



WHĪTAU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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	TOMORROW Friday 6 March	8.30am St Chad’s Breakfast Club in the sKids Room Sausage Sizzle Lunch \$2 per sausage. Orders to classroom teacher by 9am please
Next Week	Tuesday 10 March Wednesday 11 March Friday 13 March	sKids Manager onsite - parents are welcome to call in and visit 8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the sKids Room Lunchonline weekly on Wednesdays - order and pay for Subway Lunch online by 9am 8.30am St Chad’s Breakfast Club in the sKids Room
Coming Up	Friday 20 March Friday 27 March Monday 06 April Thursday 09 April Tuesday 28 April 25 - 29 May 25 May - 05 June	Junior Athletics Day (NE-Y3). Shared Lunch - please send a disposable plate of healthy finger food with your child to share for lunch Senior Athletics Day (Y4-6). Shared Lunch - please send a disposable plate of healthy finger food with your child to share for lunch 9am GOLD AWARD LEARNING CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY Last day of school for Term 1 First day of school for Term 2 Kākano and Kehakai Classes: 1 week of Tairoa Swimsmart lessons Karawha and Kōrari Classes: 2 weeks of Tairoa Swimsmart lessons

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

Whakatauki of the Week:

*‘He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata’ -
‘Good will towards others is a precious treasure’*

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We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

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



Gold Awards Learning Celebration



The following wonderful children deserve special congratulations for being chosen as our Gold Award students for February and March. They received their Gold Awards certificates and badges at our Gold Award Learning Celebration on Monday. Their teacher and class recognize them as being 'as good as gold'. They have displayed consistently excellent behaviour, attitude and work both in the classroom and in the playground. You can wear your badges with pride children! Thank you to the whanau who joined us for the celebration. It was great to have so many parents along to enjoy the assembly and celebrate with us.

Female Student	Room 3
Female Student	Room 4
Anthony Watson	Room 5
Lily Wilton	Room 8
Samuel Cave	Room 9
Kyrel James-Mauhara	Room 10

Naomi Pitama	Room 11
Tanvi Naidu	Room 12
Yuhan Oliva	Room 13
Molly Aumua	Room 14
Rocko Parkins	Room 15

Caught Being Good, Caught Being Active Awards

Maddison Milne, Room 10
Piper Snowden, Room 11

Parent Draw

Congratulations to Dorothy Fifita, Peter Hammond, Laura Parkins, Stacey Tamati-Keil & Gary Wilton

School Librarians for 2020

Congratulations to Lucas Doherty, Salote Tuima, Cody Hart-Lee, Anton Lim, Destiny Paintin, Shanelle Tamati-Keil, Shyla Roberts, Josiah Pitama, Adin Kumar and Daimein Kennedy



Coronavirus Update - Be alert but don't be alarmed!

You will have received a school notice this week about the Coronavirus and I continue to receive daily updates from the Ministry of Education. We need to be alert but not alarmed at this stage.

Please reinforce at home the good preventative measures, particularly good hygiene teachers are ensuring happens in class:

- **Washing hands with soap and water** for 20 seconds before and after eating as well as after attending the toilet. *Singing 'Happy Birthday' is the amount of time required to wash!*
- **Covering coughs and sneezes** with clean tissues or with an elbow
- **Putting used tissues in the bin**
- **Please keep students at home if they are unwell**

You can also check for updates on the Ministry of Health website. Seven Sharp shared a helpful video about how to explain the virus to children in a way that is true, but not alarming. I have shared this on the School Facebook page for you to access.

sKids After School Care

Next Tuesday, 10 March the new South Island Manager for sKids will be onsite for the day. If you are interested in finding out more about our exciting After School Programme, do call in and see the staff. Our numbers are rapidly increasing and now we have over twenty children and three staff some days of the week. Once the daily roll reaches 30 students it will be closed, so please enrol your child to secure their space.



Weekly Principal's Class Awards

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

Logan Shannon	Room 3	For being responsible for our class fruit bucket and filling it up every morning
Amazing Va'atiuola	Room 4	For taking responsibility for returning his homework and reading books
Hazel-Lee Linstead	Room 5	For showing the school values and being a great help in class
Lore'al Timo	Room 8	For always showing respect for others' learning time
Te-Amo Kennedy	Room 9	For always showing the school values and being a great help in the classroom
Ayanna Shire	Room 10	For using her WITS in class and being calm on the mat
Sophia Fesway	Room 11	For being a role model and always living the school values
Aaliyah B-U	Room 12	For doing her best to stay focused on her learning
Misty Rochford	Room 13	For always being a helpful and kind friend
Justine Teh	Room 14	For always demonstrating our School Values
Alazne Ioane	Room 15	For leading the Whītau Way by constantly displaying Whanaungatanga

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

Tamania Riritahi	Room 3	For making huge progress in her Writing and always has a positive attitude
Gurnoor Virk	Room 4	For learning his caterpillar words and finding them in the stories he is reading
Seini Fifita	Room 5	For her great picture planning using three star colouring
Declan H-M	Room 8	For working so hard to use his sounds in his stories during writing time
Brianna Solomon	Room 9	For settling into new routines and giving learning a go
Jacob Ship	Room 10	For his hard work and neat handwriting
Skylar Nathan	Room 11	For completing a five page story in Writing
Daimein Kennedy	Room 12	For his hard work in his writing
Brianna Weller	Room 13	For her wonderful work on bar charts
Elshadaye Alemeneh	Room 14	For fabulous descriptive writing
Drake Chesmar	Room 15	For a fantastic reading response with his diorama

LunchOnline - 63 orders again this week! Ka pai!

Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award -

Well done Rooms 10 & 11

A very warm welcome to Whītau School.....

We warmly welcome the following new students who have enrolled at our school this week.

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: Lucas Bates, Shantelle Prasad & Lukas Rasmussen

Room 5: Manaia Te Are

Taha Maori Focus

Each week we have Maori phrases which we try to incorporate into our daily teaching and learning.



Ko te aha tēnei rā? - What day is this?

PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 6



This week our focus is:

Be Respectful - Kind hands, kind feet, kind mouth

What does this look like at home?

- Use kind hands to do good
- Use your feet for appropriate things
- Use kind words towards others



Mathletics Results from Week 5

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/Kehakai: Room 5

Karawha: Room 11

Kōrari: Room 13

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano/Kehakai: Katie Lui Tupai (Room 5)

Karawha: Tāne Norton (Room 11)

Kōrari: Sophie McKenzie (Room 13)

Kind regards everyone

Sandra Smith, JP

Principal - Tumuaki



PARENT DONATIONS

The fabulous new Table Tennis Table we have ordered for our Playground! Thank you Board of Trustees for using our 2019 parent donations towards purchasing this for our school community!



