



**WHĪTAU
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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 11 September Friday 13 September	8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Sausage Sizzle Lunch \$2 orders to class by 9am please 12.30pm Cultural Festival 2019 at the Horncastle Arena - Adult tickets only available now through Ticketek Kārawha and Kōkari Teams will be attending -Term 3 Activity Fee needs to be paid to attend
Coming Up	Monday 16 September Wednesday 25 September Friday 27 September Monday 14 October Monday 28 October Wednesday 6 November	NZSO Christchurch Performance of Tuia, 11 am - 12 noon - Korari Team attending. FREE 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> Labour Day (School Closed) School Choir Christchurch Schools Music Festival - <i>Tickets \$10 available from Ticketek only</i>

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



Whakatauki of the Week:
'He rau ringa e oti ai'
'Many hands make light work'



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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! Māiō e lelei! Greetings everyone!



Christchurch Schools Cultural Festival

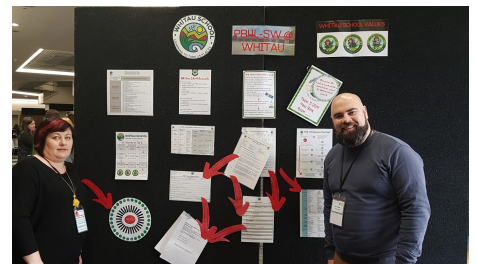
Our School performance Kapahaka and Pasifika Groups are excited to be completing their final preparations for the Christchurch Schools Cultural Festival next Friday at the Horncastle Arena. Our groups will open the afternoon performance at 12.30pm. All Kārawha and Kōrari students who are not in the performance groups will attend to watch the performance. Please note that sadly we still have 15 students who have not paid their Term 3 Activity fee who will not be able to attend unless this is paid.

Wh Ttau School ERO Review

The staff have enjoyed sharing our school's journey, progress and student achievement data with our three ERO reviewers. ERO have been impressed by our school climate and culture; our respectful, responsible students; the caring relationships; the quality learning opportunities and environment and the strong, effective leadership team. The ERO team will be reporting back to the Board of Trustees this afternoon. Our final school report will be available to share with the School Community in around six weeks.

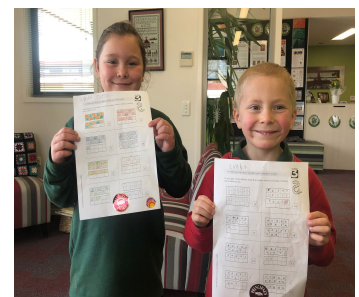
PB4L - School Wide Conference

Last Friday and Saturday Amy Collins, Sam Turner, Darrin Mitchell and I attended the national Positive Behaviour Learning Conference in Auckland. Our best learning was around how to introduce restorative practice into our school wide PB4L system and effective strategies to understand how anxiety impacts on children's behaviour. I was very proud that our school was asked to create a presentation to share at the conference about our schools PB4L system.



Principals Awards

Congratulations to Ysabel Boese and Zayden Arps from Room 5 for their amazing learning in Maths.



Kind regards everyone

Sandra Smith

Principal - Tumuaki

Taha Maori Focus

Each week we have Maori phrases which we try to incorporate into our daily teaching and learning. Learn these new ways of addressing people: **Kei to pēhea koe, _____?**

E Kui - Used for an elderly woman

E kare - Used for a close or intimate friend

E tama - Used for a young boy

E Koro - Used for an elderly man

E hoa - Used for a friend

E hine - Used for a young girl

Mathletics Results from Week 6

At Wh Ttau 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

Kārawha: Room 7

Kōrari: Room 9

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Lore'al Timo (Room 1)

Kārawha: Dylan Chesmar (Room 7)

Kōrari: Molly Aumua (Room 9)

Weekly Principal's Class Awards

These awards were presented at Team Whānau Time on Monday 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:

Zharius Manawatu	TKW	For showing kind hands, kind feet and a kind mouth
Dre Howie	TKW Rua	For making an excellent start to school and following class routines
Seini Fifita	Room 1	For settling into Room 1 beautifully and already being a role model
Jax Woodward	Room 2	For focussing on making good choices and being a dependable learner
Malachi M-W	Room 3	For making good learning choices and managing himself
Lilly Chesmar	Room 4	For being a kind friend
Riley Smith	Room 5	For excellent listening and participation
Adin Kumar	Room 6	For always being thoughtful and considerate towards others in Room 6
Kiana C-M	Room 7	For all her help in the classroom and keeping it so clean
Ngatea Ngatai	Room 8	For extra efforts in cleaning up our learning environment
Seema Verma	Room 9	For always following our PB4L lessons
Emma Adcock	Room 10	For being there for one of our students when they need a friend
Jarrad W-S	Room 11	For making a huge improvement with attendance

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

Rosalea-May N-S	TKW	For showing improvement in her reading and writing in class
Lennox Connell	TKW Rua	For being keen to read and making a wonderful start to home-reading
Te Ariki P-O	Room 1	For working really hard in his spelling and getting 3 out of 3
Clay O'Grady	Room 2	For being resilient in his writing workshop and thinking hard about his sounds
Emelie HVE	Room 3	For focusing and finishing her work to a standard she can be proud of
Ryan Mcnicoll	Room 4	For his amazing work in equivalent fractions
Skylar Nathan	Room 5	For consistent excellence in her book work
Misty Rochford	Room 6	For adding great detail to her Writing
Simote Fifita	Room 7	For awesome fraction knowledge
Daniya Verma	Room 8	For her amazing work in Maths
Salote Tuima	Room 9	For her hard work on her 'Mystery Maths'
Katie Nevard	Room 10	For her story contribution to our myth performance
Harlem Smith	Room 11	For giving everything a go and displaying resilience

Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room TKW

Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 2

Weekly Winning House - Wilding

News from the Kōrari Team and Mr Wood

Kōrari is in full production mode for our wearable arts evening later this term. Our focus is on story, myth and legend. Room 8 is focusing on how the All Blacks got their name. Room 9s story is a Nigerian moral tale that looks at using things for kindness. Room 10's production is looking amazing, they have been looking into Norse mythology, and with their previous knowledge from our learning in term one and two about Māori Atua, they are combining the Norse myth of Thor with Tumatauenga in the Battle for Pohutukawa. This is a variation on the story of Tumatauenga and the origins of Taiaha. Room 11 is using the legend of Poutini which is a myth from the West Coast about how they came to have pounamu. We certainly have had a busy couple of weeks.

Today our year 6's travelled to Chisnallwood for a taster day. Next Friday, Whītau School will be performing in the Christchurch Schools Cultural Festival at Horncastle arena. A big thanks to Whaea Jo and Lina for all their hard work in getting our Pasifika and Kapahaka groups ready.

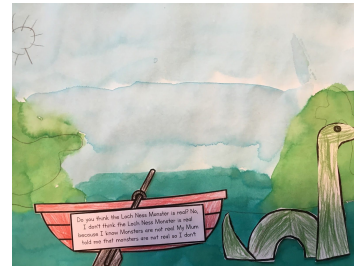


News from Room 2 and Miss Schulze

Term 3 has been packed with lots of great learning so far! We have loved our Inquiry focus around Myths and Legends and having fun with the Arts to explore the different tales.

We were lucky enough to have the Court Theatre spend time with us for a movement workshop which we loved! During Writing time, we have used different Myth and Legends stories to come up with some great writing about these, as well as coming up with our own ideas for stories. During Reading time last week, we practiced plays and shared these with each other.

We are currently in the process of making our wearable arts outfits. Our chosen Myth is the Loch Ness Monster which we look forward to sharing with you in Week 10.



Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 7



This week our focus is: **Be Respectful - Kind hands, kind feet and a kind mouth**

What does this look like at home?

- ⇒ Use kind hands to do good
- ⇒ Use your feet for appropriate things
- ⇒ Use kind words towards others

MEET

in the

MIDDLE

Sat 12 OCT

The Breeze Walking Festival

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Celebrate

Te Ara Ōtākaro

- the Avon Trail -
by walking or riding
along the river from
east or west to
Kerrs Reach for a
grand community fun day,
with a regatta, kids
activities, food and
FREE live entertainment:

ANIKA MOA

Arrive Kerrs Reach
for 11am start to 3.30pm

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WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 28



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 28

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

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