



**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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| Weekly All students must wear Summer uniform | Everyday Mondays Wednesdays Fridays | School grounds open at 8.30am. No students onsite before 8.30am 9.00am: Whānau Assembly 8.30am: Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the sKids Room Subway Lunch Online Orders (orders need to be in by 9.00am) Orders due in for Pie Day Friday by 9.00am Wednesday 8.30am: St Chad’s Breakfast Club in the sKids Room PIE DAY FRIDAY |
| Special Dates Coming Up | Friday 6 November Monday 9 November Tuesday 10 November Thursday 12 November Friday 13 November Wed 18 - Thurs 25 Nov Friday 20 November Friday 27 November Thursday 3 December Tuesday 8 December Friday 11 December | 9.15am Book Week Character Parade. Parents welcome! 9am Gold Awards Learning Celebration Richmond Community Garden Trip (TKW-Rm 5) Staff Only MoE Learning Day No 2. No school for students Canterbury Anniversary Day (School Closed) Team BEACH EDUCATION Days Optional Trip to the Royal New Zealand Ballet - Sleeping Beauty Junior Athletics Sports - Rooms TKW - R11 Year 6 Leavers Big Day Out 9.30am Talent Quest Finals School Christmas Picnic Concert 5.30pm Final Day of 2020 for all students - Leavers Assembly, Senior and Junior Prizegivings |

Whakatauki of the Week:

*‘He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata’
‘Goodwill towards others in a precious treasure’*

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We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Wh Ītau School
Kia ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Mālō e lelei!
Greetings everyone



School Photographs

Our annual school photographs were taken yesterday by Stephen from Heritage School Photos. Thank you so very much for ensuring your children were beautifully dressed. All of the classes looked stunning and were impeccably behaved for their class photograph. Stephen is hilarious with the gimmicks he uses to get all the children focused, sitting correctly, hands in their right place, looking at the camera and smiling! Stephen was so impressed with our students that not only did he say we are one of his top, favourite three schools to visit, he has promised us a generous donation to support our wonderful children and their learning.

Staff Only Day - Next Thursday 12 November. School will be officially closed for the day for staff to participate in professional learning. Thank you for supporting us and enjoy your long weekend.

Fundraising for 2021 Year 5 and 6 Camp at Living Springs

We will be holding the following schoolwide fundraising activities starting next year in Term 1 which we hope each family in our school will support

- February - School Raffle. \$2 per ticket. Printed books of tickets. Cash Prizes.
- March - Whittaker's Chocolate Bars. \$2 per bar.
- April - School Raffle. \$2 per ticket. Carved pounamu toki generously donated by Ihakara Smith



Grow Waitaha 'DigiAwards' 2020

Mrs Anglesley and selected students have participated in the annual DigiAwards. This is the seventh year this creative digital competition has been held. The DigiAwards encourage and celebrate digital creativity in all Year 0–8 ākonga throughout Waitaha. The event enables ākonga to design, develop and showcase their digital outcomes.

The 2020 theme is: Ahakoa he iti, he pounamu – Although it is small, it is precious.

Last year over 400 entries were submitted and our school made the finals. I am very proud to congratulate Lyrik Nathan whose entry has made the finals again this year, for a second year in a row. We are very proud of you Lyrik and wish you well in the finals next Wednesday evening at St Margaret's College.



Beach Education Trip

As part of our Education Outside The Classroom programme at Wh Ītau School we will be going to Waimairi Beach from 18 November to 26 November to learn about the Beach and in particular how to be safe in and near the sea.

- **The Board of Trustees is fully funding this trip at a cost of \$25.00 per student.**
- **EOTC Beach Education is part of the PE and Health School Curriculum.**
- **ALL children must participate in their Beach Education Day, unless a medical certificate is provided.**

| Team/Classes | Date: | Number of Parent Helpers Required |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Kākano - TKW, Rooms 2 & 3 | Wednesday 18 November | 10 |
| Kehakai - Rooms 4 & 5 | Thursday 19 November | 7-8 |
| Kārawha - Rooms 8 & 9 | Monday 23 November | 8 |

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| Kārawha - Rooms 10 & 11 | Tuesday 24 November | 8 |
| Kōrari - Rooms 12 & 13 | Wednesday 25 November | 10 |
| Kōrari - Rooms 14 & 15 | Thursday 26 November | 10 |

This is traditionally a great day out and teaches valuable skills for the summer. We do require parent/whānau assistance please as we need to have 1:5 adult/child ratio. If you can assist on the day of your child's trip to the beach please could you sign the form and hand it to your child's teacher by Monday 9 November. **Please note that parents will be required to get into the water with the children.** We will travel by bus and leave school at 9.00am. We will be back at school before 3.00pm each day. **Every child must return their permission slip.**

Please note that no pre-schoolers will be allowed on the trip. All whānau helpers must be 18 years or over.

Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award

Well done to Rooms 3 and 9



Kind regards everyone

Sandra Smith, JP

Principal - Tumuaki

News from the Korari Team and Mr Wood

It's been an exciting term with still a lot to look forward to. Ten of our students have been selected to take part in a Ki o Rahi tournament next week. This is the first time we have participated in this sport and we are very excited.

Also, planning is underway for a Big Day Out for Year 6 students to celebrate their time here at Whītau School. We intend to go to Margaret Mahy Playground and spend the day having fun, getting wet, playing mini-golf and scootering on the pump track.



This term our Inquiry Learning topic is 'I am a Healthy Citizen' and we have been focused on growing things, with each class growing a variety of seeds. A special thanks to New World on Stanmore Road for the awesome donation of the Little Gardens. Room 12 has done a fantastic job of making full sets of Little Gardens to distribute to classrooms.

Art is in full swing and we are constructing with clay. Room 14 has been making pendants. They are a work in progress but they look great so far.

We have been working around the weather as much as we can for Athletics. The weather is great for our Athletics Day today. South East Zones are next Tuesday and we expect to be taking a small team. Our children will be aware if they are expecting to get into the team, so hopefully they have told you! A notice will be sent out as we need parents help with transport. Please sign and return ASAP.





Rā Whānau Ki A Koe!

AVA – 9 JAX – 7 KYREL – 8
 ALAZNE – 11 ZAYDEN – 8 TAMANIA – 6



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

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| Lilly Mathijsen | TKW | For her creative thinking in boat making and drawing |
| Jareth Arps | Room 2 | For always being helpful and super reliable |
| Violet Vendetti | Room 3 | For always being quiet and Respectful in class |
| Vena (VJ) Taaso | Room 4 | For making great choices in class |
| Luane Tauati | Room 5 | For being a kind friend to her peers |
| Josefa Leko | Room 8 | For having a positive attitude during Reading time |
| Brianna Solomon | Room 9 | For taking risks in her learning and giving things a go |
| Kailani Clough | Room 10 | For being Responsible in class and focused in her work |
| Avea Masaga | Room 11 | For being a Responsible, Respectful role model in class |
| Dylan Chesmar | Room 12 | For continually being focused on his school work |
| Ava Neilson | Room 13 | For always being willing to share her knowledge with others |
| Dominic Hall | Room 14 | For being a focused learner |

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| Abraham Vaoga | Room 15 | For always putting his heart and soul into his Artwork |
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Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy

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| Ihipera Falwasser | TKW | For drawing an amazing geometric house |
| Essence Sofai | Room 2 | For being so focused and determined in Writing |
| Zoey Dunn | Room 3 | For making great progress with her Writing |
| Honey-Lee NH-T | Room 4 | For great effort in Story Writing |
| Ethan Lavaiaamat | Room 5 | For excellent progress in Reading |
| Malachi M-W | Room 8 | For working collaboratively with his Maths buddy to solve their Maths problems |
| William Barry | Room 9 | For extending himself in his writing and adding detail |
| Maddison Milne | Room 10 | For her improvement in her Reading and Writing |
| Sharmaine Boese | Room 11 | For her effort and great results in Maths |
| Aaliyah B-U | Room 12 | For her wonderful creative Writing |
| Riley O'Neill | Room 13 | For her focused approach to learning about fractions |
| Lita Frings | Room 14 | For creative and descriptive Writing |
| Lilly M-B | Room 15 | For sustained quality Writing |

PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 4

This week our focus is: ***Be Respectful - Be Honest***

What does this look like at home?

- Tell the truth
- Act in a way that is truthful and doesn't hide the truth
- Only do things that are morally right



Mathletics Results from Week 3

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/Kehakai: Room 5

Kārawha: Room 11

Kōrari: Room 12

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano/Kehakai: James Daligdig (Room 5)

Kārawha: Tanē Norton (Room 11)

Kōrari: Elshadaye Alemeneh (Room 14)

Taha Maori Focus

Each week we have a Maori phrase to learn that we try to incorporate into our daily teaching and learning.

Titiro ki tēnei! - Look at this!





WHĪTAU SCHOOL WHĀNAU ON SITE EXPECTATIONS

IN THE SCHOOL CARPARKS



- Please show respect at all times in our school carparks
- Please reverse into all school carparks
- Encourage your child to use and walk on the footpaths and model this to your child to keep them safe
- Please keep to the speed limit of 10 km per hour
- Please do not use the mobility parking spaces, unless you have a mobility card
- Please do not use the Staff Carpark.

IN THE MORNING AFTER 8.30AM



- Please feel free to drop your child at the gate or the classroom. Children need wait at the gate until 8.30am.
- It is good practice to scan the COVID QR code
- Please ensure you have left the classroom before 9.00am, as this is when learning officially starts
- If your child is late to school in the morning, please bring them to the Office to sign in
- Before school is a time to settle your child into their learning for the day and to have a brief conversation with the class teacher if you need to.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER



- If you need to talk your child's teacher privately, please make a suitable time to meet with them
- You can always message the class teacher via Seesaw.
- Each teacher has an email address. This is their first name followed by @whitau.school.nz. These can also be found on the website.
- Please respect that after 7.00pm or in the weekends, they will not reply until the next school day

THE END OF DAY



- Please collect your child from outside the classroom if you choose to. It is good practice to scan the COVID QR code
- Years 0 - 3 students will be matched to an adult or prearranged sibling at the classroom, as per pre-lockdown
- If you do wish to meet your Year 0 - 3 child at the gate, please arrange this with your child's teacher
- Please wait quietly away from the classroom, so learning can continue without distractions until 3.00pm
- Please do not go into the classroom BEFORE 3.00pm
- If you have a genuine need to collect your child early, please phone or go to the School Office. Do not go directly to the classroom.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KIDS FOUNDATION – RAZZAMATAZZ NZ

RAZZAMATAZZ is our present to YOU, YOUR CLIENTS & THEIR FAMILIES!
Our Kids can't get out much, so thought we'd share a little fun & laughter with You!

RAZZAMATAZZ is Fantastic Family oriented Comedy with a Wow Factor!

RAZZAMATAZZ is wickedly wonderful, full of laughs, puppetry, magic, acrobatics, dancing and so much more!



The 2020 production of our Family Comedy Show is online and proudly hosted by the Kids Foundation NZ.

Kids Foundation Children are immune deficient, organ transplant or "medically fragile" children, so to play it safe this year we're NOW ONLINE!!

Kids Foundation Razzamatazz – Pt 1

<https://vimeo.com/467178926>

Kids Foundation Razzamatazz – Pt 2

<https://vimeo.com/469610070>

(the password is Razz!)

PLEASE ENJOY & SHARE WITH EVERYONE!

More Info – Visit Us!

Kids Foundation - <https://www.facebook.com/IDFNZKidsFoundation>

Razzamatazz NZ - <https://www.facebook.com/RazzamatazzNZ>

Don't Forget to Like Us too!



sKids Whitau will be OPEN for
Teacher Only day
Thursday 12th November 2020

Full Day 8:30am – 6pm \$48
Short Day 8:30am-3pm \$35

Book now at skids.aimy.co.nz and click on 'Special Day'
or contact our Programme Manager for more information.



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221 Woodham Road, Linwood
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Term 4 Activities

October 12th 2020 – December 11th 2020

After School Care 3:00pm to 6:00pm

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| <p>Week 1 Multi Sports</p> <p>Play Rugby, Netball, Basketball, Dodgeball and so much more this super sporty week!</p> | <p>Week 2 Star Wars</p> <p>A week full of acting, dancing and making your very own light saver!</p> | <p>Week 3 Tik Tok</p> <p>Learn a new dance, and skit or complete a Tik Tok challenge this week!</p> | <p>Week 4 Wearable Arts</p> <p>Get creative and design your own wearable art costume!</p> | <p>Week 5 Rainbow Week</p> <p>Use puffy paint, pastels, clay and more to create colourful rainbow creations this week!</p> |
| <p>Week 6 Letter P</p> <p>This week we're doing anything and everything to do with the letter P!</p> | <p>Week 7 Carnival Week</p> <p>Go carnival crazy this week with a bunch of games and activities</p> | <p>Week 8 Rock N' Roll</p> <p>Get ready to rock out this week! Have fun with a week full of creative art and music!</p> | <p>Week 9 LEGO</p> <p>Lego is fun to play with, but did you know its also good for science...? Come found out how this week!</p> | <p>Remember to get your bookings in for our term 4 Holiday Programme!</p> |

Email: whitau@skids.co.nz | Onsite Mobile: 027 303 0247 | Office Phone: 0800 274 172

Register now at www.sKids.co.nz click on **Parent Login**

MSD-Approved
Work & Income NZ OSCAR Subsidy available!

Community

Hugs

Winz Subsidy

Have your circumstances
changed due to COVID-19?

Could this be you? Since re-opening after the Level 4 lockdown, we are finding that due to changes in circumstances many families now qualify for the Work and Income Out of School Care Subsidy who may not have previously qualified.

If you are eligible, you can claim up to 20 hours per week for Before and After School Care and up to 50 hours per week for School Holiday Programmes.

We can make the process Stress-free - We would love to work with you and your local Work and Income office to make sure that the process of applying for and receiving an OSCAR subsidy is straightforward and stress-free.

Let's catch up and work though this together

Contact your Local skids Centre Manager

N 027 303 0247

E whitau@location.co.nz

We got this!
Much Aroha

Aroha
Whanau

Tamariki

We are
here





PIE DAY FRIDAY FOR TERM 3!

Meat Pies - \$2.00

Sausage Roll \$2.00

Spinach & Feta Roll \$3.00

Please send your child's money to school and the class teacher will complete an order form BEFORE WEDNESDAY 9.00AM so we can put orders in for the pies.

The money made from the pies will go towards a School Sandpit.



REMEMBER ALL PIE
ORDERS MUST BE IN BY
WEDNESDAY 9.00AM

WHĪTAU SCHOOL WHEELIE DAYS

One day a week for each Learning Team where they can bring their scooter, skateboard, rollerblades or roller skates to school with a helmet.

MONDAY = KĀKANO
TUESDAY = KEHAKAI
WEDNESDAY = KĀRAWHA
THURSDAY = KŌRARI

NO HELMET = NO WHEELS

The School will take all care possible but recommends that each item is well named and if bringing a scooter that it is locked in the Cycle Stands.

Other wheels will be safely stored in Cloak Bays or the Learning Centre.

Students will use their own wheels only and only on the Court Area.



WOW

Subway to deliver to Whitau School in 2020, every Wed

First Wednesday delivery date is
Wed 12th Feb !!

It's simple; all you need to do is register at
www.lunchonline.co.nz
and follow 4 easy steps to get started

- 1 Register an account
- 2 Add member/s including your child's name, school and classroom
- 3 Make a payment so you have funds in your account before you order
- 4 Select your lunch and place an order



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