



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 - Last day of Term Three	8.30am St Chad’s Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 9am Gold Awards Learning Celebration Sausage Sizzle Lunch \$2.00 FINAL DAY FOR TERM 3
Coming Up Next Term	Monday 14 October Monday 28 October Thursday 31 October Monday 4 November Wednesday 6 November Wednesday 13 November Thursday 14 November Friday 15 November Friday 22 November November - various dates Friday 6 December Wednesday 11 December Thursday 12 December	TERM 4 STARTS - Aquagym Swimming in Weeks 1 and 2 - including TKW <i>Please ensure full payment by the end of Term 3 or consistent automatic payments to ensure your child swims Day 1.</i> Due to numbers, all non swimmers will be going to Aquagym to watch the lessons. Labour Day (School Closed) Halloween School Discos Heritage School Photos (Class & Individual) School Choir Christchurch Schools Music Festival <i>Tickets \$10 only available from Ticketek</i> Whole School Trip to Big Band Concert - Town Hall Whole School Trip to the Christchurch Agricultural Show Canterbury Anniversary Day (School Closed) Optional Trip to Royal NZ Ballet - Hansel and Gretel EOTC Team Trips to Quail Island \$30 per child to attend Year 6 Leaver’s Day Celebrations School Prizegiving and final day of Term 4 School closes for 2019

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



Whakatauki of the Week:
*‘Ahakoa he iti kete, he iti nā te aroha’
‘It is the thought that counts’*



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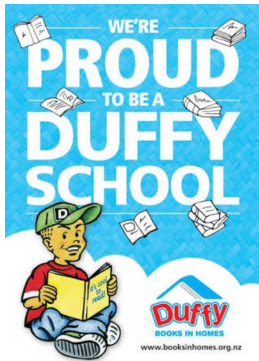
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From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Wh Itau School

Kia ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Mālō e lelei! Greetings everyone!



Duffy Books in Homes

Every student received two free Duffy Books of their choice at Monday's Duffy Books assembly. Your voluntary annual School Donation of \$40.00 ensures that our Board of Trustees is able to fund the \$3,500 we contribute to the Duffy Books programme. We are grateful to Penguin Random House NZ Limited for being our school's sponsor.

Aquagym Swimming

All students are expected to participate in Aquagym Swimming in Weeks 1 and 2 of next term. Our programme is heavily subsidised by the Board of Trustees and Sport Canterbury also contribute. Students who are not swimming will be accompanying their class to the pool as observers as we do not have adequate staff numbers at school to safely cater for the non swimmers.

Wearable Arts

Our Term 3 Learning Celebration of Ngā Toi - The Arts through Myths and Legends was a huge success. Every student 'sparkled like a diamond' on stage and showed us all great learning in the key competencies of creativity, collaboration and using digital technology. Very special thanks must go to our wonderful staff for their incredible efforts to make learning so worthwhile and so much fun!

Gold Awards Learning Celebration

Please come and join us tomorrow at 9.00am to celebrate our 'Good as Gold' learners. One of our students will be presented the Sir Peter Blake Award for their outstanding leadership and being a great role model to their peers. Our new School Indian Dance group tutored by Mrs Maria Soosai will perform and we will draw the lucky winner of the \$50.00 voucher for the recent Parent Community Survey that you were asked to complete.



KINDNESS to SELF

- Do something that makes you happy today
- Exercise for 10 minutes and get your heart pumping
- Smile more often
- Avoid complaining for the entire day
- Create a new game and play it with friends and family
- Take time to practice mindfulness
- Take long slow deep breaths for 3 minutes
- Listen to your favourite music

KINDNESS to FAMILY

- Help with the chores without being asked
- Express your gratitude to your family
- Play a game with a family member
- Wash Mum or Dad's car
- Make a handmade card for someone in your family
- Tidy up after yourself
- Surprise a family member by doing their job for them
- Cook a meal
- Leave a special note on a family member's pillow

KINDNESS to OTHERS

- Write a letter or note to someone out of town and post it
- Bake a cake or your favourite food and deliver it to a friend or someone in need
- Find opportunities to give compliments today
- Say "thank-you" as much as possible
- Hold the door open for the person behind you
- Do something kind for a stranger
- Greet people with a Hug, High Five or Handshake

KINDNESS to PLANET

- Use less plastic
- Drink from a reusable water bottle
- Turn off the lights when you leave the room
- Use reusable shopping bags
- Pick up 5 pieces of litter
- Walk more, drive less
- Recycle
- Make a piece of art work from recycled materials

From Our Board Chairperson, Alexandra Davids

As you already know, Whītau School have just had the Education Review Office visit our school to review how the School's performance is tracking. I want to say a huge thank you to the teachers, students and board members for their team work over that time period. The Board of Trustees look forward to receiving our final report and sharing with you all next term. Well done to all the students who have won classroom awards recently! You are all a credit to the school and help make Whītau a better place for everyone.

Next year the Board of Trustees will opt into the government's offer of \$150.00 per student. This means that your Child's \$10.00 Activity Fee will be covered, as well as all curriculum programmes. Please note that this does not cover the costs of your child's school stationery or school uniform. These remain parent costs.

I hope you all have a fantastic upcoming school holiday!

Kind regards everyone

Sandra Smith, Principal - Tumuaki

Weekly Principal's Class Awards

These awards were presented at Team Whānau Time on Wednesday at 9am. Families are most welcome to join us in the School Hall.

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

Evie McGregor	TKW	For showing 5 on the mat and doing the right thing
Female Student	TKW Rua	For being a helpful and kind friend to our visitors and classmates
Katie Nicol	Room 1	For showing kindness and bringing Miss Ristow a flower each morning
Giovanni Hardy	Room 2	For working hard and showing perseverance
Jayde Jewitt	Room 3	For being a kind friend and becoming a role model in Room 3
Lilly Chesmar	Room 4	For always having a positive attitude and happy smile
Mia Maat	Room 5	For being a good friend to our new student
Damion Hillman	Room 6	For being a kind friend and classmate
Kamya P-S	Room 7	For all the help she has given her classmates making their WOW outfits
Andre Walkinshaw	Room 8	For growing his friendship circle
Molly Aumua	Room 9	For being a motivated learner and always being on task
Zoe Tenorio	Room 10	For trying to be the best she can be every day
Jasmine Houben	Room 11	For always being a kind and caring classmate

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

Luane Tauati	TKW	For showing improvement in reading, knowing her high frequency words
Georgia Yeomans	TKW Rua	For learning all her new reading words
Siuta Tavake	Room 1	For showing loads of improvement in his writing and sounding out of words
Wendy-Lee Nathan	Room 2	For working hard and making great progress in writing
Hunter Swainson	Room 3	For having a fabulous attitude towards learning in all areas
Manaia Suliafu	Room 4	For working hard to do his writing independently
Jacob Ship	Room 5	For being an active Learner at both Home and School
Sienna Tavake	Room 6	For her fluency and expression in Reading
Aashrika Dahal	Room 7	For her great BUCKs work in maths problem solving
Hiram Falanai	Room 8	For his wonderful work in writing
Molly Thomson	Room 9	For her perseverance in solving maths problems
Riley Fraser	Room 10	For working hard and being a great role model in Phonics
Goeff Requinala	Room 11	For excellent expression during Readers Theatre

Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room 2

Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 5

Weekly Winning House - Woodham

Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 10

This week our focus is: **Be Respectful - Move appropriately to the area.**

What does this look like at home?

- Being safe in all environments
- Make sure you are doing the right thing at the right time
- Walking on the footpath when we are walking to school



