



## Final Newsletter 2021

Friday 10th December 2021

Teenei te mihi mahana ki a koutou te whaanau o Whitiora

### Celebrating Learning 2022

This term we have been learning differently, we have had a program that encourages our tamariki to learn through play and construction. We have seen our students engaged and focused through creativity and collaboration. We are looking forward to exploring this further in 2022. Our focus for term one is **'Celebrating Identity'** a celebration of who we are and where we come from. Term two **'Celebrating Community'** where we will look at finding ways to connect with our wider circle. In term three we will focus on **'Celebrating our Local Stories'** and the connection they have to our kura. Term four we will **'Celebrate Diversity'** and share this through our production

### End of Term 2021

As we wind up 2021, we are saying a fond farewell to Stevi-Rae to have her baby, and we look forward to seeing her in term 3 2022. Next year we will return to normal break time and all students will finish their day at 3pm.

- Last day of term 4 2021: **Tuesday 14th December 12pm**
- First day of term 1 2022: **Wednesday 2nd February at 9am**
- Tech days for year 7&8 2022: **Starts Monday 21st February**

### Teacher Only Day - Pause, Breathe, Smile

As part of our commitment to the wellbeing and hauora of the students at Whitiora School we have been given the opportunity to take part in some exciting professional development. Pause, Breathe, Smile is a school based mindfulness programme leading to significant increases in wellbeing. **This will be on Friday 11th February 2022.**

### Final Message

This year has been one to remember, there have been ups and downs. We have managed to navigate throughout lockdowns and tried to persevere with learning where we could. We thank you for your support with home learning and zooming. We understand this was sometimes difficult and we appreciate your efforts.

We have also seen an exciting change in leadership with Matua Te Haumoana Biddle as principal and welcoming Whaea Vanessa Cappie as the deputy principal. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you all for being awesome and beautiful people and whaanau. It is a privilege and blessing to lead a kura full of vibrant, energetic and unique individuals. We wish you a safe and happy holiday. Maa te Atua e manaaki i a koutou katoa. Naa too Atua anoo e tiaki i a koutou me ou koutou whaanau whanui i te waa kirihimete me te tau hou tauwi 2022.