



WHITIKAHU SCHOOL

Kia Ora Whitikahu Community,

It has been a roller coaster of a week with the infamous curse of Hardcourt Day striking again! We are proud of how flexible and adaptable our students are with having to deal with the weather conditions and resume to a normal learning day.

Piirere and Kaahu Pango are progressing in their FLIGHT Learning Journey around 'How might we investigate how the word works from a scientific perspective?'. Through researching, students explored different Science topics such as chemical reactions, space, oceans, animals, minerals and rocks. Our aakonga have now created groups based on their interests and are creating an experiment to investigate for our upcoming Science Fair in Week 6. So far, learners have written their hypothesis and looked at the variables (change, measurable, and what is staying the same). Following this, students are going to begin to start their own investigations.

Kaiako have been meeting with students who are reflecting on their goals for their 3 Way Conferences. This is giving our aakonga a chance to reflect on their assessment results from the beginning of the year, their goals and to show Agency as they reflect. Students are showing great interest in seeing how their learning experiences are supporting their goals.

Remember to book your time slot with your child's teacher for Monday 20th May – Tuesday 21st May for your child's 3 Way Conference.

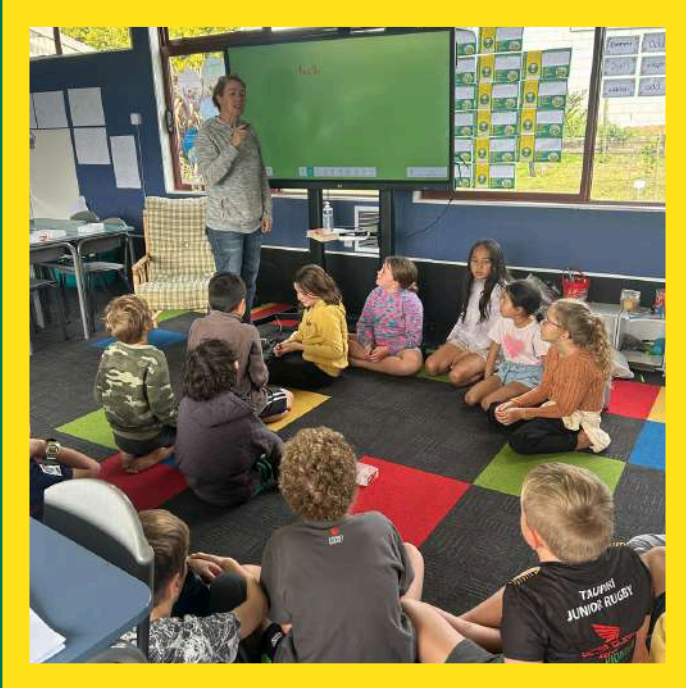
We hope you had a good weekend and ready for another busy week here at Whitikahu School!



TERM 2 - WEEK 3 - FRIDAY 17TH MAY



WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



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STUDENT OF THE WEEK WEEK 3

Koohanga (The Nest ~ Years 0-2)

- Shayde Mutton for showing kindness and encouraging others to join in with cross country practise. Awesome Kahu CARES Shayde!!

Hua Manu (The Eggs ~ Year 3)

- Hunter Ward for your outstanding effort during our inquiry lessons. You have shown great Agency and motivation in your learning. Keep up the amazing commitment!

Piirere (The Fledglings ~ Years 4-6)

- Fletcher Fulton for your enthusiasm towards Inquiry. You are collaborating with your group constantly, showing genuine interest in others' ideas. I am looking forward to seeing the end product!

Kaahu Pango (The Senior Hub ~ Years 6-8)

- Flynn Hodges for showing outstanding Commitment to your learning. You always go above and beyond to extend yourself as a learner and show great critical thinking skills. Keep up the hard mahi!





WHITIKAHU SPORTS



THE SWIFTS

(Netball Intermediate)

Player of
the Day:
Hollie Fulton



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Drum Lessons

Experienced tutor offering one on one drum tuition during school hours. Lessons are Half an hour (weekly) and are \$25 per lesson. Students are taught to read drum music. Hire drum kids are available (limited number). 8 years and older.

Phone / Tex Malcolm 021 152 3747

Sport

If your child is playing sports this season, please send photos and results as this can be incorporated into our weekly newsletters!

Email:
tiffany.callow@whitikahu.co.nz



PTA Firewood Fundraiser



The days are definitely getting chillier! We have a huge stack of firewood for sale. Mix of seasoned gum + oak. Bring a trailer and fill it yourself for \$120/m³

Email pta@whitikahu.school.nz for collection info.

SCHOOL IPADS FOR SALE!

4th Generation – Wifi only

Unable to be updated past 10.5 software update.

Price is for x1 iPad + 1 Kensington case.

No charger accompanying purchase.

As is where is.

\$50

Get in touch with Britt 0278480565



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Week 3

Download The Whitikahu School App

To download the App Scan the QR code
For access from a compatible Android or iOS mobile device



[Click here to download the app](#)

Once installed, you can access the app from this icon on your phone's homescreen...



We are taking orders for a School Hoodie

SCHOOL HOODIES

- Sizes available are 3-4y, 5-6y, 7-8y, 9-10y, Youth S, Youth M, Youth L, XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, up to 6XL
- Option to have hoodie initialled on the hip so they are easily identified at no extra cost

Email your order to pta@whitikahu.school.nz with your size and initials e.g. (Linda Smith - LS - XS)
Make payment into PTA account 38-9012-0749044-00 with your name + hoodie as reference
You will receive an email back confirming we have your order and it will be added to the list.

Orders close Friday 17th May

Kids sizes 3-4y up to Youth Large are \$70

Adult sizes 2XS up to 6XL are \$82





Three-Way Conferencing

In Week 4, on Monday 20th May and Tuesday 21st May, we will be having 3 Way Conferences (formerly referred to as Parent/Teacher Interviews) at school from 1–6pm on both days. An email will be sent out next week (Week 2) for parents to book a 15 minute time slot on either Monday 20th May or Tuesday 21st May (between 1–6pm), to meet with their child and their child's classroom teacher, to have a 3 Way Conference. In this round of 3 Way Conferences, parents and whaanau will hear about their child's learning goals, reflections, academic progress, assessment results, curriculum levels, inquiry learning and CARES (our school values).

School will operate as per usual on the 3 Way Conference days but parents can pick up their children early from 1pm onwards if they wish to do so on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st. Whilst teachers are running 3 Way Conferences, an alternative plan with Mr Harper will be made from 1–3pm for students still at school.

What is a 3 Way Conference?

- Three-way conferences are a conversation between the student, their parents/whaanau, and their teacher.
- Students share their learning progress and achievement, often using selected pieces of work in an e-portfolio, learning journal or presentation.
- The student is actively involved in the learning and reporting process, reflecting the intent of The New Zealand Curriculum.
- Students, parents/whaanau, and the teacher sit together and discuss the student's learning, with the student taking an equal role in leading the learning conversation.
- It is a conversation about what the students are learning at school rather than what they are doing at school.
- The role of the parents/whaanau is to listen to their child, ask questions and encourage the student to expand and explain information further.
- The role of the teacher is to facilitate and lead the conversation about the student's learning and prompt their child when needed.
- The role of the student is to share their learning with their parents and reflect on the progress they have made so far this year.

What is the purpose of a 3 Way Conference?

- Students are actively involved in the learning and reporting process.

3 Way Conferences are designed to achieve one or more of the following goals:

- To help students demonstrate evidence of learning
- To teach students the process of reflection and self-evaluation
- To facilitate the development of students' organisational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence
- To encourage students, parents, and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue
- To encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning
- To increase parent understanding of their child's learning through improving attendance at and satisfaction with the reporting process.

At the conclusion of the 3 Way Conference, a printed-out report will be given to whaanau to take home which will replace our Mid-Year Reporting process and will reflect our current focuses. I have attached a 'mock' exemplar in this email to give you an idea of what the report will look like (as well as the slides that students will refer to in the 3 Way Conference presentations).

We invite extended whaanau to attend the 3 Way Conferences along with parents to support the learning of our aakonga at Whitikahu School.

Akoranga Hapori Community Education ASB St John in Schools



**Hato Hone
St John**

Developing confident young New Zealanders who care for the health and wellbeing of their communities

ASB St John in Schools Educators visit schools across New Zealand teaching our programme that supports today's school curriculum and learning. We value children of all ages and recognise their ability to make a difference in an emergency situation.

The programme aims to develop confident young New Zealanders who care for the health and wellbeing of their communities, and provides young people with the skills and knowledge to respond in an emergency situation.

Years NE, 1 and 2

Responding to an Emergency

Explore emergencies and identify when 111 needs to be called, how to call 111 and learn ways to help before an ambulance arrives.

Years 3 and 4

Responding to an Emergency

How to check for dangers around patients and check for a response. Practice placing unresponsive patients on their side and how to treat severe bleeding.

Years 5 and 6

Responding to an Emergency

Assess patients using DRSAB and take appropriate action. Describe appropriate responses to different situations requiring first aid.

Clued up Camper

Recognising environmental challenges and dangers. Responding to different situations requiring first aid when outdoors.

Years 7 and 8

Responding to an Emergency

Assess patients using DRSABC and take appropriate action, including performing effective CPR on unresponsive patients. Describe appropriate responses to different situations requiring first aid.

Clued up Camper

Recognising environmental challenges and dangers. Responding to different situations requiring first aid when outdoors.



What have teachers said about us?

"Yes it was fantastic. Great information delivered concisely and well. The kids know DRSABC really well now. They loved it"
– Knighton Normal School, Hamilton

"Was excellent, interactive and in kids speak"
– Robertson Road School, Auckland

What is the cost?

There is no official cost for ASB St John in Schools, however donations are greatly appreciated to help us further our work in communities and reach out to more tamariki.



To make a booking

schools@stjohn.org.nz
stjohn.org.nz/asbstjohninschools
0800 ST JOHN (0800 785 646)



TERM 2 CALENDAR



WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	29 April First Day of Term 2	30th April	1st May	2nd May	3rd May
2 <small>NZ Sign Language Week</small>	6th May World Vision Junior Youth Conference <small>(House Leaders & Student Ambassadors)</small>	7th May	8th May	9th May	10th May
3 <small>Primary Science Week Bullying Free Week</small>	13th May	14th May	15th May Hardcourt Day	16th May	17th May Pink Shirt Day
4	20th May 3 Way Conferences	21st May 3 Way Conferences	22nd May NEST Consulting 'Positive Puberty Plus' Programme Y6-8	23rd May	24th May
5 <small>Sāmoa Language Week</small>	27th May	28th May Cross Country	29th May	30th May	31st May Teacher Only Day
6	3rd June King's Birthday	4th June	5th June EWCS Cross Country	6th June	7th June Science Fair <small>FLIGHT Learning Journey Exhibition</small>
7	10th June	11th June	12th June Field Days	13th June Field Days	14th June Field Days
8 <small>Volunteer Week</small>	17th June Tough guy and girl challenge	18th June	19th June	20th June	21st June
9	24th June	25th June	26th June Matariki Whakanuia	27th June	28th June Matariki Public Holiday
10	1st July	2nd July	3rd July	4th July	5th July Red Nose Day Last Day of Term 2