



# WHĪTAU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTER NO 25: 15 August 2019

**WHĪTAU  
SCHOOL**

221 Woodham Road, Christchurch 8062 Phone (03) 389 8112, Mobile 027 758 1467

eMail: [office@whitau.school.nz](mailto:office@whitau.school.nz) [www.whitau.school.nz](http://www.whitau.school.nz)

Find us on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/WhTtauSchool>

*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>	Tomorrow	8.30am St Chad’s Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room Sausage Sizzle Lunch \$2 orders to class by 9am please
<b>Next Week</b>	Monday 19 August Tuesday 20 August Wednesday 21 August Friday 23 August	Court Theatre Movement Workshop (Term 3 Activity Fee required to be paid) Court Theatre Movement Workshop (Term 3 Activity Fee required to be paid) 8.30am Te Mapua Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 8.30am St Chad’s Breakfast Club in the Kidsbase Room 9am Gold Awards Learning Celebration
<b>Coming Up</b>	Monday 26 August Tuesday 27 August Thursday 29 August  Monday 2 September Tuesday 3 September Friday 13 September  Wednesday 25 September	<b>9.30am Court Theatre Le Malaga Fa’a’Atua (The Journey of the Gods) Show (Term 3 Activity Fee required to be paid for students to attend)</b> Court Theatre Movement Workshop (Term 3 Activity Fee required to be paid) Strike Strum and Blow Festival at the Horncastle Arena ( <i>All Ukulele and Recorder Students will attend</i> ) Cricket Awareness Programme (Year 3 and 4 Only) 11.15am ‘Taster Day’ Chisnallwood Intermediate (All of Year 6 only) 12.30pm Cultural Festival 2019 at the Horncastle Arena ( <i>Tickets only available now through Ticketek</i> ) 1.30pm and 6pm WhTtau School Wearable Arts Show. ALL STUDENTS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN 6 PM PERFORMANCE PLEASE!

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



Whakatauki of the Week:  
*‘Whaowhia te kete mātauranga’  
‘Fill the basket of knowledge’*



Principal: Sandra Smith, JP

[principal@whitau.school.nz](mailto:principal@whitau.school.nz)

Board of Trustees Chairperson: Alexandra Davids

[botchair@whitau.school.nz](mailto:botchair@whitau.school.nz)

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

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



**Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Whītau School**

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

Although we are currently being challenged by a lot of sickness in both staff and students, school is a very happy, busy and fun place everyday to be for us all. There are so many wonderful learning opportunities for every child.

### **Friendly Reminders**

- ***Sausage Sizzle Lunch tomorrow***
- ***Term 3 Activity Fee of \$10.00 per student must be paid asap for students to participate in the Court Theatre activities at school in the next two weeks.***

### **School Discos**

Our Junior and Senior Discos were a huge success. I was really proud that our DJ told me our children were so well behaved compared to other schools he has worked at and that he really had fun with them too! Special thanks to the parents who volunteered to help in any way on the day. A very special thanks to Nadine Jarden for her great parent leadership and organisation; and to all the teachers who supported the discos out of their normal hours of work. ***Please check out all the great photos on our School Facebook page!***

### **No Crazy Hair Colours at School**

Our Board, staff and I are becoming increasingly concerned about the impact on attitudes and behaviour with students who are attending school with dyed hair, multicoloured hair and decorative braiding. We expect all students, who are primary aged children after all, to be dressed appropriately in full school uniform and this does not include dyed or decorative hair, nail polish or jewellery to be worn. Please support us by ensuring your children come to school with acceptable hair colours and styles. Thank you.

### **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees held their second meeting last evening, led by our Chairperson Alexandra Davids. Alexandra will provide a Board Report for next week's newsletter. For your information the minutes of Board Meetings can be accessed on the School Website.

**Board Delegations appointed are as follows Finance: Rebecca George; Health and Safety: Andrea McGill; School Policies and Procedures (School Docs): Justin Mitchell; Property: Robert Woodward; Friends of the School (Parent and Community Engagement): Magda de Waal; Personnel and Student Discipline: Board members as required.**

I was very surprised and grateful to receive a beautiful bouquet of flowers and a gift from the Board of Trustees for my 20 years of service in our school community. Thank you so very much for this special recognition! I love working in our school community with a great staff and your lovely children.

### **Year 6 Choices for Year 7 and 8 Education**

All secondary schools in Christchurch will be zoned from 2020 and we have been informed by Linwood College that the last day any out of zone enrolments is next Monday. We are endeavouring to contact the families of the 17 students currently in Year 6 at Whītau School who this will affect. It also affects students who intend to enrol at Chisnallwood Intermediate and then at Linwood College for Year 9. Please contact the Principal, Richard Edmundson by email [en@linwoodcollege.school.nz](mailto:en@linwoodcollege.school.nz) or call the Linwood College School Office asap.

### **School Sport**

Our School Sports teams have been very busy with Mr Wood in the last few weeks participating in various tournaments with great sportsmanship and success overall. ***Please check out all the great photos on our School Facebook page!***

- Our football, rugby and netball teams played in the South East Winter Zones at Hagley Park with our Netball team winning every game and then the final!
- Our Whītau Phoenix Basketball team qualifies to play against the best teams in Christchurch at the Primary School Indoor Tournament after having only been playing basketball for only one term.
- Last week our teams all had wins at Friday's Hagley Sport, with our football team improving every week.

### Visit from Christchurch Symphony Orchestra

Yesterday the whole school were treated to a wonderful performance from 5 players from the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. They were shown the different sounds of the clarinet, oboe, trombone, violin and the viola. The students had lots of fun participating and I heard that Baby Shark was a huge hit! We are very grateful to the CSO for this free learning opportunity. **Please check out all the great photos on our School Facebook page!**

### A very warm welcome to WhTtau School.....

We warmly welcome the following new students who have 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 Rua: **Tauloa Taulofa**

Kind regards everyone

Sandra Smith

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 school values and being a role model
Georgia Yeomans	TKW Rua	For making a wonderful start to school and following class routines
Ashton Lewis	Room 1	For being a great role model for our new students in Room 1
Alphonzio A-F	Room 2	For making a great start in Room 2 and being a great role model
Christian Tuima	Room 3	For being a kind friend and always looking out for others
Zaliyah McMillan	Room 4	For being kind and caring to others
Joleah August	Room 5	For being a self-motivated learner
Abubakar Yasin	Room 6	For always showing respect to his classmates
Sio Tuima	Room 7	For showing the school values and being a kind friend to others
Brianna Reilly	Room 8	For being a supportive and understanding friend
Danica Pickles	Room 9	For being a positive role model and excellent student council member
Salote Vakapuna	Room 10	For being a role model in class and on the sports field
Alazne loane	Room 11	For having a massive kind heart

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

Tyhna Brown	TKW	For his effort in Reading and using his reading skills
Female Student	TKW Rua	For always being keen to read and making a wonderful start to Home-Reading
Declan H-M	Room 1	For completing his homework everyday last week
Alex Straker	Room 2	For settling into Room 2 well and giving new learning a go
Chelsea Edwards	Room 3	For focusing on her learning and giving it 100%
Soni Tuima	Room 4	For making good progress in Reading
Floyd Burton	Room 5	For consistently practising his Spelling Words 100%
Tyler Williams	Room 6	For his wonderful contributions during Maths
Hezekiah Chadwick	Room 7	For his amazing Taniwha character description
Noah Wilkinson	Room 8	For shining in Maths
Cody Hart-Lee	Room 9	For his amazing efforts in Writing this week
Mataio I-T	Room 10	For exploring and teaching others in Google Slide
Amanda DSM	Room 11	For writing an amazing poem and performing it



**Weekly Class Whanau Award - Room 3**

**Weekly Crest Cleanest Classroom Award - Room 7**

**Weekly Winning House - Ngarimu**

### **Mathletics Results from Week 3**

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 3

Karawha: Room 7

Kōrari: Room 10

**The top Mathletics students were:**

Kākano: Jax Woodward (Room 2)

Karawha: Tane Norton (Room 5 )

Kōrari: Elshadaye Alemeneh (Room 10 )

### **Taha Maori Focus**

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

**Kia tika te noho, e te tau** - Sit properly my darling

**Ka nui tēnā, e te tau** - That's enough my darling

### **Positive Behaviour for Learning Schoolwide:**

#### **PB4L-SW@LNS – Week 4**



This week our focus is:

**Be Responsible: Show Manaakitanga towards others**

**What does this look like at home?**

⇒ Treat others as you wish to be treated

⇒ Give a nice compliment to someone

⇒ Say 'Hello' to someone new



### **News from TKW and Mrs Joyce Maria Soosai**

This term started with brand new children starting in TKW and we had children moving to Room 1. Despite the changes, the children have been working on our ARTs. The children have been learning about Musical Instruments such as the Brass Family, String Family, Percussion Family, Woodwind, different styles of Dance from around the world and different ways to express themselves, through Drama, Puppets, Role play and Freeze frames. This was an opportunity for the children to learn about self-management, working in mixed groups across the Kākano Team. The children have developed good relationships with other children and teachers in our Kākano Team.



### **Find us on Facebook**



We have a school Facebook page which we use to share information and learning. We regularly post photos of events. We find our School Facebook page to be a valuable communication tool that gives you up to date information. It is so much simpler and time effective for us all to access information on and from the school Facebook page than uploading it to our School Website. **Please go onto our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/LinwoodNorthSchool/> and like us.**

#### **WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER RETURN SLIP: Newsletter No 25**



**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 25**

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

**Comments to the Leadership Team:**

