



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	8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 9am Gold Awards Learning Celebration Finals Afternoon at Hagley Park - Come and support our teams in the finals!
Next Week	Monday 26 August Tuesday 27 August Wednesday 28 August Thursday 29 August Friday 30 August	9.30am Court Theatre Le Malaga Fa'a'Atua (The Journey of the Gods) Show. Whole School. (Term 3 Activity Fee required to be paid for students to attend) Court Theatre Movement Workshop (Term 3 Activity Fee required to be paid) 8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Strike Strum and Blow Festival at the Horncastle Arena (Ukulele and Recorder Students will attend) 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Sausage Sizzle Lunch \$2 orders to class by 9am please
Coming Up	Monday 2 September Tuesday 3 September Friday 13 September Monday 16 September Wednesday 25 September	The Education Review Team (ERO) will be visiting our school until Thursday 11.30am Cricket Awareness Programme (Year 3 and 4 Only) 11.15am 'Taster Day' Chisnallwood Intermediate (All of Year 6 only) 12.30pm Cultural Festival 2019 at the Horncastle Arena (Tickets only available now through Ticketek) NZSO Christchurch Performance of Tuia, 11 am - 12 noon - Korari Team. FREE 1.30pm and 6pm WhTtau School Wearable Arts Show. ALL STUDENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN 6PM PERFORMANCE PLEASE!

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



Whakatauki of the Week:
'Ahakoa he iti, he pounamu'
'Although it is small, it is a treasure'



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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 Whītāu School

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



Student Progress in Reading, Writing and Mathematics

Every year schools are required to set student achievement targets in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. The Board and staff are very pleased with the accelerated progress the majority of our students are showing in our mid year school achievement data, especially in Writing schoolwide. It is great to see the evidence of the fantastic professional learning for teachers with Dr Murray Gadd that the BOT have been funding. Please continue to support your child's learning at home with their Home Learning. It is only in partnership with home that school can make a big difference!

Board of Trustees News

The Board have appointed their Deputy Chairpersons to work with our Board Chairperson Alexandra Davids. Congratulations to Rebecca George and Robert Woodward who have been duly elected to share the position.

Introducing our Board Chairperson - Alexandra Davids. I am excited to be co-opted to the Board of Trustees and opportunity of using my governance experience to bring value to Whītāu School. Over the past six years I have built up significant experience in governance as a board member of the Linwood Central Heathcote Community Board, as a representative for the Linwood Ward. I grew up in Linwood and the Linwood community is an area I want to see flourish. I am all about collaboration and I would love to see everyone working together to make Whītāu School grow and give its students the best, most inspiring school environment possible. To already have a thriving school environment is a great start and will inspire our community to be the best it can be. My values align closely with those of Whītāu School. It is a privilege to support Whītāu School to be the best it can be for all of its students and their families. I can be contacted at botchair@whitau.school.nz.



The Principal's Learning

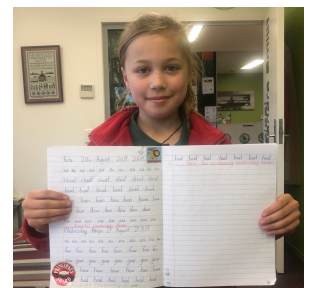
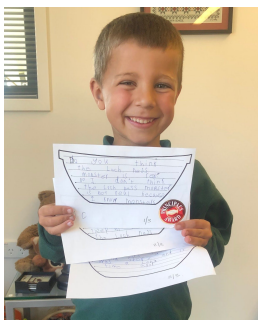
From Sunday until Tuesday I attended the Canterbury Primary Principals' Association annual conference at Hanmer Springs. It was a shock to wake up on Monday morning to -6 degrees! Our learning was focused on ourselves; learning how to strengthen our resilience and wellbeing in our challenging leadership roles. We experienced the gift of 'mindfulness', five minutes a day being calm and still; relaxing to help us recharge and be less emotionally reactive when under stress. Learning to listen, to ourselves and others; not turning up to every argument and being flexible and adaptable in our lives helps reduce our stress and anxiety. Did you know that the word **LISTEN** contains the same letters as the word **SILENCE**? I guess that is why we have two ears and just one mouth!

Principal's Awards

I love being able to enjoy the privilege of our students proudly coming to share their learning with me. Recently I have had letters from **Room 9** who are concerned that we need to improve our recycling at school. I am looking forward to meeting with them on Friday to hear their ideas.

Congratulations this week to Samuel Cave in Room 2 for his amazing story writing about the Loch Ness Monster and to Naomi Ashwell in Room 8 for her beautiful Handwriting.

Ka pai tamariki! You are learning to take your places!



A very warm welcome to Whītāu 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...!'

TKW Rua: Lennox Connell, Max Dawson-Ropata, Oliver Dower, Ezra O'Grady, Dre Howie, D'Artagnan McDonald-Nash, Olivia Williams Room 6: Azaria Rogers

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:

Cadie Gregory	TKW	For settling into class and learning the classroom routine
Tauloa Taulofa	TKW Rua	For settling quickly into school routines
Aria Goodwin	Room 1	For being a great role model in Room 1
Thorin Rasmussen	Room 2	For being a focused learner and trying hard in all learning areas
Tunisia Moana	Room 3	For settling back into her learning and class routines
Kayden Manawatu	Room 4	For working hard to manage himself and staying focused to get his learning complete
Jaziah Cate	Room 5	For enthusiasm and creativity in Inquiry tasks
Kyra-Leigh B-L	Room 6	For being a considerate friend when others need support
Bellah Lamositele	Room 7	For being a great role model and following school values
Davinia Lidgett	Room 8	For her commitment and success in sport
Alizē Rasmussen	Room 9	For having a caring and friendly nature towards others
Alizai Elisara	Room 10	For settling in well to new school routines
Rocko Parkins	Room 11	For being an outstanding role model in the classroom

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

Anthony Watson	TKW	For showing improvement in his reading
Donnell-James Levi	TKW Rua	For being a focused and enthusiastic reader
Lore'al Timo	Room 1	For trying really hard in her writing to remember her finger spaces
Samuel Cave	Room 2	For working hard in Writing to add great detail to his stories
Vinuthi H-L	Room 3	For focusing on achieving her goals in Writing
Anna Kumar	Room 4	For amazing work in Maths to show her understanding
Ysabel Boese	Room 5	For writing her numbers to 100 correctly
Ava Neilson	Room 6	For her thoughtful contributions to discussions in Maths and Reading
Israel Searle	Room 7	For his outstanding inquiry work
Daniya Verma	Room 8	For her consistent progress in Maths
Aurora McMillan	Room 9	For her thoughtful and imaginative writing
Lydia Hyde	Room 10	For great effort in phonics and writing using IT
Judah Hobson	Room 11	For outstanding ability in Writing

Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room 2 with 80%!

Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 9

Weekly Winning House - Wilding

Mathletics Results from Week 4

At Whātau 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 6
Kōrari: Room 10

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Samuel Cave (Room 2)
Karawha: Rome Fanene (Room 6)
Kōrari: Mercy Aumua (Room 11)

Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 5



This week our focus is: **Be Respectful - Follow instructions from all adults straight away**

What does this look like at home?

- ⇒ Looking at parents and caregivers when they are giving instructions
- ⇒ Taking in the information that is shared
- ⇒ Doing the task that has been set for you

Taha Maori Focus

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

Kua haere au - I have been/have gone

Kei te haere au - I am going

Ka haere au - I will go

News from the Kākano Team and Miss Collins

This week Te Kura Waka Tahī, Room 1, 2 and 3 have attended the Court Theatre Workshop around movement. Te Kura Waka Rua will have their session next week when they have more students. These workshops were to help support the class Dance and Drama learning towards our Wearable Arts Performance. It was fantastic to hear the students talking about how they enjoyed their workshops and learning from experts. The students learnt more about freeze frames, walking in different ways and how to lead, facial expressions and making shapes with our bodies. We are excited about the Court Theatre Show on Monday called Le Malaga Fa'a'Atua (The Journey of the Gods). We have welcomed nearly 20 students to the Kākano Team this term and it has been delightful getting to match faces to names and getting to know them better. We have loved how our Kākano students have shown the school value of Respect by showing manaakitanga towards our new students, their whānau and visitors. It has also been amazing seeing the students 'Being A Learner' and sharing their learning around New Zealand Sign Language! Keep it up Kākano Team!



News from TKW Rua and Ms Gail Turner

It has been a busy and exciting time in TKW with lots of new students starting throughout the term. With some great role models already in the class the new students are quickly learning the routines and expectations of school life. They have also been busy exploring the school environment and making new friends. This term TKW and the junior classes have been working in mixed groups for our arts programme which last week focused on colour mixing and silhouettes.



In TKW we are also immersed in rich learning opportunities through our play environments. Here students are having a play picnic, they need to use language to negotiate the setup which in turn develops their skills in relating to others and cooperating, they are also developing mathematical understanding in counting and equal sharing of the play food. This work allows them to develop the lifelong learning of the Key Competencies of *Thinking; Relating to others; Using language, symbols and texts; Participating and contributing and Managing self.*



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 26

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 26

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

Comments to the Leadership Team: What is something you would like us to consider to change or improve?

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