



**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
Next Week	Wednesday 25 September Friday 27 September	8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 1.30pm and 6pm WhTtau School Wearable Arts Show. ALL STUDENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN 6PM PERFORMANCE PLEASE! 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	Monday 14 October Monday 28 October Monday 4 November Wednesday 6 November Friday 15 November	TERM 4 STARTS - Aquagym Swimming in Weeks 1 and 2 - Please ensure full payment by the end of Term 3 or consistent automatic payments to ensure your child swims Day 1 TKW will now also go swimming in Weeks 1 and 2 Labour Day (School Closed) Heritage School Photos (Class & Individual) School Choir Christchurch Schools Music Festival Tickets \$10 only available from Ticketek Canterbury Anniversary Day (School Closed)

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



Whakatauki of the Week:

'Ehara taku i te toa takitahi engari he toa takimano'
'My strength is not that of an individual, but that of the collective'



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



School Successes

Last week was an amazing celebration of all that we aspire to achieve at Whīttau School in our "learning to take us places...!"

Our School Kapahaka and Pasifika cultural performance groups gave an outstanding performance to open the Friday afternoon session of the Christchurch Schools Music Festival. It was wonderful for Miss Collins and I to be seated in the front row proudly enjoying our performance and seeing the pride and passion in our student's faces. We were especially proud of the individual students Alazne Ioane, Cassius Tuluono, Judah Hobson and Simote Fifita who led the performance with solo parts. A very special thanks to Whaea Jo Bristowe and Lina Ioane who have so ably supported our students as their Cultural Tutors.



Our School Basketball team who commenced playing basketball this season, won the Junior League competition at Cowles Stadium. It has been awesome to watch the children's skills, confidence and sportsmanship develop through the amazing support by their coach Vinnie George, one of our parents. Vinnie has worked magic with our students and taught them so much, both on and off the court. We are extremely grateful to Laura and Johnny Parkins for their generous donation towards enabling us to purchase amazing new Whīttau School Basketball uniforms to use next season. You are as 'good as gold'.

Our Student Council, supported by Mr Turner were proud of the presentation they have been collaboratively working on this term that was shared at the Health Promoting Schools Student Health Forum at Hornby High School yesterday. It is exciting to have our students out in the wider community sharing their learning.



School Wearable Arts Performance

We are celebrating this term's schoolwide Inquiry learning Ngā Toi - The Arts (integrated learning in Social Studies, Science, Technology and the Arts) with our School Wearable Arts performance next Wednesday. There will be two performances. All students are involved and are required at both performances please. Our students are watching the performance at the Dress Rehearsal next Tuesday and then on Wednesday, they will come over from their classes for their class performance. ***Please support your child's celebration of their Term 3 learning by ensuring your child is at school for both performances. There will be no entry fee. Instead, the Board of Trustees will be holding a raffle at both performances to raise money for school landscape planting, so please bring along some money to buy some tickets.***



Friendly Reminders

- **Healthy Lunches and 10am Sandwich** - A loaf of bread and a jar of marmite or peanut butter please - just \$5.00 - to provide this important 'brain food' for your child to support their learning focus.
- **Aquagym Swimming** - This is an integral part of our school curriculum and we expect all students to swim next term. The Board of Trustees do heavily subsidise our swimming programme.
- **Team Newsletters issued today via Seesaw** - you will receive a paper copy if you are not connected
- **Future New Entrant Enrolments** - Please ensure your preschoolers are enrolled asap. We will again have extremely limited space for out of zone students in 2020. This is a Ministry of Education Requirement to ensure our school roll is filled by students living in our enrolment zone.

A very warm welcome to Whīttau School.....

We warmly welcome the following new student who has enrolled at our school. **TKA Rua: Leila-Ava Lurch**

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:

Hezekiah Searle	TKW	For being responsible in class when it's tidying up time
Olivia Williams	TKW Rua	For making a wonderful start to school by following class routines
Kaesharn Kidwell	Room 1	For always caring about her classmates and checking on them
Ayanna Shire	Room 2	For working hard to be a good role model to her peers
Eli Sia	Room 3	For building his confidence and always giving new things a go!
Aroha Doherty	Room 4	For trying exceptionally hard to improve her handwriting
Mackenzie Teague	Room 5	For persevering in her work and completing tasks
Naeema Ali	Room 6	For putting in extra effort to keep our classroom clean and tidy
Jaxon Judd	Room 7	For his diligence with his classroom responsibilities
Isaiah Ramsay	Room 8	For his flexible can-do attitude
Monet S-E	Room 9	For being a positive role-model to others
Savanna Esmedia	Room 10	For settling in to the class well
Joshua McKenzie	Room 11	For always being on task and doing the right thing

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

Kowhai Kaimate	TKW	For trying her hardest at writing time
Oliver Dower	TKW Rua	For sharing his imaginative stories
Tahlia T-N	Room 1	For always trying her best and doing the most amazing handwriting
William Barry	Room 2	For taking risks in writing and adding detail to his work
Chinedu Kalu	Room 3	For his positive attitude in maths
Jackson Whitworth	Room 4	For trying very hard in maths, especially in addition
Izajah Hobson	Room 5	For his joy, enthusiasm and ability at art and maths time
Riley O'Neill	Room 6	For her fabulous effort to develop her reading comprehension skills
Klara de Waal	Room 7	For great fluency and expression in her reading
Jaedyn T-W	Room 8	For his positive attitude in maths
Mrz Hingano	Room 9	For working exceptionally hard on his Writing
Elshadaye Alemeneh	Room 10	For mahi pakeke te reo Māori
Mitchell Shannon	Room 11	For always going the extra mile in Maths

Being Good 'Caught Speaking Te Reo' Winners

Lockie Twose, Room 4	Sophia Fesway, Room 4	Jaziah Cate, Room 5
Kaylilah Ah Tong, Room 5	Adin Kumar, Room 6	Daklin Cameron, Room 6
Kawana Te Rangi, Room 5	Klara de Waal, Room 7	Aurora McMillan, Room 9
Alizē Rasmussen, Room 9	Siavao Manuleleua, Room 9	

Weekly Class Whanau Award - TKW Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 4

Mathletics Results from Week 8

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 1
Karawha: Room 6
Kōrari: Room 9

The top Mathletics students were:

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

Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 9



This week our focus is: **Be a Learner - Be a problem solver and persevere**

What does this look like at home?

- ⇒ Stick at things when they are hard
- ⇒ Try new things
- ⇒ Think creatively

Taha Maori Focus

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

Ke te aha koe/korua/koutou? - What are you doing?

Ki hea tō haere? - Where are you going?

News from the Kārawha Team and Mr Turner

The Kārawha Team have had a particular focus this term on Ngā Toi - The Arts. We have been working on creating portrait artwork that shows some of the children's favourite people. This is some of the stellar work that Room 7 have completed lately. They have added their own descriptions to their artwork.

My Mum - By Rhys

My Mum has long hair. My Mum helps me to do my maths. And I love her. My Mum has 3 children. We love Mum.



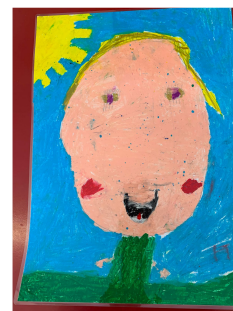
My baby brother - By Hezekiah

My baby is cute I love him. He behaves like a good friend. He smells like a rose. He sounds like gangster. He loves me much. Sometimes when I smile he smiles back at me. Sometimes when I poke my tongue he pokes it back. He looks just like me when I was a baby. He is calm and he does not cry a lot. He has a cute smile and he behaves like a good kid.



My Dad - By Nevaeh

My Dad has green eyes. My Dad has a bright green top he wears it on work days. My Dad has a girlfriend. Dad likes to play with me. My Dad has a beard and he likes to shave it. My Dad likes to watch TV and likes to watch movies. My Dad smells nice because he takes a lot of showers. My Dad behaves nice and he likes to play with me. My Dad sounds nice. My Dad is a nice man.



News from Room 4 and Mrs Mackie

Room Four have been learning about the legend of Maui and the Magic of Fire. We have discovered that it not only comes from New Zealand, but several other Pacific countries, including Hawaii have a version of the legend. Our learning has included researching and comparing the versions of the story, writing character descriptions, making egg carton faces of our chosen character, and writing our own versions of the legend. It has been the most amazing fun. Of course we have done other learning that has included maths where some of the students have been learning about equivalent fractions. They have also been learning to add and subtract in different ways. One of our reading groups read a book about spaghetti. They decided they would like to learn how to make it. They did, and they shared it with the whole class. Yummy!



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 30

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 Whītau Newsletter 30

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

Please share your comments....

