



**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 9.15am NZ Playhouse Performance 'The Tortoise and the Hare' (NB: Only those children who have paid Term 2 Activity Fee can attend) Sausage Sizzle Lunch \$2 orders to class by 9am please VOTING CLOSSES AT 12 noon. Bring your votes to the School Office.
Next Week	Monday 10 June Tuesday 11 June Wednesday 12 June Thursday 13 June FRIDAY 14 JUNE	Weekly School Assembly Room 2 & 3 Casting Magic with Worms - Metro Place (Term 2 Activity Fee) 8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 6pm TAMAI Kahui Ako/Community of Learning Cultural Evening at Linwood College. Our School Kapahaka and Pasifika Cultural Groups will be performing 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 9am GOLD AWARDS LEARNING CELEBRATION
Coming Up	Tuesday 18 June Friday 20 June Saturday 22 June Monday 24 June Friday 28 June Tues-Wed 2/3 July	TKW & Room 1 Casting Magic with Worms - Metro Place (Term 2 Activity Fee) Year 6 Linwood College Roadshow at WhTtau School Mid Year Reports and Student Self Assessments issued JUMP JAM COMPETITION Room 10 & 11 Fertilising for the Future - Metro Place (Term 2 Activity Fee) 10.15am Whole School trip to NZSO concert at Town Hall (Term 2 Activity Fee) 2pm - 7pm Student Led Learning Conferences and Goal Setting Interviews School will finish at 2pm both days
2019 Board of Trustees Elections	Friday 7 June Friday 14 June	VOTING CLOSSES AT 12 NOON TOMORROW Votes are counted. Results announced. New Board takes office

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



Whakatauki of the Week:

*'Ko te mutunga orange, he timatatanga kaha' -
Winning starts with beginning'*



We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whīttau School

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



Daily life at Whīttau School is just incredible! We are very proud of our happy, settled and focused learners who are really enthusiastic about all of the amazing learning opportunities that are happening this year. Our students are happy, our staff are happy and our whānau are happy! Thank you for your positivity and support this year!

We are all looking forward to:

- Our new Board of Trustees being elected
- Our new Whīttau School uniform starting to come into The Warehouse Eastgate next week
- Our School Cultural Groups performing at our local Tamai Cultural evening on Thursday 13 June
- Our Year 1-4 School Jump Jam team performing at the Canterbury Jump Jam competition, Saturday 22 June
- The Linwood College Road Show at Whīttau School for our Year 6 students on Friday 20 June
- The whole school attending a free concert by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra at the Town Hall on Friday 28th June - Term 2 Activity fee will need to be paid please
- Watching the Whīttau Basketball Team play at Cowles Stadium, on Thursdays in the local competition
- Watching our three rugby players selected for the Tamai Rugby Team play on Saturdays
- A performance to their Learning Teams by the students learning ukulele and recorder in Week 9
- A second class and new teacher starting in Te Kura Waka (TKW) at the beginning of next term
- The Canterbury Rams visiting our school soon
- Staff planning a School Disco for Term 3 - Friday 9 August for Crazy for Kids - Kidscan Day - the first School Disco in our new School Hall. Please let us know on the Newsletter Return Slip if you can help us!

Voting for the Election of our Board of Trustees

All voting papers need to be received at the school by TOMORROW Friday 07 June ELECTION DAY at 12 noon to be counted as valid. Voting Papers that are posted will need to be postmarked by NZ Post by noon on Election Day, **SO IT IS BEST TO BRING YOUR VOTING PAPERS INTO SCHOOL.** We are hoping for amazing voting support please!

2018 Annual Report for Linwood North School

The audited 2018 Annual Report (Annual Financial Statement Audit for the year ended 31 December 2018) for Linwood North School is now available for the community to view on the School Website in the Board of Trustees section. This is a legal requirement and the report shows our school in a healthy, working financial position.

Reporting to Whānau

This year we have changed the way we report to families. In the past we completed anniversary reports each term as children completed their anniversary of starting school. Instead in Week 9, all students who have been here longer than four weeks at school will receive a mid year report and a student self assessment. This report will have how your child has progressed in Reading, Writing, Maths and other curriculum areas. It will also include next steps in learning and these will help to create goals at our Mid Year Learning and Goal Setting Conferences in Week 10. Teachers would like to meet with all students and parents at these sessions and we will be making flexible times for whānau to attend. More information about booking interviews times will follow.

A very warm welcome to Whīttau School.....

We warmly welcome the following new student who has 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: Tyhna Brown and Chase Cameron

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. The following awards will be presented next Monday:

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

Kieran Partridge	TKW	For showing improvement in following classroom routine
Jayde Jewitt	Room 1	For using her ignoring muscles on the mat
Ayanna Shire	Room 2	For being a good role model and making good choices in the classroom
Sophia Conaghan	Room 3	For being a tidy kiwi and looking out for the environment
Anna Kumar	Room 4	For trying hard to be kind to everyone
Francis O'Neill	Room 5	For a creative Matariki wish and showing 5 at mat time
Sophie McKenzie	Room 6	For showing the school values in everything she does
Dylan Chesmar	Room 7	For showing the school values and his work ethic with his classwork
Mikalah Cate	Room 8	For brilliantly supporting others in learning a new dance
Piripi Giles	Room 9	For having a great work ethic and being a good role model
Lucas Doherty	Room 10	For being an outstanding help to the Guest Teacher when Mr Betts was away
Goeff Requinala	Room 11	For being on task and giving all things a go

Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:

Hazel Linstead	TKW	For showing improvement in her writing using the word cards
Declan H-M	Room 1	For showing perseverance in his writing, resulting in great improvements
Clay O'Grady	Room 2	For taking risks in his learning and taking on new challenges
Vinuthi H-L	Room 3	For working hard to be on task and completing her work to a high standard
Madi Flint	Room 4	For making huge improvements in reading
Tāne Norton	Room 5	For consistent improvement and achievement in Spelling
Elsie King	Room 6	For always working very hard on her spelling
Lourdaz Timo	Room 7	For her outstanding progress in maths and learning her timetables
Jaedyn T-W	Room 8	For always being a role model by completing his writing tasks
Larissa Maat	Room 9	For helping to produce an outstanding slideshow on making compost
Vernon Famitangco	Room 10	For always taking pride in his work and doing everything to a high standard
Joshua McKenzie	Room 11	For outstanding digital based learning

Taha Maori Focus

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

He tika tāu - You are correct

Kei te tika tāu whakautu - Your answer is correct

Mathletics Results from Week 5

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 11

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Jax Woodward (Room 2)
Karawha: Tāne Norton (Room 5)
Kōrari: Abraham Vaoga (Room 11)

Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 6

This week our focus is: ***Be A Learner - Show Kotahitanga when working and playing with others***

What does this look like at home?



- ⇒ Include everyone in the team
- ⇒ Communicate with each other
- ⇒ Play by the rules

News from Room 4 and Mrs Mackie

Room 4 have been having a wonderful time in their learning. Reading sessions have involved some hands on experiences. One group read a book about pens and pencils, then had the opportunity to use slate to practice their handwriting. They thought that it was much easier and cleaner using pens and paper. Another reading group read a book about bubbles. Afterwards they went outside and played with some bubble mixture. It was a lot of fun chasing the bubbles! The children in Room 4 have been taking turns being our Hard Hat reporters - recording updates about the new build at school. The reporters chat to Toshi, the Site Manager and ask him questions about what is happening. You can see our reporters in action by checking out our school Facebook page. When preparing to do writing Room 4 nearly always start with reading a story. This week they have read a book about nose pixies. It is a very funny story about a boy who used to pick his nose. Just from reading this book the students have researched what noses are used for and have written some facts about noses. They have started to write a procedural explanation about how to blow your nose. The children in Room 4 love to learn!



News from Kākano and Miss Collins

The Kākano Team is a hive of activity! It is awesome to see the collaboration between teachers to meet students needs, abilities and passion. We have students collaborating with students from different classes and engagement is high! It is a delight visiting the block and seeing the students wanting to show off their learning and being able to talk about the sustainability projects that they have started and what they are doing next. We have been focusing on student agency and it is wonderful to see the students leading their learning and talking about the why and what they need to do next. A huge thank you to our Kākano Teachers for thinking outside the square to help support our Kākano students to be the most sustainable pupils they can. I suspect some of these projects would benefit from parent help so if you are able to help, please see your child's teacher.



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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 WhTtau Newsletter 17

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

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

I can help organise the School Disco: Name: _____ Phone: _____