wed

First Wednesday delivery date is
Wed 12th Feb !!

It's simple; all you need to do is register at
www.lunchonline.co.nz
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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Helpful Hints for all WhTtau School Parents - please read!

School Hours - All children are officially required to be in class ready to learn by 9am and leave their class at 3pm. It is a legal requirement for all children in New Zealand to attend school for six hours daily, once they are enrolled at school and all schools are required to report all cases of unexplained absence (truancy) to the Ministry of Education. Miss Black and Miss Collins are our Attendance Officers.

PLEASE - Be Respectful and Responsible at all time and model our School Values to your children. All of our staff are here to do our very best always to ensure your children are safe, happy and learning.

Safety - Safety for all is paramount. Please park safely in the allocated car parks in Rowcliffe Crescent or Woodham Road or use the Ngarimu Street or Holland Street entrances. **NO DOUBLE PARKING, USING THE MOBILITY, PRESCHOOL OR THE STAFF CAR PARKS at any time please.** Please use the footpaths and do not walk through the carparks with your children. *Please do not use the mobility car parks unless you have a permit, as we do have whānau with limited mobility who need to use these car parks daily.*

Communication To and From School

- **School Newsletter** - Every week your family will receive our School Newsletters digitally on Thursdays via SeeSaw. Our weekly School Newsletter can also be found on the School Website.
- **School Facebook** - Please like and follow our WhTtau School facebook page for all up to date news.
- **School Website** - All general information about our school will be updated on our website as required.
- **Texts from School** - From time to time you may receive important reminders, or any emergency messages by text.
- **Medical** - The School Office will inform you asap if they have concerns about any illness or an injury that your child has sustained.
- **Family Emergency Contact Details** - It is a legal requirement that our School Office has up to date contacts, names and phone numbers that are active, for every student for their parents/caregivers and emergency contacts at all times please.

Before School

- **Student Absences** - Please ring or text the School Office by 9am
- **8.30am** - School Office opens and students and their parents are welcome in class to participate in Before School activities. Children who arrive before 8.30am are required to wait outside their classrooms.
- **Bikes and Scooters** - All children are required to walk their bike or scooter through the school grounds and lock them in the bike stand by the Centennial Library.
- **Uniform** - Our school colours are red, green, black and white. Black shoes or sandals and black or white socks to be worn please. Students may wear a cultural pendant. No jewellery, only stud earrings to be worn for safety only please. No nail polish to be worn. Shoulder length hair is required to be tied up for head lice protection.
- **Class Instruction** begins at 9am and finishes at 3.00pm.

During School Time

- **WhTtau School Timetable**

8.30am	School Office and Classrooms open
9.00am	School begins. School roll completed. Absences noted to School Office
10.00am	Daily Fitness followed by Brain Food Snack - a sandwich and milk in classes
11.00 - 11.20am	Playtime followed by Morning Tea in classes
12.30 - 1.00pm	Lunch Time play
1.00pm	Lunch eating in classes
1.15pm	Afternoon Roll completed and absences noted

2.00pm	Fruit Break
2.45pm	Class Reflection Time
3.00pm	School ends
3.10pm	All students who have not been collected are taken to the School Office
3.15pm	School Office closes

- **Sunhats** - A School sun hat will be issued to every student for Terms 1 and 4 and are compulsory to be worn outside during school hours. Students may have their own personal school sunhat.
- **Visitors** - During the school day, including lunch time, all parents and visitors must report to the School Office to sign in before visiting classrooms.
- **Morning Tea and Lunch** - We are a 'Play, Eat, Learn' school. All children eat in their classrooms, supervised by the class teacher. ***Your child requires a named water bottle, a healthy lunch and one extra sandwich for the class Brain Snack at 10am.*** Please note we are a Health Promoting School - water only, no takeaways, no sweets. Please ensure your child has their lunch at school with them at 9am. We do not heat food or provide spoons and all food rubbish goes home for you to monitor.
- **Class Stationery Packs** - **\$40.00 payable at the School Office. Required by the start of Week 2 please. Automatic payments can be set up to cover the cost of the stationery pack.**
- **Home Learning** - All children will have daily Home Learning from Week 3.
- **Sausage Sizzle Lunches** - Every second Friday, even weeks. \$2.00 per sausage. Orders to classes by 9am. Cooked by the Student Council as a school environment fundraiser.

After School

- All children in Kākano/Kehakai and Kārawha Learning Teams are to be collected from their classrooms by an adult.
- At 3.10pm, all children not collected from classrooms, are taken by teachers to the School Office.
- Our School Office closes at 3.15pm.
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays are our Teacher Meeting Days and teachers will not be available after school.

A very warm welcome to WhTtau School.....

We warmly welcome the following new students who have enrolled at our school. We trust you and your whānau will find our school an awesome, caring school where you will be 'learning to take us places...!'

Room 3: Awanui Brown, Zoey Dunn, Eiliyah Fariq, Grace Hammond, Shanita Manuel, Tamania Riritahi, Logan Shannon, Tyson Simms, Jason Smith, Violet Vendetti, Tahlin Jr Winiata

Room 4: Summer Spale

Room 8: Kawhia Falwasser, Elaynah Wilson-Moore

Room 10: Lakyn Davies, Emily McGrath

Room 13 : Benson Latham-Waikato, Joseph-Jade Lawrence, Amelia McGrath

Room 15: Ngakau Bennett, Awatea Underwood

Kind regards

Sandra Smith, JP

Principal - Tumuaki

Family Contributions 2020

The Board of Trustees has opted into the government's scheme of \$150.00 funding per student for 2020.

This decision was made considering the following factors

- We are a Decile 2 school and our families deserve all the financial support they can access. Many of our students are currently missing out on participating in core curriculum activities and swimming as parents are not paying the Term Activity Fee, EOTC Fee or Aquagym Swimming Fees. All children will be able to participate in the School Swimming programme in 2020 which is transferring to Taiora, QEII Pool.
- Schools that accept the \$150.00 are still able to accept voluntary donations from families.
- Your voluntary donation will be very important for the Board to be able continue to provide the very best opportunities for all our students in 2020.
- We will still be able to offer additional extracurricular activities and trips that parents can opt in to and pay for their children to attend eg to the orchestra, ballet, special concerts etc.

Compulsory Student Stationery packs for each year level, with all requirements for 2020, are available for purchase for \$40.00 PER STUDENT at the School Office.

School Staff 2020

Senior Leadership Team

Ms Sandra Smith JP - Principal

Miss Amy Collins - Deputy Principal

Mr Sam Turner - Associate Principal

Mr Stephen Wood - Associate Principal

Kākano Team

Team Leader: Miss Amy Collins

Ms Sarah Diedrichs - Room 2: Year 0 Teacher (from Term 2)

Miss Tegan Hollis-Ristow - Room 3: Year 1 Teacher

Kekahai Team

Team Leader: Mrs RōisTn Anglesey

Mrs Alison Cox - Room 4: Year 1 Teacher

Mrs RōisTn Anglesey - Room 4: Year 1/2 Teacher

Kārawha Team

Team Leader: Mr Sam Turner

Ms Samantha Sasse - Room 8: Year 2 Teacher

Miss Laura Schulze - Room 9: Year 2/3 Teacher

Mrs Joyce Maria Soosai - Room 10: Year 3 Teacher

Mrs Bryony Bruce - Room 11: Year 3/4 Teacher

Kōrari Team

Team Leader: Mr Stephen Wood

Mr Darrin Mitchell - Room 12: Year 4/5 Teacher

Miss Ruby Leonard - Room 13: Year 4/5 Teacher

Mrs Kelly Heads - Room 14: Year 5/6 Teacher

Mr Stephen Wood - Room 15: Year 5/6 Teacher

Other Teachers

Mrs Meredith Cassidy - Learning Support Co-ordinator

Mrs Bobbie Mackie - Specialist Arts Teacher

Mr Tim Betts - ESOL Teacher

Ms Raewyn Raynel - Reading Recovery Teacher

Ms Sarah Diedrichs - Learning Intervention/Release Teacher (Term 1)

Support Staff

Mrs Megan Palmer - Executive Officer

Miss Jacinda Black - School Secretary

Mr Stewart Russell - School Caretaker

Mrs Elizabeth Rayne, Mrs Paula Anderson, Whaea Jo Bristowe, Ms Nicki Cosgrove, Miss Erin Frisby,

Ms Karen Berry, Miss Ann Marie Fraser, Miss Cheyann Whyte, Mrs Julie-Ann Campbell,

Miss Jayne Williams and Mrs Donna Gould - Learning Assistants

