



**WHĪTAU
SCHOOL**

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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	Tomorrow	8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 9am Gold Awards Learning Celebration Junior Athletics Day No Sausage Sizzle Lunch - Junior Shared Lunch
Next Week	Monday 11 November Tuesday 12 November Wednesday 13 November Thursday 14 November Friday 15 November	Year 5 Adventure Day for 10 students (Day 1) Year 5 Adventure Day for 10 students (Day 2) South East Zone Athletics (Postponement day 19 November) 8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Whole School Trip to Big Bang Concert - Town Hall Whole School Trip to the Christchurch Agricultural Show (\$10 Activity fee) Canterbury Anniversary Day (School Closed)
Coming Up	Wednesday 20 November Friday 22 November November - various dates Wednesday 4 December Friday 6 December Monday 9 December Tuesday 10 December Wednesday 11 December Thursday 12 December	MASH Kid Challenge (Kōrari) Y0 - Y4 Optional Trip to Royal NZ Ballet - Hansel and Gretel (\$5.00 per student) EOTC Team Trips to Quail Island (\$30 per child to attend) 5.30pm School Music Soiree - Our School Choir, all recorder and ukulele students perform. All students are required to attend and participate please Year 6 Leaver's Day Celebrations From 5.30pm School Whanau Christmas Picnic and Learning Team Items Junior Y1 - Y3 House Tabloids Fun Day and shared lunch with parents Senior Y4 - Y6 House Tabloids Fun Day and shared lunch with parents School Prizegiving and final day of Term 4 for students School closes for 2019 Staff Only Day

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



Whakatauki of the Week:

*'Okea ururoatia'
'Never say die'*



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We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

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



From the Principal's Desk

Our School ERO Review

We are thrilled to receive our confirmed ERO Review which we shared with you all yesterday via SeeSaw. It confirms we are a great school and well placed for future success. Congratulations and thank you to our previous and current Board and our current staff for supporting my leadership through a very rewarding process.

Christchurch Schools Music Festival



I was delighted and proud to attend the 80th Christchurch Schools Music Festival in the Town Hall last evening. It was amazing to have the festival back in the Town Hall. Together with New Brighton Catholic and Rawhiti Schools, we were the only schools in the Tamai Kahu Ako and the east of Christchurch to participate.

It was disappointing that only 13 students from our choir of 30 were supported by their whanau to attend last evening and be a part of

this amazing experience singing with a large orchestra and concert band. A special thank you to Mrs Mackie for her sterling efforts in tutoring our School Choir in the past few years.



Staffing for 2020

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Alison Cox and Miss Samantha Sasse to visit our school tomorrow. They are both joining our staff next year.

Friendly Reminders

- **Gold Awards Learning Celebration** - tomorrow at 9am. All whanau welcome to come and enjoy. Our School Choir will be performing their favourite song from the Music Festival
- **Junior Athletics Day and Shared Class Lunch** - tomorrow from 11am. All whanau welcome!
- **Whole School Visit to CSO Big Band Concert in the Town Hall** - ***All children who have paid their \$10.00 Term 4 Activity Fee and EOTC Fee will attend.*** This will be a fantastic concert especially for primary children.
- **Whole School Visit to Christchurch Show next Thursday.** ***Please ensure Term 4 \$10.00 Activity Fee is paid.***
- **School Photographs** were taken and you will be given instructions re orders via Seesaw asap
- **Summer Uniform** - ALL students require a red sweatshirt as part of their compulsory school uniform. This is an essential item and we were disappointed how many students did not have one to wear for their school photographs. All children should now be wearing summer uniform - no track pants or winter culottes please.
- **RNZB Hansel and Gretel Ballet Trip for Years 0 - 4**
Please return your permission slip and \$5.00 if you would like your child to attend. *We only have 19 tickets left!*

Congratulations to the following students who have earned Principal's Awards this week

Skylar Nathan, Room 5 for her amazing Story Writing
Ryan Mcnicoll, Room 4 for his amazing Spelling



Kind regards everyone,
Sandra Smith, JP.

Principal - Tumuaki

Weekly Principal's Class Awards

These awards were presented at School Whānau time on Monday at 1.15pm. Families are most welcome to join us in the School Hall. This week's awards are:

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

Ranui P-S	TKW	For showing 5 on the mat
Donnell-James Levi	TKW Rua	For super listening at mat time
Hazel Linstead	Room 1	For being a great role model in Room 1
Alexander Straker	Room 2	For always being a kind and caring member of Room 2
Emelie H-V-E	Room 3	For making great choices and working hard to manage herself
Kyrel J-M	Room 4	For always being a happy influence on others in our class
Sophie Newlove	Room 5	For making a great start to Whītau School
Savanna Boese	Room 6	For always doing the right thing and showing the School Values
Rhys Nevard	Room 7	For his kind heart and helping his peers
Naomi Ashwell	Room 8	For her 'can-do' attitude at Athletics
Asten Norman	Room 9	For getting involved in our Sports programme
Serah-Ashlee Vi	Room 10	For settling in well to the Whītau way
Alazne loane	Room 11	For your 'can-do' attitude at Athletics

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

Kieran Partridge	TKW	For writing his story sounding out his letters
Georgia Yeomans	TKW Rua	For learning all her sight words
Isaac Wilson	Room 1	For trying really hard in his Writing
Samuel Cave	Room 2	For working hard in all learning areas
Karley Williams	Room 3	For working on her goals during Writing and editing her work
Lexie Eades	Room 4	For determination and success in writing an explanation
Tanē Norton	Room 5	For powerful and descriptive recount Writing
Adriana Vaoga	Room 6	For challenging herself and achieving her goals
Mason Morgan	Room 7	For his spooky Halloween Writing
Dupree Siaki	Room 8	For his positive attitude and skills in Writing
Cody H-L	Room 9	For enthusiasm towards his writing
Fletcher Newlove	Room 10	For starting at school well and smashing his Maths
Sarahfina L-G	Room 11	For always achieving a high standard

Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room 7

Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 6

Weekly Winning House - Wilding

Mathletics Results from Week 2

The top Mathletics Classes were:

Kākano: Room 2
Karawha: Room 6
Kōrari: Room 10

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Maia Hiku (Room 2)
Karawha: Tanē Norton (Room 5)
Kōrari: Zoe Tenorio (Room 10)

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



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

Taha Maori Focus

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

Kei hea a Anna? - Where is Anna?

Kei waho- Outside

Kei hea a Mr Turner - Where is Mr Turner?

Kei roto - Inside

News from Room 9 and Mr Mitchell

It has been fantastic to see the progress the tamariki are making in developing instant recall in their times tables. Every Friday we do a 5 minute test and I'm really pleased to say, the progress has been outstanding! We have also completed a unit on telling the time and calculating time. Aquagym, again was a huge success with some amazing progress. Congratulations to Justine for being selected for our leadership days and to Salote, Astin, Mraz and Veronica for being selected to represent our school at the Zone Athletics next week. I love seeing our students involved in extra-curricular activities. We also have 16 students playing Friday sport, Drae, Danica and Hollie playing Monday Futsal and Veronica, Mraz, Kera and Emily who just represented our school at the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival. Opportunities abound! Thanks for the continued support on Seesaw. It's great to see your comments, messages and feedback. Both myself and the students appreciate it!

News from the Kākano Team and Miss Collins

Knowledge of Celebrations. We have started learning about different celebrations, celebrating being a Cantabrian and our traditions. We are learning about how people celebrate special occasions in different ways. We would love whānau to share with classes about how you celebrate special occasions, please see your child's teacher.

Part of our Inquiry focus this term is about being a confident communicator and all children will be preparing a short speech to share with their classmates and then the best speakers will speak in front of the team.

Tomorrow is our Junior School Athletics. We hope whānau can come along and join us. Please remember that your child needs to bring a small plate of shared food. A special assembly will be held at a later date to present certificates from the Athletic Sports and a notice will go home inviting you beforehand.



WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 35

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 35

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

Please share your comments and suggestions for further strengthening Whītau school in 2020.

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