



**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!

This Week	Tomorrow	8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room
Next Week	Monday 4 November Wednesday 6 November Friday 8 November	Heritage School Photos (Class & Individual), starting at 9am with R11 Whole School Assembly at 1.30pm 8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room School Choir at Christchurch Schools Music Festival 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 9am Gold Awards Learning Celebration No Sausage Sizzle Lunch - Junior Shared Lunch Junior Athletics Day
Coming Up	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	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) Canterbury Anniversary Day (School Closed) 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 School Prizegiving and final day of Term 4 for students School closes for 2019 Staff Only Day

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



Whakatauki of the Week:

'E kore a muri e hokia'

'What's done is done'



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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! Mālō e lelei! Greetings everyone!

From the Principal's Desk

It was awesome to spend time at Aquagym last Friday watching the children participate in the Principal's Swim Challenge to swim 200m freestyle and to join in the fun in the small pool with all the children. Amazing progress in confidence and competence has been made by all children this term.



Congratulations

We are very proud of Mrs Anglesey and her Digi Team! They are finalists in the Grow Waitaha DigiAwards 2019 for all schools in Canterbury. We congratulate Izzy Searle, Dylan Chemsar, Tanvi Naidu and Mason Morgan who made the movie together with Te Reo from Lyrik Nathan. We are very proud of you! Enjoy your Awards Ceremony at St Margaret's College on Wednesday 13 November. Here is a link to the Whītau School Movie - 'People of Christchurch'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iqOF9luAzZI>



**Innovative
Ōtautahi**

Tēnā koe

Congratulations you are a finalist in the Grow Waitaha DigiAwards 2019. You are invited to celebrate yours and other Canterbury kids' digital creativity!

School Photos

Heritage Photos will be onsite next Monday to take class and individual photos, starting with Room 11 at 9am. Please ensure your child is well presented; wearing clean uniforms and with tidy hair. All children need to wear their red sweatshirt in the class photo please. Unfortunately with the size of our school there is not time for family portraits. You will receive sample packs and an order form home which you then may choose to purchase.

Dates for 2020

The Board of Trustees have approved the Term Dates for 2020. All schools in New Zealand are required to be open for 384 half days in 2020. In addition the Board have also approved the Teacher Only Days for 2020 when the school will be officially closed for instruction as per the latest NZEI Teacher's Agreement. Please find your copy of the 2020 dates enclosed with this newsletter

Board of Trustees Fundraiser

Please support the Board of Trustees Couplands 'Give Mum a Break' Pie Fundraiser and sell to your family and friends. **Last date for the order forms to come back to the School Office is next Friday 8th November!**

Junior Athletics Sports

- Next Friday 8 November, after Gold Awards Learning Celebration
- Bring a plain T Shirt to wear in your child's House colour, if you wish
- All children need to wear suitable school footwear
- Please provide a plate of healthy food for a shared lunch in classrooms instead of a normal packed lunch
- All children will require morning tea and a water bottle

School Car Parks

PLEASE SHOW OUR SCHOOL VALUES AND DO NOT

- ***Park in the designated disabled parking spaces in either car parks***
- ***Double park at any time***

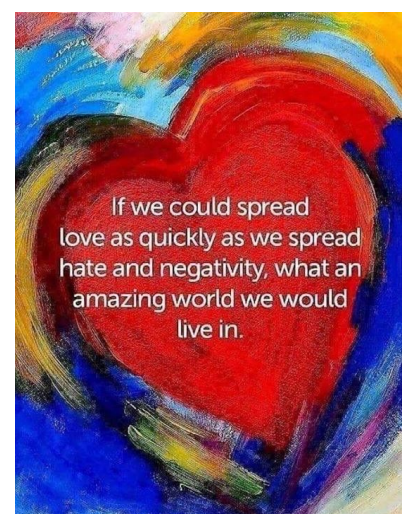
A very warm welcome to Whītau School.....

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...!'

Room 5: Sophie Newlove and Room 10: Fletcher Newlove

Kind regards everyone,

Sandra Smith, JP. Principal - Tumuaki



Weekly Principal's Class Awards

Due to the short week, both this week and next week's award will be presented at School Whānau time on Monday 4 November. Families are most welcome to join us in the School Hall at 1.15pm. This week's awards are:

Class Awards for 'Caught Being Good as Gold' using our School Values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning:

Kowhai Kaimate	TKW	For showing respect in the class and listening to instructions all the time
Rose Smith	TKW Rua	For being a good listener and following instructions
Mark Ogilvie	Room 1	For showing 5 on the mat and trying his best to do the right thing
Maia Hiku	Room 2	For making great choices and working hard to manage herself
Lucas T-W	Room 3	For showing resilience and having great success during swimming
Aroha Doherty	Room 4	For making great choices in her learning with a happy disposition
Ysabel Boese	Room 5	For being a dedicated learner every day
Savanna Boese	Room 6	For always doing the right thing and helping others
Amelia Campbell	Room 7	For being very brave and swimming in the big pool for the first time
Alexis Gregory	Room 8	For her positive can-do attitude at Aquagym
Aurora McMillan	Room 9	For her amazing confidence in the pool at Aquagym
Ava Yazdanpanah	Room 10	For being a great classmate to all
Aroha Kerr	Room 11	For amazing progress at Aquagym this term

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

Nash Kippenberger	TKW	For learning to measure time and days of the week
Dre Howie	TKW Rua	For learning all his new reading words
Addison A-N	Room 1	For reading with expression
Vrinda Sharma	Room 2	For being an expert and sharing her knowledge of Diwali
Christian Tuima	Room 3	For being an engaged learner
Manaia Suliafu	Room 4	For excellent progress in Spelling
Emma Mitchell	Room 5	For fantastic progress in Reading
Michelle Prasad	Room 6	For her attention to detail in her work
Lyrik Nathan	Room 7	For her creative Halloween writing
Noah Wilkinson	Room 8	For his hard work in Maths
Piripi Giles	Room 9	For his hard work and dedication in our Maths Time Unit
Siatu Matau	Room 10	For his Olympic sports knowledge
Tukaha Hingano	Room 11	For working hard on his reading this week

Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 4

Weekly Winning House - Wilding

Mathletics Results from Week 2

The top Mathletics Classes were:

Kākano: Room 2
Karawha: Room 5
Kōrari: Room 11

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Maia Hiku (Room 2)
Karawha: Tanē Norton (Room 5)
Kōrari: Molly Aumua (Room 9)

Taha Maori Focus

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

Ko wai tō ingoa? - What is your name?

Ko____ **taku ingoa**. My name is ____

Kei (w)hea tō kāinga? - Where is your home?

Kei____ **Taku kāinga**. My home is in ____

Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 3



This week our focus is: **Be Responsible: Be Positive**

What does this look like at home?

- ⇒ Be open to new things
- ⇒ Use positive language
- ⇒ Give new things a try

News from Room 8 and Mrs Bruce

It has been a busy, productive start to Term 4 for Room 8. We have just finished our two weeks of swimming lessons at Aquagym and our swimmers can be very proud of the progress they have made and their fantastic attitudes to learning outside of the classroom. We are excited for Room 8 to be involved in so many wonderful activities and outings this term including Athletics day and a trip to the Canterbury A and P show. This marries up perfectly to our Term focus of 'Celebrations' so watch this space for creative ways that we are celebrating the learning of your tamariki and remember to share if your tamariki has something to celebrate.



News from the Kōrari Team and Mr Wood

What a sporty final term! Congratulations to all our swimmers over the last two weeks. The teachers of Kōrari have been so impressed by the amount of improvement in your swimmer since the beginning of the year. Well done to all of our children who were able to complete the 200m freestyle and will receive their Principal Challenge Awards at our next Gold Awards assembly.

We have been practicing hard (while avoiding the rain) our athletics skills. We have been learning to high jump, shot put, throw the discus and the long jump. We have some very talented children and Athletics Day should be hotly contested.



Keep an eye out on our facebook page and follow our Futsal team, the Whītau Flames. This is the first time Whītau School has played in a futsal competition. It has been so wonderful to see our children wanting to play and represent our school in after school competitions. What is especially heartening is the support from all of the parents each week at the games. What an amazing group you are!



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 34

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 34

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

Please share your comments and suggestions about how we can manage and improve the safety of our School Carparks.....

MOE Term Dates for 2020

TERM	START DATE	END DATE	HOLIDAYS
Term 1 - 11 weeks	Between Monday 27 January (earliest); and Friday 7 February (latest)	Thursday 9 April (90-106 half days)	Public Holidays: Waitangi Day. School Holidays: Saturday 11 April - Sunday 26 April (includes Easter, Easter Tuesday and ANZAC day).
Term 2 - 10 weeks	Tuesday 28 April	Friday 3 July (96 half days)	Public Holiday: Queen's Birthday School Holiday: Saturday 4 July – Sunday 19 July
Term 3 - 10 weeks	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September (100 half days)	School Holidays: Saturday 26 September – Sunday 11 October
Term 4 - up to 10 weeks	Monday 12 October	Primary schools: No later than Friday 18 December (98 half days)*	Public Holidays: Labour Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day School Holidays: 5 or 6 weeks (from the school's closing date until opening date of school the following year)

* Or to a day in December which ensures that the school has been open for instruction for 384 half days in 2020.

2020 TERM DATES FOR WHĪTAU SCHOOL

Term 1

Thursday 30 January – Thursday 09 April

11 weeks

102 half days

Waitangi Day – Thursday 06 February

- 2 half days

School Closed - Friday 07 February. NZEI CONTRACT PLD DAY NO 1/8

100

Term 2

Tuesday 28 April - Friday 03 July

10 weeks

98 half days

School Closed - Friday 29 May. NZEI CONTRACT PLD DAY NO 2/8

Queen's Birthday - Monday 01 June

- 2 half days

96

Term 3

Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

10 weeks

100 half days

School Closed - Friday 21 August. NZEI CONTRACT PLD DAY NO 3/8

100

Term 4

Monday 12 October – Monday 14 December

8 weeks + 4 days

88 half days

Labour Day - Monday 26 October

School Closed - Tuesday 27 October. NZEI CONTRACT PLD DAY NO 4/8

Canterbury Anniversary - Friday 13 November

- 4 half days

88

384 half days



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