



**WHĪTAU
SCHOOL**

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	8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room. LAST DAY! Year 6 Leaver's Day Celebrations - 9am Year 6 Leavers Assembly and 11am Year 6 Picnic at Woodham Park 5.30pm School Whānau Christmas Picnic and Learning Team Items. Bring along gold coins for a Christmas Scratchie Raffle
Next Week	Monday 9 December Tuesday 10 December Wednesday 11 Dec Thursday 12 December	9am Talent Quest Finals at Weekly School Assembly. Parents welcome. STUDENT SCHOOL REPORTS AND SELF ASSESSMENTS HOME. 1pm Junior Y1 - Y3 Class Shared Lunch House Tabloids Fun Afternoon 11.30am - Students visit 2020 classrooms and meet their teacher 1pm Senior Y4 - Y6 Class Shared Lunch House Tabloids Fun Afternoon <i>'WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL FOR 2020' booklet comes home with every child, contains class organisation, staff and information for 2020</i> 9am - School Prizegiving and final day of Term 4 for students School closes for 2019. Staff Only Day
2020 Start of Year Dates	Monday 27 January Thursday 30th and Friday 31 January Monday 3 February Thursday 6 February Friday 7 February Monday 10 February	School Office opens Meet the Teacher and Goal Setting 20 minute Interviews with Class Teachers School starts for all students whose whanau have completed their Meet the Teacher and Goal Setting Interviews with the class teacher Waitangi Day. School closed for instruction MOE Teacher Only Day No 1. School closed for instruction <i>All children require their Stationery Packs to use in class. \$40.00 from the School Office. NB THIS IS THE ONLY PARENT COST FOR 2020.</i>

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

Whakatauki of the Week:

'Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana'
'A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae'



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From The Principal's Desk

Kia ora koutou katoa. Warm greetings to everyone in our great community!

2019 – As another year closes, our first year of being known as Whītau School, we can proudly celebrate another year of incredible successes in our school learning community. Tomorrow we will celebrate our Year 6 Leavers Assembly, our Family Christmas Picnic and next Wednesday on our final day of school, our first Whītau School Prizegiving. Throughout the year we have celebrated our students' amazing talents, achievements and so many successes in all areas of school life.

As Whītau School, we continue to be acknowledged as a highly successful school in the heart of our community. Our school roll continues to rapidly grow. I believe the success of our school is our relationships in our wonderful school community and our collegial 'TEAM' working together - 'Together Everyone Achieves More'. It is our staff and community's commitment to our school that ensures our success. Our values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning; and our tradition of enterprise and excellence in learning, ensure our students experience a rich education and success in their area of talent, interest and strength.

Our school is acknowledged as a leader in quality education with our collaborative, modern learning environments and our consistently high expectations of our individual learner's efforts, achievement and behaviour, to 'be as good as gold'.

Heartfelt Appreciation And A Huge Thank You To

- My Board Chairperson Alexandra Davids and the newly elected Board of Trustees for their excellent governance services to the school community
- The staff of Whītau School for their dedicated, loyal support and tireless efforts to care and nurture our tamariki and their whanau
- Our many amazing parent and community adult helpers who so ably support our staff and students
- The outstanding leadership of our Head Girl, Atiria Tutaki-Phillips and Head Boy, Isaiah Ramsay.
- The student leaders for their excellent leadership as House Captains, Cultural Leaders and Road Patrollers
- The Year 6 students as you leave Whītau School to further your education
- Our staff who are leaving - Miss Lina Ioane, our Pasifika Tutor and Learning Assistant as she leaves to study for her Bachelor of Teaching and Learning, Miss Victoria Bernard as she travels to England to teach and our roll growth New Entrant teacher Miss Gail Turner; for their contribution at Whītau

- School in their journey of 'learning to take us places...'
- Our students for their responsible efforts, respectful behaviour using their WiTs; friendliness and accelerated learning progress
- Canterbury Education Services, ASB, our Social Worker in Schools, Mana Ake workers, Education Psychologist, RTLB's, Public Health Nurse, St Chad's Church, Te Mapua Trust, Rangiora Bakery, Aquagym, KidsBase, KidsCan and Books in Homes, for supporting our school community in so many kind and generous ways
- To the ERO Review Team and our School Auditors for their thorough, consultative and extremely positive reviews of our school practice
- Finally, to the Ministry of Education for actively supporting the vision and values of our great school to be able to provide equitable learning opportunities for all students who live in our School Enrolment Zone

Whakawhetai ki a koutou nui atu. Thank you very much!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas, happy relaxing holidays and a healthy, successful 2020.

Kind regards everyone.

Sandra Smith JP.

PRINCIPAL / TUMUAKI

We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whītau School

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



We are looking forward to celebrating our final school events of the year with you all. Please refer to the diary on the front of this final newsletter of the year for the details and times of all the events. Here are our final weekly awards for 2019. Congratulations to our student achievers.

Weekly Principal's Class Awards

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

Ethan Lavaiaamat	TKW	For making good choices and listening to instructions straight away
Katie Lui Tupai	TKW Rua	For being a great listener at mat time and following instructions
Liam Moss	Room 1	For always being a kind and thoughtful friend
Jax Woodward	Room 2	For showing the school values by being respectful to others
Adel Famie	Room 3	For being a kind friend who is always ready to lend a hand
Madi Flint	Room 4	For consistently being kind and courteous to others
Mia Maat	Room 5	For great communication in the KiwiCan session
Ava Neilson	Room 6	For her positive, can-do attitude
Indea-May Allan	Room 7	For settling into Room 7 and showing the school values
Anton Lim	Room 8	For having a positive can-do attitude in his new class
Peyton Mihaere	Room 9	For being a class citizen
Aaradhya Dahal	Room 10	For always asking questions and trying his hardest
Joshua McKenzie	Room 11	For sharing with the team and writing about his personal experience at Whītau School

Class Awards for progress in Literacy and Numeracy:

Chase Cameron	TKW	For showing enthusiasm in writing his story
Ezra O'Grady	TKW Rua	For always trying his best and finishing work on time
Priyanjali Dalai	Room 1	For her great work in Maths telling time
Ayanna Shire	Room 2	For participating in her reading group discussions
Hunter Swainson	Room 3	For focusing on and building a love for reading
Soni Tuima	Room 4	For excellent progress in reading and word-work
Sophie Newlove	Room 5	For excellence in drawing and writing stories
Kyra-Leigh B-L	Room 6	For her outstanding independent work and presentation
Bellah Lamositele	Room 7	For her great speech writing
Dupree Siaki	Room 8	For effort in Literacy completing all of his tasks
Cody H-L	Room 9	For working hard on his speech
Elshadaye Alemeneh	Room 10	For working hard on his multiplication skills
Aroha Kerr	Room 11	For persisting with her art. She pushed herself out of her comfort zone and 'achieved excellence'

Mathletics Results from Week 7

The top Mathletics Classes were:

Kākano: Room 2

Karawha: Room 7

Kōrari: Room 10

The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Azaria Heslip (Room 2)

Karawha: Tanē Norton (Room 5)

Kōrari: Filipo Siumu (Room 10)

Kind regards everyone

Sandra Smith JP

Principal - Tumuaki

Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide: PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 8



This week our focus is: **Be a Learner: Be resilient**

What does this look like at home?

- ⇒ Try to focus on the positive
- ⇒ Seek support from those who can help
- ⇒ Focus on what you can control

Taha Maori Focus

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

Korero maite, huatau, me te tika - Speak pleasantly, politely and appropriately

News from TKW Rua and Miss Gail Turner

Wow, what an exciting Term 4 we've had! We kicked off with two weeks of swimming, which was the first school trip for our new students. This was followed by several more trips: The Town Hall to see the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra who played a medley of showstoppers and a few classical pieces; a whole school outing to the Christchurch Agricultural Show which entertained us on many different levels; an exciting adventure to Quail Island, going on a bus through Lyttelton Tunnel and then taking the ferry to the Island; then a wonderful trip for some children to see the RNZ Ballet Hansel and Gretel. What a treat! There's been lots going on in school too. TKW have been working hard to live up to our school values and striving to be the best that we can be. We have also been most fortunate this term to have a visiting teacher, Benazir Black from Van Asch Deaf Education Centre who has been teaching us sign language. These fun learning sessions are greatly enjoyed by all the students, learning assistants and teachers.

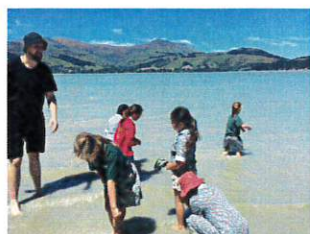


News from the Kārawha Team and Mr Turner

Team Karawha have had an amazing Term 4. Our trips out of school have been inspirational and lots of fun, especially our trip to Quail Island. The Team was really organised and we had great support from our Whanau to make the day so successful.

Our day started by travelling to Lyttelton by bus, going through the tunnel and then boarding our boats to cross the harbour. We alighted onto the wharf at the Island and made our way up and down a hill to reach our first stop. We had morning tea at Swimmers Beach and then wended our way up the hill to discover a replica of a quarantine cottage. After traversing even more tracks we passed high above the shipwrecks of several skeletons of vessels beached in the mud. Still high on top of the hill, we walked a trail around the northern tip of the Island to finally reach Swimmers Beach again. We ate lunch together on the grass and paddled in the water. Some of us found crabs, cockles, interesting stones and shells. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, resting up before we had to make the climb back up the hill, wending our way to the wharf to await our boats.

Our boat ride back to Lyttelton was a bit choppy, the harbour was buffeted by wind and the seaspray washed over the front of the boats. Some of us felt a bit seasick as the boats tossed about in the wind and waves. Our bus trip back to school was quiet – there were many tired students, teachers and whanau. We had an amazing day in the sun and blue skies of Quail Island.



PLEASE KEEP!
2020 TERM DATES FOR WHĪTAU SCHOOL



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Term 1

Thursday 30 January – Thursday 09 April 11 weeks
 102 half days
Waitangi Day – Thursday 06 February - 2 half days
School Closed - Friday 07 February. NZEI CONTRACT PLD DAY NO 1/8
100

Term 2

Tuesday 28 April - Friday 03 July 10 weeks
 98 half days
Queen's Birthday - Monday 01 June - 2 half days
School Closed - Tuesday 02 June. NZEI CONTRACT PLD DAY NO 2/8
96

Term 3

Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September 10 weeks
 100 half days
School Closed - Friday 21 August. NZEI CONTRACT PLD DAY NO 3/8
100

Term 4

Monday 12 October – Monday 14 December 8 weeks + 4 days
 88 half days
Labour Day - Monday 26 October
School Closed - Tuesday 27 October. NZEI CONTRACT PLD DAY NO 4/8
Canterbury Anniversary - Friday 13 November - 4 half days
88
384 half days

Important SCHOOL Dates for Whītau School IN 2020

Monday 13 January: School Caretaker returns to work

Monday 27 January: School Office officially opens.

Thursday 30 January: School Opens for 2020. Individual Whānau Learning Conferences

Friday 31 January: Individual Whānau Learning Conferences continue

Monday 03 February: Classroom Teaching commences.

Friday 04 December: Leavers Day

Friday 11 December: School Prize-giving - Final Day for Students for 2020

Monday 14 December: Staff Only Day - Final Day for Staff for 2020.



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SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER - STARTS 2pm



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Bus Service:

All usual Sunday schedules will be operating. Timetable and detour information available at metroinfo.co.nz or call us on 03 366 8855. *Avoid parking hassles and take the bus* The Bus Interchange is just 2 blocks away from the Parade route!

In The Event of Bad Weather:

PARADE POSTPONEMENT DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE BEFORE NOON, LISTEN TO: 92.1 MORE FM, THE BREEZE 94.5FM, OR GO TO: www.facebook.com/christchurchsantaparade, www.christchurchsantaparade.nz Twitter: Santa Parade Christchurch @SChristchurch

A DECISION WILL NOT BE MADE BEFORE NOON

No Stopping Restrictions:

Meter shrouds and signs will be used throughout the route.

WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED AND ASK FOR YOUR PATIENCE BEFORE & DURING THE PARADE.

Parking Available:

CCC Car Parking available follow link for map, charges and opening hours: https://www.parkopedia.co.nz/parking/carpark/105_worcester_st/8011/

Remember your sun hat, sunscreen and water bottle!

Health & Safety

The Christchurch Children's Christmas Parade Trust ask that the general public be responsible for its own and others safety at all times while viewing the event.

Water pistols and Water Bombs are totally prohibited during the parade

Where Not To Park:

Due to the large number of children and spectators expected at this year's parade parking will be restricted along the entire route and assembly points.

No stopping signs will be erected both sides of Madras St (Moorhouse Ave to Salisbury Street), St Asaph St (Manchester to Barbadoes St), Ferry Rd (Barbadoes to St Asaph St), Kilmore St (Barbadoes to Manchester St) from 12 noon Saturday - 5.30pm Sunday. Madras Street from Moorhouse Ave to Tuam St will be closed to all traffic Sunday (8am-5.30pm approx.) and closure extending from Tuam St to Salisbury St (1pm - 5.30pm approx.)



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