



**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!

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| This Week | Tomorrow - Last day of Term Three | 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 Next Term | <p>Monday 14 October</p> <p>Monday 28 October Thursday 31 October Monday 4 November Wednesday 6 November</p> <p>Wednesday 13 November Thursday 14 November Friday 15 November Friday 22 November November - various dates Friday 6 December Wednesday 11 December Thursday 12 December</p> | <p>TERM 4 STARTS - Aquagym Swimming in Weeks 1 and 2 - including TKW <i>Please ensure full payment by the end of Term 3 or consistent automatic payments to ensure your child swims Day 1.</i> Due to numbers, all non swimmers will be going to Aquagym to watch the lessons.</p> <p>Labour Day (School Closed)</p> <p>Halloween School Discos</p> <p>Heritage School Photos (Class & Individual)</p> <p>School Choir Christchurch Schools Music Festival <i>Tickets \$10 only available from Ticketek</i></p> <p>Whole School Trip to Big Band Concert - Town Hall</p> <p>Whole School Trip to the Christchurch Agricultural Show</p> <p>Canterbury Anniversary Day (School Closed)</p> <p>Optional Trip to Royal NZ Ballet - Hansel and Gretel</p> <p>EOTC Team Trips to Quail Island \$30 per child to attend</p> <p>Year 6 Leaver's Day Celebrations</p> <p>School Prizegiving and final day of Term 4</p> <p>School closes for 2019</p> |

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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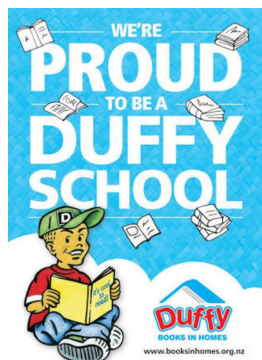
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We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Wh Itau School

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



Duffy Books in Homes

Every student received two free Duffy Books of their choice at Monday's Duffy Books assembly. Your voluntary annual School Donation of \$40.00 ensures that our Board of Trustees is able to fund the \$3,500 we contribute to the Duffy Books programme. We are grateful to Penguin Random House NZ Limited for being our school's sponsor.

Aquagym Swimming

All students are expected to participate in Aquagym Swimming in Weeks 1 and 2 of next term. Our programme is heavily subsidised by the Board of Trustees and Sport Canterbury also contribute. Students who are not swimming will be accompanying their class to the pool as observers as we do not have adequate staff numbers at school to safely cater for the non swimmers.

Wearable Arts

Our Term 3 Learning Celebration of Ngā Toi - The Arts through Myths and Legends was a huge success. Every student 'sparkled like a diamond' on stage and showed us all great learning in the key competencies of creativity, collaboration and using digital technology. Very special thanks must go to our wonderful staff for their incredible efforts to make learning so worthwhile and so much fun!

Gold Awards Learning Celebration

Please come and join us tomorrow at 9.00am to celebrate our 'Good as Gold' learners. One of our students will be presented the Sir Peter Blake Award for their outstanding leadership and being a great role model to their peers. Our new School Indian Dance group tutored by Mrs Maria Soosai will perform and we will draw the lucky winner of the \$50.00 voucher for the recent Parent Community Survey that you were asked to complete.



KINDNESS to SELF

- Do something that makes you happy today
- Exercise for 10 minutes and get your heart pumping
- Smile more often
- Avoid complaining for the entire day
- Create a new game and play it with friends and family
- Take time to practice mindfulness
- Take long slow deep breaths for 3 minutes
- Listen to your favourite music



KINDNESS to FAMILY

- Help with the chores without being asked
- Express your gratitude to your family
- Play a game with a family member
- Wash Mum or Dad's car
- Make a handmade card for someone in your family
- Tidy up after yourself
- Surprise a family member by doing their job for them
- Cook a meal
- Leave a special note on a family member's pillow



KINDNESS to OTHERS

- Write a letter or note to someone out of town and post it
- Bake a cake or your favourite food and deliver it to a friend or someone in need
- Find opportunities to give compliments today
- Say "thank-you" as much as possible
- Hold the door open for the person behind you
- Do something kind for a stranger
- Greet people with a Hug, High Five or Handshake



KINDNESS to PLANET

- Use less plastic
- Drink from a reusable water bottle
- Turn off the lights when you leave the room
- Use reusable shopping bags
- Pick up 5 pieces of litter
- Walk more, drive less
- Recycle
- Make a piece of art work from recycled materials



From Our Board Chairperson, Alexandra Davids

As you already know, Whītau School have just had the Education Review Office visit our school to review how the School's performance is tracking. I want to say a huge thank you to the teachers, students and board members for their team work over that time period. The Board of Trustees look forward to receiving our final report and sharing with you all next term. Well done to all the students who have won classroom awards recently! You are all a credit to the school and help make Whītau a better place for everyone.

Next year the Board of Trustees will opt into the government's offer of \$150.00 per student. This means that your Child's \$10.00 Activity Fee will be covered, as well as all curriculum programmes. Please note that this does not cover the costs of your child's school stationery or school uniform. These remain parent costs.

I hope you all have a fantastic upcoming school holiday!

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:

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| Evie McGregor | TKW | For showing 5 on the mat and doing the right thing |
| Female Student | TKW Rua | For being a helpful and kind friend to our visitors and classmates |
| Katie Nicol | Room 1 | For showing kindness and bringing Miss Ristow a flower each morning |
| Giovanni Hardy | Room 2 | For working hard and showing perseverance |
| Jayde Jewitt | Room 3 | For being a kind friend and becoming a role model in Room 3 |
| Lilly Chesmar | Room 4 | For always having a positive attitude and happy smile |
| Mia Maat | Room 5 | For being a good friend to our new student |
| Damion Hillman | Room 6 | For being a kind friend and classmate |
| Kamya P-S | Room 7 | For all the help she has given her classmates making their WOW outfits |
| Andre Walkinshaw | Room 8 | For growing his friendship circle |
| Molly Aumua | Room 9 | For being a motivated learner and always being on task |
| Zoe Tenorio | Room 10 | For trying to be the best she can be every day |
| Jasmine Houben | Room 11 | For always being a kind and caring classmate |

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

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| Luane Tauati | TKW | For showing improvement in reading, knowing her high frequency words |
| Georgia Yeomans | TKW Rua | For learning all her new reading words |
| Siuta Tavake | Room 1 | For showing loads of improvement in his writing and sounding out of words |
| Wendy-Lee Nathan | Room 2 | For working hard and making great progress in writing |
| Hunter Swainson | Room 3 | For having a fabulous attitude towards learning in all areas |
| Manaia Suliafu | Room 4 | For working hard to do his writing independently |
| Jacob Ship | Room 5 | For being an active Learner at both Home and School |
| Sienna Tavake | Room 6 | For her fluency and expression in Reading |
| Aashrika Dahal | Room 7 | For her great BUCKs work in maths problem solving |
| Hiram Falanai | Room 8 | For his wonderful work in writing |
| Molly Thomson | Room 9 | For her perseverance in solving maths problems |
| Riley Fraser | Room 10 | For working hard and being a great role model in Phonics |
| Goeff Requinala | Room 11 | For excellent expression during Readers Theatre |

Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room 2

Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 5

Weekly Winning House - Woodham

Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 10



This week our focus is: **Be Respectful - Move appropriately to the area.**

What does this look like at home?

- ⇒ Being safe in all environments
- ⇒ Make sure you are doing the right thing at the right time
- ⇒ Walking on the footpath when we are walking to school

Mathletics Results from Week 9

At Whītau 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 7

Kōrari: Room 9

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Priyanjali Dalai (Room 1)

Karawha: Rome Fanene (Room 6)

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.

Koia kei a koe! - You're awesome all right!

Kini kē koe! - Gee, you're the one!

Taputapu kē - Neat! Choice! Cool!

News from the Kōrari Team and Mr Wood

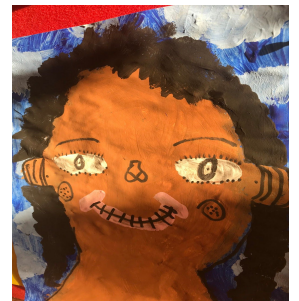
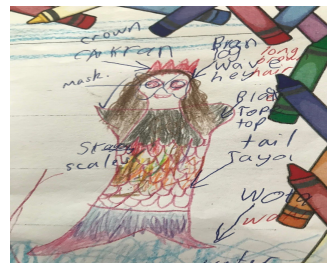
Thank you to all the parents and whanau who have signed up to Seesaw. This amazing app means you become part of our classrooms and your child's learning. It also means that the newsletter becomes more interactive.

What a fantastic finish to the term it has been! Our senior basketball team won their final! Congratulations to Abraham Vaoga, who was awarded the play of the week! Check out the video on Facebook at the 9 minute mark. Our cultural group performed amazingly at the Horncastle Arena. This week has been all about our wonderful wearable arts. Yesterday we got to see the entire school perform at our school-wide performance. What a talented bunch we are. We really enjoyed showing off our work on Wednesday night. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.



News from Room 5 and Mrs Belcher

Room 5 has been writing, drawing and painting descriptions based on Maori Myths and Legends. We have designed costumes for characters that we have created based on Pania of the Reef. We brought our story to life using masks, dance, acting and singing at the Wearable Arts Show. Visiting the 2019 Cultural Performance at Horncastle Arena was also a highlight this Term as we enjoyed celebrating our Kapa Haka and Pasifika stars! We maintained our Reading and Spelling routines and explored different areas of Measurement in Mathematics.



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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 31



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

Please share your fundraising ideas with the Board of Trustees