



**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	Tomorrow	8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 12.30pm Cultural Festival 2019 at the Horncastle Arena - <i>Adult tickets only available now through Ticketek</i> Kārawha and Kōkari Teams will be attending - <i>Term 3 Activity Fee needs to be paid to attend</i> NO Sausage Sizzle due to the Cultural Festival
Next Week	Monday 16 September Wednesday 18 September Friday 20 September	NZSO Christchurch Performance of Tuia, 11 am - 12 noon - Korari Team attending. FREE From 3pm KIDSBASE AFTERSCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON - Free Sausage Sizzle! 8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room
Coming Up	Wednesday 25 September Friday 27 September Monday 14 October Monday 28 October Wednesday 6 November Friday 15 November	1.30pm and 6pm WhTtau School Wearable Arts Show. ALL STUDENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN 6PM PERFORMANCE PLEASE! 9am Gold Awards Learning Celebration. FINAL DAY FOR TERM 3 TERM 4 STARTS - Aquagym Swimming in Weeks 1 and 2 - <i>Please ensure full payment by the end of Term 3 or consistent automatic payments to ensure your child swims Day 1</i> TKW classes have Aquagym Swimming Weeks 3 and 4. 12 noon - 12.30pm. Labour Day (School Closed) School Choir Christchurch Schools Music Festival - <i>Tickets \$10 available from Ticketek only</i> Canterbury Anniversary Day (School Closed)

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



Whakatauki of the Week:

'Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana'
'A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae'



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We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Wh Ttau School

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



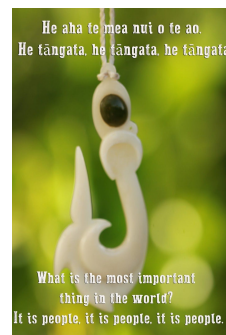
We are all really enjoying our Te Wiki o te Reo - Maori Language week school wide activities. Our students are enjoying getting 'being caught using Te Reo' Awards to be in a lucky draw at School Assembly next Monday. We are looking forward to our School Basketball Team playing in the final against Waitakiri School tonight and our School Kapahaka and Pasifika performance to open the Christchurch Schools Cultural Festival tomorrow. Another busy happy week of learning and fun for everyone at Wh Ttau School!

Seesaw and School Notices

We are thrilled to now have three classrooms - Rooms 1, Room 2 and Room 10 completely signed up to SEESAW! This means these classes are sharing their learning with every family every week and these families can also receive our School Notices through this app. Next term we will be trialling sending our weekly School Newsletter through the SEESAW app as well as a paper copy home with the youngest or only child. **Next year we will only be sending our weekly School Newsletter home through SEESAW, with paper copies of the newsletter available at the School Office.** *You can sign up to 10 family members onto your child's SEESAW account to share their learning and our school news and events with grandparents, aunties, uncles and friends. Please see you Class Teacher if you need support to sign families members on.*

Healthy Lunches

Our staff are concerned that an increasing number of our students are very hungry at school. They are coming to school without breakfast, eating the food they bring before lunch or bringing an inadequate lunch of packet food. All children require a sandwich to eat at 10am Brain Break with their School Milk. We are a Health Promoting School which means water only, no Take Aways for lunch. Currently we do not have enough bread weekly to accommodate the number of lunches that we are having to make to feed our hungry students. Please support your child to be 'fuelled' for learning by ensuring they have a healthy lunch. Please do encourage your children to attend our Breakfast Clubs on Wednesday and Friday mornings!



Our Car Parks

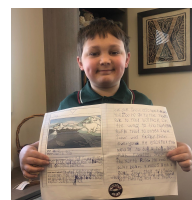
We are sad to have received information from several parents concerned about the speed of cars in our School Carparks, parents walking their children through the car parks. A near miss with a child in the Rowcliffe Crescent car park was reported to us this week! We have erected safety signage as a reminder to DRIVE SLOWLY!

Aquagym Swimming

The timetable for Aquagym Swimming for weeks 1 and 2 next term will be issued in next week's newsletter. Please ensure your child's Aquagym fees have been paid as swimming is a compulsory part of the NZ Curriculum. *Please note that due to our increasing School Roll, the two Te Kura Waka classes will be having their swimming lessons in Weeks 3 and 4 from 12noon - 12.30pm.*

Principals Awards

Congratulations to Jay Gourley-Stewart in Room 9 for his fantastic writing and Vaoepepe Kaleuati in Room 11 for Te Reo Maths digital learning. Ke te pai tamariki!



A very warm welcome to Wh Ttau 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...!'

TKA Rua: Lennon Blake Room 10: Savanna Esmedia

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:

Chase Cameron	TKW	For being a role model to the new students and a good buddy
Max Dawson-Ropata	TKW Rua	For making an excellent start to school and quickly learning class routines
Seth Taitoko	Room 1	For being a great role model in Room 1
Jayden Churchill	Room 2	For having a positive attitude towards learning and making good choices
Ella-Jayde Whyte	Room 3	For being a problem solver who manages herself when learning
Madi Flint	Room 4	For always having a positive attitude
Kaylilah Ah Tong	Room 5	For being a happy and kind friend
Sulola Asanso	Room 6	For her brilliant attitude towards her learning
Amelia Campbell	Room 7	For following the school values and being a good role model
Navallo-Jane Renton	Room 8	For making a huge improvement and having a positive attitude
Piripi Giles	Room 9	For always having kind hands, feet and mouth
Filipo Siumu	Room 10	For using his ignoring muscles in a difficult situation
Niah Suliafu	Room 11	For always living the Whītau School way

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

Ethan Lavaiaamat	TKW	For showing improvement in his story writing
D'Artagnan M-N	TKW Rua	For remembering his new reading words
James Daligdig	Room 1	For being a super star reader and always trying his hardest
Annabel Elliott	Room 2	For being focussed and working on her learning goals
Te-Amo Kennedy	Room 3	For extending himself and becoming more confident in writing
Avannah Toluono	Room 4	For achieving 100% in her basic facts work
Kailani Clough	Room 5	For working consistently to improve her knowledge and learning
Josiah Pitama	Room 6	For his passion for learning new things and applying it to his work
Dylan Chesmar	Room 7	For his infectious enthusiasm around Mathletics
Safina SM	Room 8	For putting in a huge effort in her maths
Peyton Mihaere	Room 9	For her enthusiasm in Maths
Daisy Snowden	Room 10	For her gain in knowledge of all things Viking
Mercy Aumua	Room 11	For working hard to improve her reading

Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room 7 with 73%

Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 3 - second time this term!

Weekly Winning House - Porritt

Mathletics Results from Week 7

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 1
Karawha: Room 7
Kōrari: Room 9

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Lore'al Timo (Room 1)
Karawha: Sophie McKenzie (Room 6)
Kōrari: Molly Aumua (Room 9)

Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 8



This week our focus is: **Be a Learner - Own your actions**

What does this look like at home?

- ⇒ Be honest
- ⇒ Own up to what has happened
- ⇒ Right the wrong that has occurred

Taha Maori Focus

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

Korero maite, huatau, me te tika - speak pleasantly, politely and appropriately

News from the Kākano Team and Miss Collins

The Kākano Team have been busy creating actions, music and costumes working towards our School Wearable Arts Performance on Wednesday 25th September, the last week of this term.

Each class has chosen a myth or legend to retell through actions, music and costumes. They have been weaving this myth and legend into everything they do, including their Writing, Drama and Art. Some of this learning has been done in classes and some in mixed groups across the team. There are lots of works in progress! The students are very excited about sharing their learning at the end of the term.

Classes have also been learning about time. They have learnt time words, been measuring how long things take and how to tell the time to the half hour and the hour. As part of their integrated learning they have been asking how to tell the time in Te Reo Māori too.

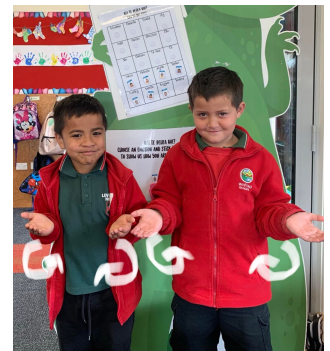


News from Room 3 and Miss Victoria Bernard

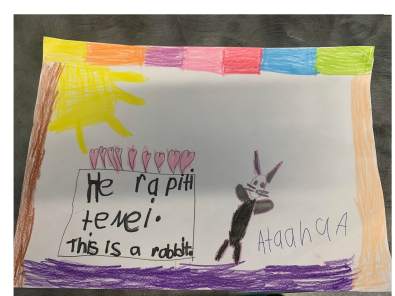
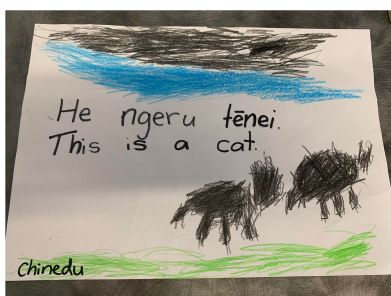
In Room 3 for Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori, we have been learning about Kararehe (animals) and how to introduce them in Te Reo. We are a group of children who love to use all the languages of Aotearoa. Over the last term we have challenged ourselves to use Te Reo and NZSL both in the classroom and on the playground. If you would like to learn some new words in Maori or New Zealand Sign Language then come and ask one of the Room 3 children.



'Friend' in NZSL



'Play' in NZSL



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 29



Please sign and ask your child to return this section to their class teacher on Friday morning. There will be a class weekly treat for the class who has the most returns. Your child will receive 5 house points and enter their slip in the class box for their class lucky book draw at our monthly Gold Awards Learning Celebration.

I have received and read the WhTtau Newsletter 29

Student's Name: _____ Room: _____ Signed: _____

Please share your comments....

