



# 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 Sausage Sizzle Lunch \$2 orders to class by 9am please <i>*Please take time to check the Lost Property in the School Office if you are missing school uniform*</i>
<b>Next Week</b>	<b>Wednesday 7 August Friday 9 August</b>	8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Crazy for KidsCan Day - A surprise for students from the Staff! Normal School Uniform for students please School Discos - Juniors at 4pm and Seniors at 6pm. Profits to KidsCan
<b>Coming Up</b>	<b>Monday 19 August Tuesday 20 August Monday 26 August  Tuesday 27 August Thursday 29 August  Tuesday 3 Sept Friday 13 September  Wednesday 25 September</b>	Court Theatre Movement Workshop (Term 3 Activity Fee required) Court Theatre Movement Workshop (Term 3 Activity Fee required) 9.30am Court Theatre Le Malaga Fa'a'Atua (The Journey of the Gods) Show (Term 3 Activity Fee required) Court Theatre Movement Workshop (Term 3 Activity Fee required) Strike Strum and Blow Festival at the Horncastle Arena (All Ukulele and Recorder Students will attend) 11.15am 'Taster Day' Chisnallwood Intermediate (Year 6 only) 12.30pm Cultural Festival 2019 at the Horncastle Arena (Tickets available at Ticketek only) 1.30 pm and 6pm Wearable Arts Show

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

**Whakatauki of the Week:**

*'Ahakoa he iti kete, he iti nā te aroha'  
'It is the thought that counts'*



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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! Mālō e lelei! Greetings everyone!***



It is great to be back with the staff and students this week after battling with Influenza A over the holidays. We have an exciting term of learning fun ahead with our School Inquiry Learning based on Ngā Toi - The Arts. Our focus on Traditional Myths and Legends culminates with a whole school Wearable Arts Show at 1.30pm and 6pm on Wednesday 25th September. Please put this date in your family diary now!

### **School Disco next Friday**

Next Friday we will be celebrating the national 'Crazy for KidsCan Day' by holding our very first Junior and Senior Discos in our new School Hall. The Discos are open to Whītāu School students only, i.e. no preschoolers, siblings, relatives or neighbour's children please. We are selling tickets at the School Office before and after school. Parents are welcome to attend. A Parent Helpers notice will be coming home next Monday for you to support us with - Hall Decorating, Manning the Door, Cooking the Sausage Sizzle, Lollies and Drinks, Tea and Coffee for adults, student supervision. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO DOOR SALES OF TICKETS NEXT FRIDAY as we need student numbers attending for catering purposes.

### **Term 3 Activity Fee Due**

This term our learning theme is **Ngā Toi - The Arts** and our learning experiences are based around this theme. All learning experiences this term will be based at school. The Court Theatre will visit us with a show called **O Le Malaga Fa'a'atua** which is inspired by classic myths and legends from Tonga, Samoa and Aotearoa. O Le Malaga Fa'a'atua (The Journey of the Gods) follows demigod Māui's quest to prove himself worthy of becoming a fully fledged god. The Court Theatre will then return for a workshop called 'Movement for Performance' which all students will have the opportunity to participate in. This will be fun and dynamic workshop looking at the different ways we use physicality to create a performance. This workshop will focus on developing a strong sense of working as a group and will support our wearable arts performance planned later in the term. **All children must have their Term 3 Activity Fee paid to attend the show and participate in the workshop please.**

### **New Entrant Enrolments**

In order to accommodate the number of five year old enrolments we already have for the remainder of this year, next Monday a number of students in the Kākano team will be transferring classrooms within the team. If your child is transferring classrooms you will have received a letter home yesterday with the details of the class transfers. If you have or know of a five year old starting school this year or in 2020, please ensure they are officially enrolled with us at Whītāu School asap. This will greatly assist us in planning effective staffing and class organisation for 2020.

**A very special thank you indeed to the Kippenberger family from Te Kura Waka for their extremely generous donation of a Hawea Plum tree for our School Kids Edible Garden to replace one of our stolen trees. This was such a lovely gesture showing our School Values of Respect and Responsibility.**

### **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: Caydence Gregory, Rosalea-May Neame-Simmonds, Hezekiah Searle, VJ Tasso, Georgia Yeomans**

**Room 5: Jasmine Gurung**



**Kind regards everyone. Do keep warm and well.**

**Sandra Smith - Principal**

**Tumuaki**

## Weekly Principal's Class Awards

These awards are 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.***

Jade Allen	TKW	For settling well into class after joining TKW at the end of Term 2
Kowhai Kaimate	TKW Rua	For making a wonderful start to school life by quickly learning class routines
Mark Oglive	Room 1	For using kind hands and kind feet all week
Olivia Houben	Room 2	For being a great role model to her peers by being an active listener
Sophia Conaghan	Room 3	For being a great role model to her peers and always giving everything a go
Avannah Toluono	Room 4	For having a happy disposition every day
Naomi Pitama	Room 5	For following instructions and giving 100% at Pasifika
Aaliyah B-U	Room 6	For taking on responsibilities and staying focused
Leroy E-G	Room 7	For a great first week back and working in the afternoons
Sharn Cameron	Room 8	For being a good friend in the playground
Dylan Arps	Room 9	For being a fantastic help to others
Sam Fifita	Room 10	For always cleaning up after others
Micheal Hotter	Room 11	For having an amazing start to Term 3

### ***Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:***

Addison Chiles	TKW	For reading at level 4 fluently and confidently
Evie McGregor	TKW Rua	For sharing her enjoyment of story books
Alexander Straker	Room 1	For writing 2 whole pages in writing this week!
Raymeo-Lee L-D	Room 2	For becoming more independent during writing & thinking about letter sounds
Sadore Alemenah	Room 3	For extending himself in writing, getting his ideas down quickly
Declan Thomson	Room 4	For having a great start to learning in Term 3
Jacob Ship	Room 5	For completing Reading activities well with Whaea Jo
Cassidy Hall	Room 6	For her enthusiasm and effort in Writing
Ruby Wilton	Room 7	For her wonderful myth retell and post
Alexis Gregory	Room 8	For working hard in her Reading
Hollie W-P	Room 9	For being focused in all her class work
Cassius Toluono	Room 10	For great inquiry work on the Apollo mission
Aroha Kerr	Room 11	For her incredible Inquiry

***Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room 4***

***Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 3***

***Weekly Winning House - Woodham***

## Mathletics Results from Week 2

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 9

**The top Mathletics students were:**

**Kākano:** Sadore Alemeneh (Room 3)

**Karawha:** Naeema Ali (Room 6)

**Kōrari:** Elshadaye Alemeneh (Room 10)

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

This week our focus is: ***Be Responsible - Be Clean and Healthy***



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

- ⇒ Washing hands regularly
- ⇒ Brushing teeth morning and night
- ⇒ Showering or bathing daily

## Taha Maori Focus

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

**Kei te aha koe?** What are you doing?

**Kei te pānui au.** I am reading

## News from Room 10 and Mr Betts

Term three is here and I am thinking where has the year gone. We have had a full on year so far with Matariki, swimming, NZO and more last term. Half way through the year and we are looking forward to another fun filled learning term. Our school focus this term is on Myths and Legends incorporating an exciting Wearable Arts presentation based around one myth which we will choose as a class. We will also be looking throughout the term at other legends such as those in fiction like Sherlock Holmes, or science like Albert Einstein, or sport like Jonah Lomu. This lets our students take some ownership and lets them follow their own interests and passions. I look forward to another great creative learning experience for us all this term.



Kōrari has set up buddy reading with Kārawha block and we have been reading books and our poetry to the children. Monday and Thursdays we go over and have lunch with the students before we do our reading.

We have had our trips to the Eco Depot to learn about composting. It was wonderful to see the students getting their hands dirty making compost and bokashi with its secret ingredients. Many of the bags we made have gone home to compost bins around the city. Thanks to Chris and Georgina and the CCC rangers as well as a massive thanks to the parent helpers. We couldn't do it without you.

## News from Kākano Team and Miss Collins

What an exciting start to the term we have had with lots of brand new five year olds and their teacher starting school. Te Kuru Waka Tahī (TKW1) has had Mrs Gail Turner join them and start Te Kuru Waka Rua (TKW2) in the classroom near the gate. It is exciting to have so many five year olds starting school and to have our school growing. These teachers will collaboratively plan together to create a dynamic learning programme to support our youngest learners. This may mean your child may do some of their learning with either teacher but they have a key teacher who has overall responsibility for your child. Mrs Joyce Maria-Soosai has the overall responsibility for Te Kuru Waka Tahī and Mrs Gail Turner for Te Kuru Waka Rua. If whānau have questions, feedback or concerns they would approach their child's key teacher.

This term we are excited about our theme Ngā Toi - The Arts and already we have started the term with music workshops to develop our skills, knowledge and thinking. The teachers have devised a different lesson/experience and the Kākano team are mixed into four groups and visit each teacher's workshop. I was amazed to see trombones being played and students learning how to play the recorder. What lucky students to have such talented teachers! This learning will support the students to create their own music to support their wearable arts performance.



### WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 23



**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 23

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

**Comments: Please tell us how you found the Mid Year Reports, Self Assessments and Learning Conferences**

