



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!

This Week	Tomorrow - Last day of Term Two	<p>Mufti Day - Dress up in your red and black clothes to support the Crusaders (<i>No charge</i>)</p> <p>8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room</p> <p>9am GOLD AWARDS LEARNING CELEBRATION</p> <p>Sausage Sizzle Lunch \$2 orders to class by 9am today</p> <p><i>*Please take time to check the Lost Property in the School Office if you are missing school uniform</i></p>
Coming Up	<p>Monday 22 July - First day of Term Three</p> <p>Friday 09 August</p> <p>Monday 19 August</p> <p>Tuesday 20 August</p> <p>Tuesday 27 August</p> <p>Thursday 29 August</p> <p>Friday 13 September</p>	<p>Term 3 begins - Winter uniform. KidsCan jackets to school daily please</p> <p>Crazy for KidsCan Day - School Discos - Juniors and Seniors</p> <p>Court Theatre Movement Workshop (Term 3 Activity fee required)</p> <p>Court Theatre Movement Workshop (Term 3 Activity fee required)</p> <p>Court Theatre Movement Workshop (Term 3 Activity fee required)</p> <p>Strike Strum and Blow Festival at the Horncastle Arena (<i>All Ukulele and Recorder Students to attend</i>)</p> <p>12.30pm Cultural Festival 2019 at the Horncastle Arena (<i>Tickets available at Ticketek only</i>)</p>

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

Whakatauki of the Week:

'Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui' -

'Be strong, be brave, be steadfast'



Principal: Sandra Smith, JP

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We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

From the Principal's Desk



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whātau School

Kia ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Māōe lelei! Greetings everyone!

We have had a busy final week of Term 2. Sandra has been away attending specific Principal Professional Learning and I have had the pleasure of being Acting Principal. The highlights for me this week have been hearing our lovely teachers talking about how positive the Learning Conferences have gone and seeing our tamariki sharing their learning with each other yesterday afternoon. Please check Facebook for these photos!

Learning Conferences

A big thank you to all of the whānau who have attended the Learning Conferences this week. The teachers appreciated meeting with whānau and sharing how your child/children were progressing with their learning, goal setting and talking about their school report. If you were unable to make a Learning Conference time slot, it is not too late! Please make contact with your child/children's teacher to make a suitable time so they can meet with you. Email is a great way to easily get hold of teachers. Our teachers email addresses are their first name and then

@whitau.school.nz e.g. amy@whitau.school.nz.

New School Social Worker - SWiS

We warmly welcome Shakira van der Lem our new Social Worker in School (SWiS). Shakira takes over from Mark Gunther who has accepted a position at another organisation. Here is a message from Shakira telling us about herself.

'Kia Ora, my name is Shakira van der Lem. I am so excited to be the new social worker here at Whātau School!

I have been practicing as a social worker for the past four years and have most recently come from Emerge Aotearoa, where I was involved within community-based mental health and addiction support services.

I am a mum to two boys - my oldest is 9 years and my youngest is 15 months old. I grew up in New Brighton and have remained living in the surrounding areas ever since.

Aside from running around after my 15 month old and playing Pokémon with my 9 year old. I enjoy playing netball on the weekends, upcycling furniture in my garage and spending time at home reading a book in front of the fire.



I came to social work to follow my passion for supporting people through challenging times as when I was a child, a social worker came into my life and provided my whānau with the care and compassion we so deeply needed. I hope that through being the social worker at Whātau School, I can provide the community with the care and compassion we all so deeply need, that I received, to others within the Whātau community.

I am located in the 'Community Hub' (green building next to the preschool) each Monday and Wednesday. Please feel free to come and have a hot cuppa and a chat! Alternatively, you can contact me to arrange a time to meet on shakira.vanderlem@standforchildren.org.nz or 027 334 0966 or get a referral form off Amy Collins.

Term 3 Inquiry

Next term our big learning idea is Ngā Toi - The Arts. We have the Court Theatre booked to visit us with a show and then they will return and take all students who have paid their Activity Fee for Drama workshops. We will be creating wearable artworks based around a myth, legend or traditional story, creating music to move to, Dance and Drama movements to retell the myth, legend or traditional story. This learning will culminate with a Wearable Arts Show for whānau. We are hoping to have parents supporting this learning in classrooms. If you are able to help, please see your child's teacher.

Kind regards everyone

Amy Collins

Acting 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:

Anthony Watson	TKW	For showing confidence in class and giving everything a go
Mark Ogilvie	Room 1	For showing 5 on the mat
April Nevard	Room 2	For trying really hard to listen the first time and make good choices
Adel Famie	Room 3	For being a tidy kiwi and looking after our school environment
Zaliyah McMillan	Room 4	For showing our school values by being respectful and responsible
Emma Mitchell	Room 5	For her daily enthusiasm and ready smile
Savanna Boese	Room 6	For always helping others and having a positive attitude
Destiny Paintin	Room 7	For helping in the classroom and showing the school values
Reko M-T	Room 8	For always being a caring person willing to help others
Jay G-S	Room 9	For doing his best to pay attention and follow instructions
Vernon Famitango	Room 10	For always having a positive attitude and trying his best
Judah Stothers	Room 11	For having a positive 'can-do' attitude in class

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

Jaxon Faulks	TKW	For showing interest in his writing and sounding out letters
Siuta Tavake	Room 1	For making great improvements in his writing and working out his letter sounds
Azaria Heslip	Room 2	For working hard in writing to get her ideas down independently
Ella-Jayde Whyte	Room 3	For learning how to edit her writing
Sharmaine Boese	Room 4	For trying hard in reading and maths
Dylan R-C	Room 5	For excellent home reading and spelling
Rome Fanene	Room 6	For putting a lot of effort and thought into his writing
Emily Ramsay	Room 7	For her great independent writing
Hiram Falanai	Room 8	For doing some great Hauora writing
Hamish Thompson	Room 9	For writing a very persuasive letter about recycling at our school
Filipo Siumu	Room 10	For his consistent excellence in homework presentation
Oscar Lawry	Room 11	For displaying determination and persistence in Mathematics



Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room 2

Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 7

Weekly Winning House - Ngarimu

Mathletics Results from Week 9

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 6
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 10

This week our focus is: ***Be Respectful - Be considerate of others online***



What does this look like at home?

- ⇒ Be safe on devices
- ⇒ Be responsible when using devices
- ⇒ Use kind words online

Taha Maori Focus

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

E k T - Well, Well

E k T rā - Leave it there

Nē! - Is that so

Āe mārika! How about that

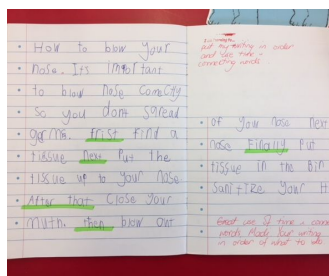
News from Room 8 and Mrs Bruce

Room 8 have had a fun and busy time in the classroom this term. We have been focusing on our wellbeing or hauora for our Writing. This has helped us to write about our feelings with a positive focus. We are having a small Hauora Expo on Thursday to present and share our work with other students. It has been amazing to watch everyone work very hard to present their work in different ways. We have been continuing to look at health through preparing different foods every Friday. This has given ākonga confidence in our Strand Maths topics of Measurement also! We have made delicious mashed potatoes, fruit kebabs and rice krispies! Make sure that you ask your tamariki if they want to help at home, as many of them have shown a big interest in cooking.

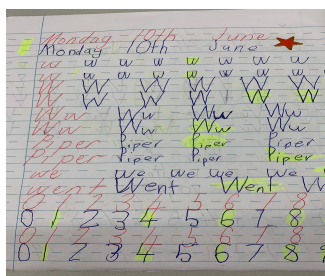


News from Kārawha Team and Mr Turner

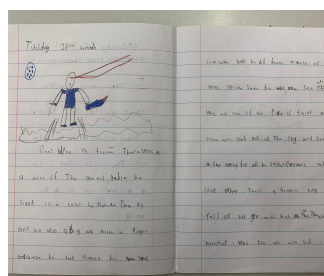
In the Kārawha Team we have been celebrating some of the amazing work our students have been completing this term. All of our children produce fantastic work each day but we wanted to show you some of the outstanding pieces from each of our classes.



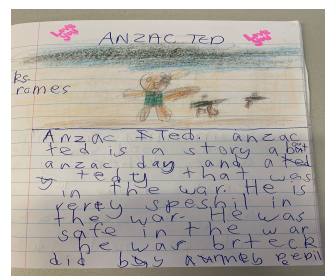
Madi Flint - Room 4



Piper Snowden - Room 5



Adin Kumar - Room 6



Israel Searle - Room 7

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 21

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 21

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

Comments:

