



The **H.E.A.R.T.**
of the learner means:

Be **honest**.

Be **engaged** in my learning.

Choose the right **attitude**.

Be a **risk-taker** and challenge myself.

Be **thoughtful** and respectful.



Honest - **P**ono
Engaged - **W**haiwaahi
Attitude - **W**aiaro
Risk-taker - **N**anakia
Thoughtful - **W**haiahakaaro

We all work together as learners,
parents, community and as a school to
partner in the responsibility of showing
H.E.A.R.T.

School Newsletter -

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**Kia orana, Bula, Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei,
Fakafeiloaki, Namaste, Ni hao, Xin Chao,
Kamusta, Kia ora, Assalam Alaikum,**

Principal's message

Teena koutou katoa i runga i te aroha me te manaakitanga o too Atua, ahakoa ko wai ahakoa noo hea.

What an awesome start to 2022 despite the challenges of covid. These challenges have shown how resilient we are as a whaanau and community. I have loved the way our tamariki have settled into learning and how they continue to demonstrate our HEART powers.

In the weekend we received our first confirmed case of covid-19. There is an insert with this newsletter letting whaanau and families know what to do if there is a positive case in your household. If you are unsure and need any help then please ring the school. Please be assured that the school has put procedures in place to keep staff and children as safe as possible.

Lastly I would like to reflect on what is happening in our world. The challenges we are facing with covid, the protests happening in Wellington, the crisis between Russia and Ukraine and the challenges we face in our homes and community. When I think of things happening like this I am reminded of this quote: ' In a world where you can be anything, be kind'.

Kia haumaruru te noho - Be safe.

Student Leaders 2022

We are excited to announce our Student Leadership team for 2022. The team are super motivated and have come great ideas for community involvement and fundraising, meet our role models!

Ahwenne Lewis—Chairperson	Neomi Daunakamakama—Secretary	Princess Adhikari—Treasurer
Tamara Thorne	Aaradhya Gumber	Shirany Wati
Sione Tooufau	Boston Riley Rata	Anahi Trikha
Sree Kodur	Steve Prasad	Hedley Paora Smth
Ah-Chee Matthes	Sina Fanolua	Xander Duncan
Nevarah Ngatai	Jamie Gummer	

Learning Centre Celebrations

Te Aahuru

He honore, he kororia, he maungarongo ki te runga i te mata o te whenua. He whakaaro pai ki ngaa tangata katoa.

Wehi ki te runga rawa moo oona manaakitanga ki runga i a taatou katoa.

E te Kiingi Maaori, a Kiingi Tuheitia me te whare Kaahui Ariki, rire, rire hau - pai maarire!

Ki a raatou maa kua whetuurangitia, moe mai raa.

Ki a taatou te hunga kikokiko

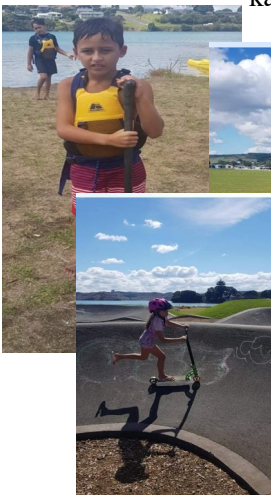
teenaa taatou katoa.



Ngaa tuaakana o Te Aahuru

He Waka Eke Noa...

I roto i ngaa wiki kua taha ake raa kua rukuhia a Te Aahuru ki roto i ngaa akoranga o te Whaanaungatanga. I hono a whenua mai, a iwi mai, a mahi ngaakaunui mai. I te mutunga iho nei kua eke noa mai maatou katoa i te waka o te kaupapa nei... he whaanau kotahi maatou.



*kia tuu takitahi ngaa
ki te rangi...*

Noo maatou te whiwhinga. Ka noho mai a Matua Patariki ki te tuku mai i oona maatauranga whakatangitangi puuro ki a maatou. Ngaa mihi nui e Matua. He miharo ngaa akoranga whakatangi puuro.

*Tukua
whetuu*



Mahia te mahi, hei painga moo too iwi...

Ko te reo anoo teetahi kaupapa whakahirahira rawa ki a maatou o Te Aahuru. I teenei wiki e mihi ana taatou ki ngaa puukenga tuhituhi o Hedley Paora-Smith me toona kaha ki te whakamahi i ngaa kiianga e hono ana i teetahi koorero ki teetahi koorero ano. Kei runga noa atu too mahi e te rangatira!

Kowhai

Wow! What an awesome start to the year we have had in Kowhai as we welcome back old friends and get to know new ones. Kowhai tamariki are developing their sense of belonging as they happily come to school with a big smile on their faces ready for the day. Our first focus of the year was to get to know each other and how we can work together in our learning centre. This included making a class treaty, learning about sharing and thinking about how our actions make our friends feel.

We have explored the Whitiara School Heart Powers. These are Honest, Engaged, Attitude, Risk Taker and Thoughtful. As Kaiako we are seeing some amazing examples of these in action and we are also encouraging the tamariki to notice these powers in each other. Some examples we have seen are, the tamariki being engaged in their work, having a positive attitude when doing something that is challenging and requires a lot of resilience as well as being risk takers as they try delicious new foods in their lunches.



We are now starting to explore the school wide focus for Term 1: This is me. Through this topic we are going to examine all the special things that make us unique, as well as all the things that are similar to our friends. We are looking at what is in our name and where we come from. In Kowhai we do a lot of our Learning Through Play. While we call it 'play' there is still a lot of serious learning happening. Tamariki at the play dough table are using their imagination as they create delicious meals, practising their social skills as they share the tools as well as developing their fine motor skills which is a prerequisite for writing. Those tamariki involved in family play are learning to cooperate with others and negotiate roles, explore different identities and other points of views as well as express a wide range of emotions and thoughts. The tamariki building lego towers with their friends are learning to extend their fine motor skills, persist with difficulty, test out and explore new ideas as well as participate with others to solve problems.

Tootara

Tootara have had an amazing start back to school with a focus on Whakawhanaungatanga, making connections and becoming settled into there in learning space. Tootara have been making connections through peepeha by sharing who they are with their teachers and friends. This term we will also focus on mihimihi, waiata and calendar, this will allow our students to develop rangatiratanga and student agency so that they lead morning mat time.

This Term Tootara is learning the Pai marire.

This significant Karakia was gifted from a tohunga named Te Uahaumine...
Te Ua Haumene gifted this karakia to Kingi Tawhiao.

This Karakia signifies Peace and prosperity and Tawhiao was ordered by the first Maori Kingi Potatau te wherowhero tuawhito to take this karakia back to Waikato where it would eventually bring peace.



Matai

Matai has launched into the year feeling fantastic. It has been challenging in the heat, but our learners are showing resilience and responsibility by wearing their masks and sanitising their hands regularly to help keep themselves and others safe. We have spent a lot of time getting to know each other and working on our centre expectations. We have agreed on the behaviours that we all want in our learning space and are striving to meet these expectations each and every day. We have incorporated daily mindfulness into our routine and are getting really good at focusing on being in the present moment. It can be tough but practising helps a lot.

We have enjoyed learning several waiata - with our biggest challenge being "Waikato Te Awa". It is a very long waiata but is super important to our kura and we will keep practising until we get it right. Setting up our literacy groups and learning the routines of our rotations is going well and it is great to see akonga's passion for stories - both their own and other peoples. Our maths groups are next and we already see the enthusiasm for numbers and patterns from our students after engaging in many large group maths activities. We are looking forward to continuing to explore the different cultures that are represented in our learning space through music, dance and games.

If whanau have any ideas that they think would be beneficial for Matai learners to know about a particular culture, please share these with Whaea Heidi or Whaea Eva. We are both loving spending time with your tamariki.

Rata

Kia ora whaanau,

Rata have kicked off the year with some awesome learning! We have collaboratively created our class treaty that outlines our guidelines and expectations within our centre. We created a korowai to represent our names and united understanding. We have just completed our visual peepeha, this is how we show our friends and whaanau who we are and where we are from.

In our math's we have focused on number, understanding whole numbers, multiplication and division, and started our amazing workshops.

We are reading stories that celebrate our identity and writing about experiences we have had. We are looking forward to the rest of our term!

Adminstration Information

Whitiora School Website

We are very excited to let our whaanau and Whitiora community know that our new website is now live. You can visit our website at www.whitiora.school.nz On this page you will be able to look at the profiles of our staff, our pastoral team Te Puumanawa o Whitiora and Board of Trustees, access school documents and newsletters, see the learning happening at the school and keep up to date with school events on the calendar.

School Fees/ Stationery

Whaanau and families are not required to pay a school fee for 2022. Stationery packs are available at the school office for purchase.

Lunches

The school is part of the Lunches in School initiative. Lunch is provided every day for our students which is catered by Montana Catering. The lunches cater for all dietary

Out of School Care Programme

Whitiora Out of School Care is an OSCAR registered programme that provides a relaxed, fun and friendly environment for our children.

We operate Monday to Friday:

Morning sessions - 7.30am to 8.30am \$5.00per session
Afternoon sessions - 3.00pm to 5.30pm \$10.00 per session
(WINZ subsidies available)

For more information please contact our office admin.

Health & Safety Procedures

As you are aware we are now faced with the challenges of the omicron variant, especially with how quick the virus can spread. We have moved fully into the new traffic light framework for all our school activities and events this year. It is good to know that at Red setting, we are able to support everyone learning onsite. This is how the start of the school year 2022 will look like for our children.

Whitiora School will follow and teach the following guidelines for safe practice

Anyone who is sick must stay at home

- Children must not come to school if they are sick.
- If your child going to be absent advise the school each day
Phone: (07) 839 5579; Text: 027 753 0880
- If your child is sick at school parents/whaanau will be contacted for immediate pick up
- If you require homelearning for your child/ren please contact Whaea Leanne at the office and this will be provided

Note: all parents/whaanau must be contactable for everyone's safety

Wearing of masks (Public Health Order)

Schools have been advised that it is now mandatory that all students from Year 4 to Year 8 and all staff must wear a mask when inside, this includes staff. You can help the school with this by teaching your child how to wear a mask properly and talk to them about the importance of wearing a mask inside. The school will also support our tamariki with mask wearing. If your child has their own mask then please send them to school with it. The school will provide masks if necessary.

Hygiene & Safety Practices

The staff will continue to support and encourage our tamariki safe practices when they are at school including:

- Safe distancing
- Washing hands with soap and water
- Safe practice for sneezing or coughing
- Cleaning and disinfecting learning area

Breaks & Eating times

To minimise contact between learning centres during school time, children's breaks and eating times will be staggered throughout the morning and afternoon sessions.

Safety Procedures for whaanau and families

Parents, Whaanau and visitors coming into the school

Please understand that the following procedures are to minimise contact and keep all our children, staff and whaanau safe.

- No non-essential visitors on site.
- All visitors, including parents and caregivers who need to come onsite are required to
- Wear face coverings
- Sign the register at the school office
- Use the contact tracing app
- All children will need to be dropped off at the entrances of the school.
- Please stay in your vehicle to drop off and collect your child.

To minimise congestion, there will be staggered finish times with drop offs and pick-ups from outside the school grounds.

- 2.40 - Kowhai and siblings from other LCs
- 2.50 - Matai and siblings from other siblings
- 2.50 - Te Aahuru
- 3.00 - Rata and Tootara

HERO app

Whitiora School would like all whānau to please download the following app on your phone and/or laptop. The HERO app will be used for all forms of communication from the school including newsletters, absences and permission for trips. In the future we will be sharing student learning and reports.

Hero is one place for all school communications.

Step 1: go to your app store and download Hero—Lin-ed

Step 2: Select “New user” Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password. Please note: each contact must have their own email address.

Step 3: Enter your email address and click the “Request Password Link”

Step 4: Check your email! If one doesn't arrive, ensure your school has your correct details on file.

Step 5: Follow the secure link and enter a password.

If you need support with this then please come to the school office and we will help you.