



**WHĪTAU
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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	Friday 12 April - Last day of Term One	8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in Kidsbase Room 9am Gold Awards Learning Celebration in School Hall, all welcome
Coming Up	Monday 29 April Wednesday 1 May Friday 3 May	First day of Term Two All students are required to wear Winter uniform this term Aquagym Swimming - Please ensure full payment or consistent automatic payments to ensure your child swims on Day 1 8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room
IMPORTANT DATES SCHOOL CLOSED	THURSDAY 9 MAY FRIDAY 31 MAY MONDAY 3 JUNE	TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.30pm STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION ALL DAYS
2019 Board of Trustees Elections	By Friday 10th May Friday 24th May Wed 29th May Friday 7th June Friday 14th June	Nominations called to become members of our Board of Trustees. Nomination forms posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll. NOMINATIONS CLOSE – 24 th May at noon. An election will then 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. VOTING CLOSES at 12 noon. Votes are counted and our school advised of the results. New Board takes office. We look forward to all our parents/ caregivers being involved in the election process.

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



Whakatauki of the Week:
'Mauria te pono' - Believe in yourself'



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! Māiō e lelei! Greetings everyone!



Well after eleven action packed weeks of learning with your children, twelve weeks for teaching staff and thirteen weeks for Miss Collins and I, all of the staff are very excited about our Term 1 holidays finally arriving! We have had an amazing first term of learning with our new Whītāu School Curriculum. I especially wish to thank Fraser Kears and the Board of Trustees for their outstanding governance of our school this term and all of the wonderful staff who always go beyond the call of duty for our tamariki and their whānau. Our new Associate Principals Sam and Stephen and our new teachers are bringing their creativity and enthusiasm to our student learning programme and as a whole staff, we are a very happy team working together. Through the adverse challenges that have presented this term, Whītāu School has shone through as a school community that really cares and strives for **"Focused Learners Achieve eXcellence, FLAX."**

We look forward next term to exciting learning including Aquagym Swimming, to our schoolwide Inquiry learning about Matariki and Sustainability, our School Cross Country Running Races, seeing the construction of our new classroom block happen, our Board of Trustees elections and hopefully the ERO (Education Review Office) visiting us after postponing this term. We have the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra visiting us for a concert, class trips planned to learn about Sustainability, Winter Sports and our School Basketball team.

Important Dates for Families - School Closures next term

THURSDAY 9 MAY	TEACHER PAID UNION MEETINGS. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.30pm for instruction
SCHOOL IS ALSO CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION BOTH THE FOLLOWING DAYS	
FRIDAY 31 MAY	STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY
MONDAY 3 JUNE	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND

DUFFY BOOKS ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

Our Duffy Role Model Nathan Gray was an inspiration to the children. He spoke with them about the importance of Reading and working hard at school. Every child loved receiving two books of their choice.



The Class Whanau Newsletter Award

The Class Whanau Award is awarded to the class which has the highest percentage of return slips for the School 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 4 who were the winners of the Whanau Award again this week! YOU HAVE EARNED EXTRA PLAY THIS WEEK!



Kind regards everyone.

Sandra Smith, JP

Principal - Tumuaki

Taha Maori Focus

Each week we have Maori phrases which we try to incorporate into our daily teaching and learning. **Kia kaha e hoa mā** - Let's go team!

Ka mau te wehi! Awesome!

Karawhiua! Give it all you've got! Give it heaps



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.

Kaesharn Kidwell	TKW	For learning to settle into class straight away. Ka Pai!
Sophia Conaghan	Room 1	For always being a good friend to her classmates. Keep up the good work
Raymeo-Lee L-D	Room 2	For being new to school and already showing the school values
Maia Gregory	Room 3	For being a bucket filler. We are so lucky to have her in the Room 3 team!
Avannah Toluono	Room 4	For her kind and thoughtful interactions with others
Kaylilah Ah Tong	Room 5	For creative, confident speaking in class
Jonty Cameron	Room 6	For his positive attitude towards work and kindness to others in Room 6
Kamya P-S	Room 7	For being an awesome classroom helper!
Safina S-M	Room 8	For always showing kindness and consideration to others
Emily Park	Room 9	For being an amazing role model to everyone in Room 9
Aaradhya Dahal	Room 10	For always being keen to tidy up other people's mess
Amanda DSM	Room 11	For being a kind and caring classmate

Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:

James Daligdig	TKW	For his amazing writing and alphabet knowledge
Jayden Churchill	Room 1	For his positive attitude towards learning how to add two numbers together
Charlotte Hoogervorst	Room 2	For being focused during reading time and talking about ideas in the story
Jacob Ship	Room 3	For always sharing his ideas in his reading group and making great predictions about new stories
Ryan Mcnicoll	Room 4	For ensuring his writing is structured and interesting to read
Francis O'Neill	Room 5	For creating a Halo rocket and communicating clearly about his creation
Abubakar Yasin	Room 6	For showing great enthusiasm and expression in his reading
Jaxon Judd	Room 7	For working hard on his reading and making great progress
Andre Walkinshaw	Room 8	For making huge jumps in his reading achievements
Hollie W-P	Room 9	For writing her stories with great imagination
Mikayla Gregory	Room 10	For great perseverance in her writing and research for her Kahoot
Mahalia Hiley	Room 11	For solid work ethic in literacy and numeracy



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 10

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
Kārawha: Room 7
Kōrari: Room 11

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Samuel Cave (R2)
Kārawha: Tāne Norton (R5)
Kōrari: Rocko Parkins (R11)

News from Mr Betts and Room 10

We have had an awesome first term. It started off in a rush for the teacher with Mrs Lowe leaving and only having two days to get the class organised before the start of the year. But with week eleven underway, I think it all turned out great. We have done so much in Term One, going to Bottle Lake, two writers came in to talk to us, the NZ Army band came in, the Jump Jam man also came and gave us a great session. Then there was camp where we did some amazing things, the highlight for most people was archery and really challenging themselves with the tree climbing. For others it was the first time they were away from home which is a big thing in itself. That hasn't even touched on all of the great things students have been doing in class. From making cool posters and writing great poems and stories to creating great works of Art or gymnastic performances. Making our Waka and our Minecraft selfies, we could go on all day. It's about time for a break I think so let us all have a nice two week break and come back refreshed for Aquagym and a load of new learning. Check out our blog on Seesaw to see what we have been up to.



News from the Kākano Team and Miss Collins

Wow! What a busy term it has been! As we come to the end of Term One, we are still working hard in the Kākano team to finish off some exciting projects we have started as part of our Inquiry unit.



We have been looking at how we belong in our school community and came up with some ways we thought we could help contribute to making our school and even better place.

You may be able to spot some of our hard work out in the playground.



In Week 9, we were lucky enough to go on a trip. Rooms TKW, One and Two went to the Botanical Gardens in Hagley Park and Room Three went to the Travis Wetlands. We learnt about the relationships between the bugs, birds and trees and their importance to the environment.

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Please sign and ask your child to return this section to their class teacher. 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 WhTtau Newsletter 11

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

We welcome your ideas, comments and any feedback about Term 1 at WhTtau School...