



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 | Please return Newsletter slip to Class Teachers 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Sausage Sizzle lunch \$2 orders to class by 9am please |
| Next Week | Monday 27 May WEDNESDAY 29 MAY FRIDAY 31 MAY | Room 8 & 9 Fertilising for the Future - Metro Place (Term 2 Activity) NZEI TEACHERS' STRIKE DAY. SCHOOL OFFICIALLY CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY (School Closed) |
| Coming Up | MONDAY 3 JUNE Friday 7 June Tuesday 11 June FRIDAY 14 JUNE Tuesday 18 June Monday 24 June Friday 28 June Tues - Wed 2/3 July | QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND (School Closed) 9.15am NZ Playhouse Performance 'The Tortoise and the Hare' (NB: Only those children who have paid Term 2 Activity Fee can attend) Room 2 & 3 Casting Magic with Worms - Metro Place (Term 2 Activity) 9am GOLD AWARDS LEARNING CELEBRATION TKW & Room 1 Casting Magic with Worms - Metro Place (Term 2 Activity) Room 10 & 11 Fertilising for the Future - Metro Place (Term 2 Activity) Mid Year Reports and Student Self Assessments issued Student Led Learning Conferences and Goal Setting Interviews 2pm - 7pm |
| 2019 Board of Trustees Elections | Tomorrow Friday 24 May Wednesday 29 May Friday 7 June Friday 14 June | NOMINATIONS CLOSE at 12 noon. An election will be held if the number of nominations exceed our 5 vacancies. Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll as an election is required VOTING PAPERS WILL BE POSTED VOTING CLOSSES at 12 noon. Votes are counted and our school advised of the results. New Board takes office. <i>We look forward to all our parents/caregivers being involved in the election process.</i> |

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



Whakatauki of the Week:

*'Mai te kōpae ki te urupa, tātou ako toriu ai' -
From the cradle to the grave, we are forever learning'*



We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whītau School

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



Board of Trustees Elections



We are really thrilled that we already have lots of nominations and that we will be holding an election. **ALL NOMINATIONS CLOSE TOMORROW AT 12 NOON.**

The Parent Representatives nominations received are

Roxanna Breukelaar, Alexandra Davids, Magda de Waal, Rebecca George (Current Board Member), Angela Lorgelly, Andrea McGill, Justin Mitchell, Robert Woodward and Maxine Williams (Current Board Member).

The Staff Representatives nominations received are

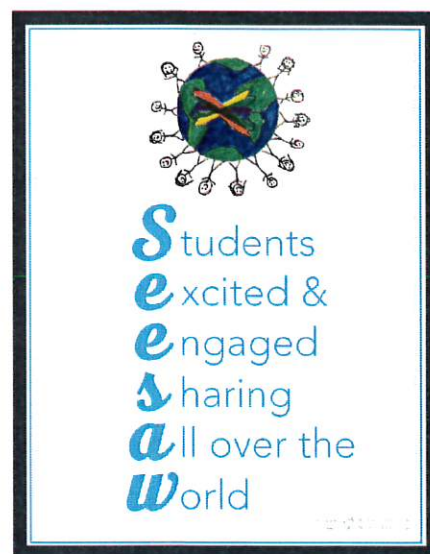
Nicola Cosgrove (Current Board Member), Darrin Mitchell and Samuel Turner.

All parents, caregivers and staff will be posted their voting papers by Canterbury Education Services next week.

Sharing Our Student Learning With Whānau

At Whītau School we now use the Seesaw App to share your child's learning online. Seesaw has replaced our Student Learning Journal books which came home at the end of every term. Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what is happening in the classroom. Seesaw gives students a place to record their learning, be creative and learn how to use technology. Each student has their own online journal and they are adding their examples of their learning like photos, videos, drawings or notes. When there are new Seesaw posts, families will be notified via the Seesaw app notification, email or SMS. Parents are only notified about their own child's work. The only people who can access your child's Seesaw journals are people who you explicitly invite. Family members can sign up via the QR code which you share with them or via the class invite link.

Teachers are sending home your child's unique Seesaw QR Code again so you can connect or get your family members to connect. If you are not already connected, please talk to your child's teacher if you need help to connected so you and your whanau can enjoy seeing what they are learning in class.



Computers in Homes Connect Classes at Whītau School in Term 3



*Do you need your own computer?? Are you keen to make some changes in your life? Need help with computer skills..... have no personal computer/device to use at home.....would love a job or to make new plans for your future? **Computers in Homes Connect can help you with all of the above.***

The 20/20 Trust has offered our school a revamped programme called Computers in Homes Connect. Connect offers 30 hours training, an individual learning plan and a new Chromebook to take home to keep! Training takes place at school on the actual Chromebook that you will take home. Classes are small with 12 students. A one off fee of \$50.00 applies.

To qualify for the Connect programme, you must be prepared to have some fun, join a small class, learn lots, have no personal device at home, be over 16 and have less than L2 NCEA. Your new ChromeBook will be yours to take home at the completion of the course. There is a \$50 charge to participate.

If you or your whanau wish to take advantage of this amazing offer and meet the above criteria, please add your name and details to the list at the School Office and pay a deposit of \$10.00 to secure your place in our Computers in Homes Connect class. 2020.org.nz/computers-in-homes-connect-2019

The Class Whanau Award

The Class Whanau Award is awarded to the class which has the highest percentage of return slips for the newsletter each week. Please remember to support your child by signing the return slip and ensuring that it comes back to class on Friday morning. **Well done to Room 2 who were the winners of the Whanau Award this week!**

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...!'

TKW: Weston Burton, Jaxon Faulks, Aria Goodwin & Nash Kippenberger

Kind regards everyone.

Sandra Smith, JP

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:

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| Ryder Playford | TKW | For showing 5 on the mat and listening to the teacher |
| Addison A-N | Room 1 | For always keeping our Cloak Bay super tidy |
| Salma Yasin | Room 2 | For being a great role model to her peers and always giving everything a go |
| Tunisia Moana | Room 3 | For being a 'Tidy Kiwi' both in the classroom and on the playground |
| Lucian R-C | Room 4 | For being a kind person, always asking others if they need help |
| Tobias Fenton | Room 5 | For being Responsible at Aquagym |
| Adriana Vaoga | Room 6 | For being Responsible by problem solving in the classroom |
| Tanvi Naidu | Room 7 | For following the school values and being a wonderful role model |
| Daniya Verma | Room 8 | For always being a caring friend |
| Danica Pickles | Room 9 | For being a great role model by being involved in lots of Whītau School activities |
| Filipo Siumu | Room 10 | For trying hard to be a better citizen and classmate |
| Aroha Kerr | Room 11 | For not giving up and completing the cross country |

Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:

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| Kieran Partridge | TKW | For learning and recognising the shapes |
| Rayyan Ali | Room 1 | For remembering interesting facts about endangered animals during writing |
| Jax Woodward | Room 2 | For being a focused learner in learning time |
| Eli Sia | Room 3 | For extending himself in reading and adding expression |
| Sharmaine Boese | Room 4 | For making huge progress in all areas of her learning |
| Piper Snowden | Room 5 | For using the equipment to produce a perfect cone independently |
| Hyacinth Famitangco | Room 6 | For showing brilliant progress in her spelling |
| Mason Morgan | Room 7 | For excellent work on his novel study |
| Safina S-M | Room 8 | For consistently completing great writing |
| Cody Hart-Lee | Room 9 | For working really hard on his Walking with an ANZAC project |
| Maryanne Tavake | Room 10 | For great effort in her fishy vocabulary words |
| Rocko Parkins | Room 11 | For always working hard in Maths |



Taha Maori Focus

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

Ke te pēhea koe i tēnei rā - How are you today?

Kei te hia āwhina koe? - Can I help you?

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

This week our focus is: **Be Responsible - Look after your belongings**



What does this look like at home?

- ⇒ Pack your own school bag with everything you need
- ⇒ Name all your items that you bring to school
- ⇒ Keep your room nice and tidy

Mathletics Results from Week 3

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 2
Karawha: Room 5
Kōrari: Room 9

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Clay O'Grady (Room 2)
Karawha: Tāne Norton (Room 5)
Kōrari: Elshadaye Alemeneh (Room 10)

School Cross Country Results 2019

NE-Y1 Boys

1st= Seth Taitoko
1st= Te-Ariki Paki-Otene
3rd Malachi Mackie-Walker

NE-Y1 Girls

1st Wendy-Lee Nathan
2nd Hazel Linstead
3rd Sophia Conaghan

Y2 Boys

1st Tobias Fenton
2nd Lucian Richards-Cooke
3rd Zayden Arps

Y2 Girls

1st Gloria Cane
2nd Ayanna Shire
3rd Madi Flint

Y3 Boys

1st Daklin Cameron
2nd Kawana Te Rangi
3rd Jonty Cameron

Y3 Girls

1st Kamyra Purukamu Sykes
2nd Zaliyah McMillan
3rd Savanna Boese

Y4 Boys

1st Israel Searle
2nd Mason Morgan
3rd Mataio Ifopo-Togia

Y4 Girls

1st Adriana Vaoga
2nd Elsie King
3rd Misty Rochford

Y5 Boys

1st Abraham Vaoga
2nd Mitchell Shannon
3rd Rocko Parkins

Y5 Girls

1st Naomi Ashwell
2nd Ngatea Ngatai
3rd Mikayla Gregory

Y6 Boys

1st Drae Ferguson
2nd Aston Hardy
3rd Voyce Renton

Y6 Girls

1st Anika-Rose Gread-Robinson
2nd Salote Vakapuna
3rd= Davinia Lidgett, Danica Pickles

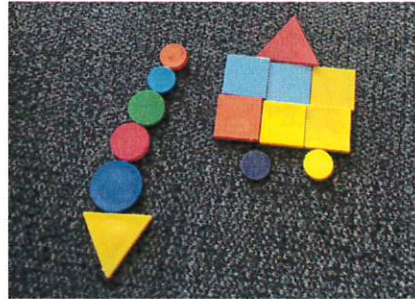
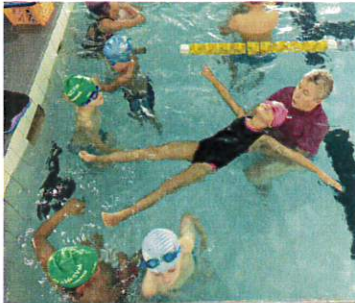


News from Room 2 and Ms Schulze

It has been a busy start to Term 2! The first two weeks have been jam packed with most of our students swimming. It has been great to see their confidence grow in the water and build on techniques to use when in the water.

During Maths this term, we are learning about Geometry. So far we have been learning the names of shapes and their attributes, identifying how many sides and corners each shape has. This term, we are going to be doing a focus on Sustainability and Matariki.

During Writing time last week, we started exploring what the effects our rubbish has on the environment and animals. Check out some of our great publishing.



News from Kārawha and Mr Turner

In the Kārawha Team we have been on some exciting trips outside the classroom lately. Room 6 and 7 have been on their catch up trip from last term at Halswell Quarry. The session covered birds, trees, and bugs. Our favourite thing was the bug hunt - we got to lift up logs and look at the bug life underneath. We carefully collected the bugs that didn't scuttle away fast enough and identified them, learning some fun facts in the process. This week Room 4 and 5 have been on their 'Casting Magic with Worms' session at Metro Waste. They explored the role worms play in waste management and how to care for these amazing creatures. At the end of this week Room 6 and 7 will go on their Term 2 activity 'Watch your Waste' also at Metro Waste. Thank you to all the parent helpers that are able to come and support the learning taking place at these events. We appreciate all the support you give.



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 15



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 15

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

We welcome your ideas, comments and any feedback....