



**WHĪTAU  
SCHOOL**

# 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!

<b>This Week</b>	<b>Tomorrow</b>	8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room <i>NO Sausage Sizzle Lunch today (due to staffing, swimming &amp; sport)</i>
<b>Next Week</b>	Monday 28 October Wednesday 30 October Thursday 31 October  Friday 1 November	<b>Labour Day (School Closed)</b> 8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Athletics Day for Year 4-6 students (postponement day 5 November) Halloween School Discos: Junior 4.30 - 5.45pm and Senior 6pm - 7.30pm 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room
<b>Coming Up</b>	Monday 4 November Wednesday 6 November Friday 8 November Monday 11 November Tuesday 12 November  Wednesday 13 November Thursday 14 November Friday 15 November Wednesday 20 November Friday 22 November November - various dates Friday 6 December  Monday 9 December Tuesday 10 December Wednesday 11 December Thursday 12 December	<b>Heritage School Photos (Class &amp; Individual)</b> School Choir Christchurch Schools Music Festival 9am Gold Awards Learning Celebration and Junior Athletics day Year 5 Adventure Day for 10 students (Day 1) Year 5 Adventure Day for 10 students (Day 2) South East Zone Athletics (Postponement day 19 November) Whole School Trip to Big Bang Concert - Town Hall Whole School Trip to the Christchurch Agricultural Show (\$10 Activity fee) <b>Canterbury Anniversary Day (School Closed)</b> MASH Kid Challenge (Kōrari) Optional Trip to Royal NZ Ballet - Hansel and Gretel (\$5.00 per student) EOTC Team Trips to Quail Island (\$30 per child to attend) Year 6 Leaver's Day Celebrations From 5.30pm School Whanau Christmas Picnic and Learning Team Items Junior Y1 - Y3 House Tabloids Fun Day and shared lunch with parents Senior Y4 - Y6 House Tabloids Fun Day and shared lunch with parents <b>School Prizegiving and final day of Term 4 for students</b> <b>School closes for 2019</b> Staff Only Day

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



**Whakatauki of the Week:**  
*'Iti noa ana he pito mata'*  
*'From the withered tree a flower blooms'*



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# ***We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner***

***Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whītau School***

***Kia ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Māiōe lelei! Greetings everyone!***



## ***From the Board Chairperson***

### **ERO Report**

- We have received the draft of our School ERO Report for the Board to review at our meeting next Wednesday. It is a very positive report about all the strengths of our school and we look forward to sharing the confirmed report with you all when we receive it from ERO, hopefully in around one month's time. The report clearly endorses our school's journey and the future goals we identified.

### **Board After School Care Community Survey**

- We want to support our whanau to ensure that the After School and Holiday programmes provided onsite meet your needs. Please can all families complete the enclosed survey and return to school by next Tuesday to be in the draw to win a \$50 grocery voucher.

### **Strategic Planning**

- Last Saturday the Board and the Leadership Team met with Debbie Dawson, a School Trustees Governance Trainer to start our strategic planning. We all shared what our hopes and dreams for our purpose, our vision and our values for Whītau School. Our next step is to work on developing our specific goals for the next three years and our implementation plan.

### **Board Fundraising - 'Coupland Pies' -**

- Please support our first major fundraising effort as a new Board and sell our 'Coupland Pies' to family, friends and workmates. All profits will go towards completing our school landscaping.

### **Board Meeting**

- We hold our next Board Meeting next Wednesday from 4pm - 6.30pm in the Boardroom. These are public meetings and you are welcome to attend. The minutes of previous meetings can be found in the Board section on the School Website.

## ***From the Principal's Desk***

### **Health and Safety Reminders**

- PLEASE remember to follow the school's emergency procedures when you are required. We remind you that parents cannot take their children from school when we are in the middle of an emergency procedure or drill. Teachers need to complete their procedures and account for all students and report to me at the evacuation point before students could be released.
- CARPARKS - No double parking please and the speed is 10kmph in our School Carparks. It is unacceptable that last week the fire engines could not enter our School grounds because of parent's double parking! This is unacceptable.



### **Team and School Newsletters through SEESAW**

- This term Team Newsletters will be issued through SEESAW
- This is the final term that we will be issuing paper copies of our Weekly Newsletter as they will only be issued through SEESAW in 2020. We have had very positive feedback from families and this will be a huge savings for our photocopy budget. We will not be continuing the weekly Newsletter Return Slip In 2020. Parents are always welcome to email their comments to the school and we will continue to issue regular surveys.

### **2020 School Donations**

- Further to last week's newsletter I wish to clarify that schools who receive the \$150 MOE donation per student may ACCEPT family donations but NOT CHARGE for family donations. My apologies for this confusion.

### **'Halloween' Disco**

- Tickets are now on sale before and after school. Only Whītau School children may attend - no preschoolers or relatives please. This is a Halloween themed disco so enjoy being creative with your children's costumes. We require parent help to run the discos so please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter if you can help next Thursday.

## Year 6 Leavers Information

- Please return these completed forms to the School Office ASAP. We need all our Year 6 students enrolled in their new schools to support their transition.

## Student Behaviour

- It is of concern that this term I have had to enforce a number of official stand downs. The reasons for the stand downs have been for non compliance, physical and verbal abuse, two incidents of vandalism at Aquagym and two incidents of targeted bullying of peers. I am sadly informing you of these decisions as I wish to assure you of my commitment to ensuring that our school continues to be a safe and happy learning environment for all. Our staff are committed, supportive and positive team.

## NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH TOMORROW BECAUSE OF OUR AQUAGYM SWIMMING TIMES

### A very warm welcome to Whātau 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: Parker-Joe Chesney and Room 10: Serah-Ashlee Vi**

Kind regards everyone

Sandra Smith, JP. Principal - Tumuaki

## Weekly Principal's Class Awards

These awards were presented at Team Whānau Time on Monday. 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:**

Addison Chiles	TKW	For showing school values and being a role model when at Aquagym
Lennox Connell	TKW Rua	For showing school values at Aquagym
Declan H-M	Room 1	For making a fantastic start to Term 4
April Nevard	Room 2	For making a great start to Term 4
Ataahua Masiu	Room 3	For using her initiative and becoming a fantastic leader
Gloria Cane	Room 4	For being a kind and caring class member
Naomi Pitama	Room 5	For listening carefully at Aquagym to the Swim Instructor
Azaria Rogers	Room 6	For showing amazing consideration towards her classmates
Krystal Shaw	Room 7	For her diligence with her classroom responsibilities
Davinia Lidgett	Room 8	For consistently showing the school values with an attitude to match
Alex Long	Room 9	For making some excellent choices and using his WITS
Desiree McMillan	Room 10	For showing the school values and being a happy member of the class
Amanda DSM	Room 11	For giving everything a go at Aquagym

**Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:**

Jade Allan	TKW	For showing improvement in her Writing, writing a full sentence
Lennon Blake	TKW Rua	For pointing to each word as he reads
Katie Nicol	Room 1	For outstanding work with fractions during Maths time
Salma Yasin	Room 2	For working on her goals during Writing and editing her work
Te Amo Kennedy	Room 3	For using his initiative and becoming a fantastic leader in Learning
Ryan Mcnicoll	Room 4	For his knowledge and application of using a clock in our 'Time' unit
Ezekiel Matau	Room 5	For progress in Reading and Maths
Rome Fanene	Room 6	For his passion and enthusiasm for all things Maths
Lourdaz Timo	Room 7	For her quick Maths skills and solid basis facts
Yisrael Gillett	Room 8	For persevering in Maths
Alizē Rasmussen	Room 9	For focusing on his 15 minute Writing challenges
Lydia Hyde	Room 10	For improvements in her Maths
Aston Hardy	Room 11	For showing persistence and diligence during Rich Maths Tasks

**Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room 7**

**Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 7**

**Weekly Winning House - Woodham**

## Mathletics Results from Week 1

The top Mathletics Classes were:

Kākano: Room 2  
Karawha: Room 5  
Kōrari: Room 10

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Maia Hiku (Room 2)  
Karawha: Tanē Norton (Room 5)  
Kōrari: Sam Fifita (Room 10)

## Taha Maori Focus

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

**He tino pai tō mahi** - Your work is great

**He rawe tō kōrero** - What you have said is excellent

## Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 2



This week our focus is: **Be a Learner: Make use of resources and learning opportunities**

**What does this look like at home?**

- ⇒ Plan what you need to use to complete an activity
- ⇒ Choose an appropriate resource eg a book at your level
- ⇒ Ask questions to gather more information

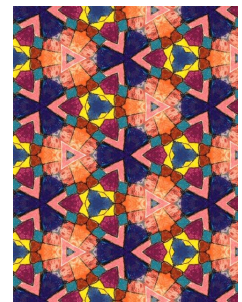
### News from the Kārawha Team and Mr Turner

The Kārawha Team have been starting their learning work on 'Celebrations' over the past two weeks. Each class is investigating another country and is looking at the celebrations that take place in each of their countries. Room 4 is looking at Australia, Room 5 is learning about Samoa, Room 6 is looking at Wales and Room 7 is learning about Scotland. This week all of the classes have been exploring Diwali - The Festival of Lights. They have made pinch pots out of clay as a way to celebrate this culture.



### News from Room 7 and Mrs Anglesey

Room 7 have had a wonderful start to Term 4. During the Spring holidays, Mrs A was privileged to attend an Apple iPad Course called 'Creativity Through Digital Lens.' Room 7 have started to use these new iPad Art ideas and have been creating some amazing digital art that both Mrs A and the children are very excited about. This week Room 7 created rangoli patterns for Diwali. Studying Diwali has been part of the whole school inquiry of 'Celebrations.' The children will also be looking at other celebrations including the Rugby World Cup, Guy Fawkes, Halloween and Christmas. What a wonderful term of learning Term 4 is shaping up to be.



#### WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 33



**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 33**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Helpers for our School Halloween Discos next Thursday We really need parent help for our School Discos to be successful. PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU CAN HELP. We will phone you to confirm!**

**Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_**

Hall Set Up 2pm - 3pm	YES	NO
Supervision at Junior Disco	YES	NO
Supervision at Senior Disco	YES	NO
Hall Clean Up at 7.30pm	YES	NO

