



**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!

<b>This Week</b>	<b>Tomorrow</b>	Please return Newsletter slip to Class Teachers 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Sausage Sizzle lunch today, fortnightly, even weeks 2,4,6 8, 10. \$2 orders to class by 9am please Principal Swim Challenge at Aquagym
<b>Next Week</b>	Wednesday 15 May Wednesday 15 May  Wednesday 15 May  Friday 17 May	8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room <b>School Cross Country.</b> Year 0, 1 and 2 at 12 noon; Year 3 and 4 at 1.30pm, Year 5 and 6 at 2.00pm 6pm BOT Elections PARENT INFORMATION MEETING with School Trustees Association in the Staffroom. Please come along and support our school. 8.30am St Chad's Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Room 6 & 7 Park Detectives, Halswell Quarry (Term 1 Activity Rescheduled) Cambridge Homes Free Lunch (Room 11 Only)
<b>Coming Up</b>	<b>FRIDAY 31 MAY</b> <b>MONDAY 3 JUNE</b>	<b>STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DAY (School Closed)</b> <b>QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND (School Closed)</b>
<b>2019 Board of Trustees Elections</b>	Friday 24 May  Wednesday 29 May  Friday 7 June Friday 14 June	<b>NOMINATIONS CLOSE at 12 noon.</b> An election will 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 if election is required <b>VOTING CLOSES at 12 noon.</b> Votes are counted and our school advised of the results. <b>New Board takes office. We look forward to all our parents/caregivers being involved in the election process.</b>

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

**Whakatauki of the Week:**

*'Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia o tatou mahi' - Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work'*



# ***We value Being Respectful, Being Responsible and Being a Learner***

## ***From the Principal's Desk***

***Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Wh Ttau School***

***Kia ora koutou katoa! Talofa lava! Māiō e lelei! Greetings everyone!***



### **WhTtau School Cross Country**

Next Wednesday, we will hold our annual School Cross Country at school.

- TKW and Kakano Classes will race before lunchtime and the Kārawha and Korari teams after lunch
- Lunch will be eaten at 12.30pm, followed by lunchtime play from 12.45 - 1.15pm, so students are not having to run their race with full tummies.
- Children may change their school polo shirt and wear a plain t-shirt or singlet in their house colour - red, blue, green or yellow before their race.

If you are able to support us by marshalling and directing the children, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please let your child's teacher or Mr Wood in Room 11 know. We require three marshalls for the Year 3-6 races, around the school, so the class teachers can be on 'crowd control' with the students.

#### **Times and Distances**

New Entrants, Year 0, 1 and Year 2	500m	12noon
Year 3 and Year 4	1.2km	1.30pm
Year 5 and Year 6	2.4km	2.00pm

**IT IS SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTION TIME - We need parents to stand to be elected for our BOT!**

**By now you will have received your parent representative nomination forms by mail. We require a minimum of FIVE Parent Representatives to be elected to form our new Board of Trustees. One of the Board members will then be elected the Chairperson at the first meeting.**

**WE ARE HOLDING A BOARD PARENT TRUSTEES INFORMATION EVENING  
NEXT WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY AT 6PM - 7PM IN THE STAFFROOM**

**What is a school Board of Trustees?** Every state school in New Zealand has a Board of Trustees. Boards bring families, communities and together with schools to work for a quality education for our children. The Board of Trustees is a Crown entity. It is the employer of all school staff and sets the school's overall strategic direction. The membership of the school Board includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the Principal. The school's Principal is the Board's 'chief executive' and manages the school operations in line with the board's policies.

**What does a Board of Trustees do?** Each school Board of Trustees has a very important role in making sure every child at their school is able to reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement. Here are some of the things Boards do:

- Ensure the school is a physically and emotionally safe place for all students and staff and is inclusive of and caters for students with differing needs
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school
- Monitor progress and inform parents on how the school is progressing against its annual targets and on the development of the students
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent
- Work with the Principal and consult with staff, students and the community
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Appoint the school's Principal and support the development of all staff

**What sort of skills do trustees need?** Trustees are active leaders in their schools and need a balance of skills and experiences. They need to work well in a team, be able to put plans in place for the school's future, ask challenging questions and have good communication skills. It helps to have strong links to one or several of the school's communities, as well as an understanding of financial matters and the education sector and experience in managing people. **Find out more about the 2019 New Zealand School Trustee elections, at [trustee-election.co.nz](http://trustee-election.co.nz)**

**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.

**He taonga koe** - You are a treasure

**He whetu koe** - You are a star

**Kua mārama?** - do you understand?



### **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.**

Addison Chiles	TKW	For settling into school really well with a busy start
Te Ariki P-O	Room 1	For managing himself in the mornings and completing all of his jobs by himself
Giovanni Hardy	Room 2	For trying hard with his swimming to learn new skills
Mackenzie Teague	Room 3	For being a 'Tidy Kiwi' both in the classroom and on the playground
Azariah W-T	Room 4	For thinking about others and helping without being asked
Samantha MacDonald	Room 5	For a happy, settled start to Term 2
Damion Hillman	Room 6	For getting straight back into settled work in the new term
Kiana C-M	Room 7	For a great start to Term 2 and showing the school values
Oliver Nixon	Room 8	For being a role model in Room 8
Hamish Thompson	Room 9	For getting on with his learning quickly and quietly
Lucas Doherty	Room 10	For being a good citizen and always willing to help others out
Micheal Hotter	Room 11	For showing resilience and persistence at Aquagym

### **Class Awards for Literacy and Numeracy:**

Tahlia T-N	TKW	For knowing her early words
Alex Straker	Room 1	For recognising his sight words when reading his books
Maia Hiku	Room 2	For being enthusiastic about learning and making great improvements
Jacob Ship	Room 3	For being a focused writer with purpose
Lockie Twose	Room 4	For challenging himself in learning division
Izajah Hobson	Room 5	For completing work quickly to a high standard
Adriana Vaoga	Room 6	For always completing her work to a high standard and challenging herself
Shyla E-N Roberts	Room 7	For excellent journal writing
Samantha Keele	Room 8	For thinking outside of the box in writing time
Dylan Arps	Room 9	For his fantastic and informative penpal writing
Elshadaye Alemeneh	Room 10	For great creative story with our 'Bug Writing'
Judah Hobson	Room 11	For displaying deep thinking during literacy



## PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 2



This week our focus is: **Be A Learner - Show active listening. What does this look like at home?**

- ⇒ Looking at the speaker with their eyes
- ⇒ Ears are listening to the speakers words
- ⇒ Lips are zipped waiting for their chance to talk

## Mathletics Results from Week 1

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 1  
Kārawha: Room 7  
Kōrari: Room 11

### The top Mathletics students were:

Kākano: Isaac Wilson (R1)  
Kārawha: Tāne Norton(R)  
Kōrari: Rocko Parkins (R11)

## News from Room TKW and Mrs Maria Joyce Soosai

TKW started this week with swimming and a roll growth. We have had 4 new children who joined us on the first day of this term. The children have really enjoyed swimming and learning about safety. They have been learning about blowing bubbles in the water. Some children have started swimming with kick boards.



We are really excited about our new action stations. When we choose an action station, we have to place our photo under activity. We are learning to manage ourselves by choosing a different activity when there are already three people in that station.

## News from Kōrari and Mr Wood

We are into the second week of learning already! Wow, where did that first week go? Kōrari classes have been busy learning to takes us places alright! Our mornings have been busy with Aquagym. It is so good seeing so many of the children participating and pushing themselves outside their comfort zones. This Friday is an important day because students who swim in the big pool, will have the opportunity to complete the Principals Swim Challenge, by swimming non-stop and unassisted for 200m. Good luck!



In classes we have begun our inquiry into the ANZACs and will soon move onto Matariki and sustainability. This week classes will be walking & running the cross-country course as our cross-country is next Wednesday. If you would like to come and help out it would be greatly appreciated.



### WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 13



**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 Whītau Newsletter 13

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

