



WHITIKAHU SCHOOL

"Maa te huruhuru ka rere te manu"

With feathers, the bird will fly. Adorn the bird with feathers so it may fly.



Dates To Remember

School Photos
Monday 7th September

BOT Meeting
Wednesday 16th September

Ag Day Demonstration
Thursday 17th September

PTA Meeting
Wednesday 23rd September

Young Farmers' Day
Thursday 24th September

Term 3 Ends
Friday 25th September

Term 4 Starts
Monday 12th October

Agricultural Day
& Country Market
Saturday 17th October



For more dates,
check out this icon
on your eTAP app

September NEWSLETTER

Tēnā koutou, Kumusta, Namaste, Goeie dag, and a warm welcome to you all.

I want to start by extending a huge congratulations to all the students who participated in our Speech Night on Wednesday. I was thoroughly impressed by the high standard of public speaking on display, the diversity of topics, and the confidence shown by our young presenters on stage. A sincere thank you to Ms Te Pou for organising the event, our PTA for providing a wonderful supper, and our wider school community for your ongoing support. Having a full audience makes a real difference to our students' confidence and success.

As promised, I am delighted to share some highlights from our recent *Voice of Tamariki* student survey, which clearly reflects the vibrant culture and wellbeing of our school. Our tamariki are thriving in our environment, with an incredible 100% of students in Years 4 through to 8 reporting that they are happy at school, far surpassing regional averages. Sports and physical activity remain a huge hit, with 89% of students satisfied with our school sports offerings and 79% actively utilising lunchtime play equipment. This positive student experience is fully mirrored by our teaching team, with 100% of our kaiako affirming that wellbeing and hauora are core components of our learning culture and feeling completely confident in delivering quality Physical Education to our tamariki.

We have some exciting events on the horizon, starting with our upcoming Young Farmers' Day, where students will showcase their agricultural skills and team spirit alongside Young Farmer role models. Early in Term 4, we look forward to our Ag Day & Country Market, featuring student market stalls, flower and craft creations, and traditional Ag Day events.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support of our school.

Rebecca Foster
Principal



House Sports



Our house leaders recently demonstrated exceptional leadership, initiative, and organisation to create an unforgettable event for our school. It was incredible to watch students across all year levels having an absolute blast as they rotated through a variety of high-energy games. From the team strategy in Rob the Nest and the fun of soccer to the giant laughs under the colorful parachute, the energy and smiles were non-stop. A massive thank you to our student leaders for putting together such a wonderful afternoon of fun, active play!



Speech Night





Join our Team

School Grounds & Property Care

Whitikahu School is seeking a local contractor or sole trader to help keep our school grounds safe, tidy, and looking great!

Role Details:

- Hours: Approx. 6 hours per week (flexible timing).
- Type: Independent Contractor (Contract for Services).
- Rate: Negotiable depending on experience.

Main Duties:

- Alternating weekly between lawn mowing/line trimming and general property maintenance.

Key Requirements:

- Practical maintenance experience and own tools/equipment.
- Public liability insurance (or willingness to obtain).
- Must complete a standard school Police Vet / Children's Act safety check.

How to Apply:

Please email Rebecca Foster at principal@whitikahu.school.nz by 25th September with a brief summary of your experience, availability, and rate expectations.

Local Relief Teachers

Whitikahu School is seeking enthusiastic, registered teachers to join our local relief pool for day-to-day cover across all year levels!

Role Details:

- Hours: Day-to-day relief as needed
- Rate: Pay rates in accordance with the Primary Teachers' Collective Agreement (PTCA).

Main Duties:

- Delivering engaging, high-quality classroom learning programs.
- Maintaining a positive, safe, and supportive classroom environment.
- Upholding Whitikahu School's values and school-wide expectations.

Key Requirements:

- Current Teaching Council practicing certificate.
- Practical classroom experience and PB4L skills.

How to Apply:

Please email Rebecca Foster at principal@whitikahu.school.nz with your CV, a copy of your practicing certificate, and your general availability.

Calling All Builders

Are you handy with a hammer? We're looking for a friendly volunteer (or a small team) to help us build an exciting new addition to our playground: a Gaga Ball arena!

For those unfamiliar, Gaga Ball is a fast-paced, high-energy sport played in an octagonal wooden pit. Often called a gentler version of dodgeball, players hit a soft foam ball at each other using their hands, aiming to strike opponents below the knees. It's an absolute hit with kids of all ages, easy to learn, and keeps everyone active at break times.

How you can help:

The Task: Assembling the wooden octagonal arena frame for our students.

The Materials: The school will supply all the necessary timber, hardware, and materials; we just need your time, tools, and construction know-how to put it together!



If you fancy tackling this fun weekend or afternoon project to help make our school break times even better, please drop a quick email to Rebecca or pop in for a chat.



School Policies

Current Policies up for Review

-  School Community Engagement
-  Inclusive School Culture
-  Enrolment
-  Student Attendance
-  Student Uniform / Student Dress Expectations
-  Concerns and Complaints Policy

Did you know that you can help shape our school's policies?

We work alongside *SchoolDocs* to maintain, update, and review all of our policy documents. Every term, specific policies are opened up for review, and we strongly encourage our whānau and school community to share their thoughts, ideas, and feedback. Your voice matters!

How to Submit Your Feedback:

1. Visit our SchoolDocs [website](#)
2. Log in:
 - Username: *whitikahu*
 - Password: *country*
3. Choose a policy: Select the policy you'd like to comment on.
4. Share your thoughts: Click the "Start your review" button in the top right-hand corner and follow the quick prompts to submit your feedback.

WHITIKAHU SCHOOL COUNTRY MARKET

9:00AM - 12:00PM



17TH OCTOBER

All
Welcome!

JUDGE & PARENT INFORMATION DAYS



★ JOIN US TO KICK-OFF THE 2026 SEASON ★ SHARING & LEARNING TOGETHER

As the new season approaches, join us for a few hours of sharing, learning and preparation. Meet fellow judges, parents and volunteers, exchange ideas and tips, ask questions, and get ready for an enjoyable and successful season.

Kihikihi (at the Domain) - Tuesday 8th Sept 2026 - 11am

Matamata (Netball Courts) - Thursday 10th Sept 2026 - 11am

Hamilton (Horsham Downs School) - Saturday 12th Sept 2026 - 11am



We strongly encourage you to bring along a friend who may be interested in judging. It's a great opportunity to learn, get involved, and discover what judging is all about. Parents are also very welcome to attend.



WHITIKAHU AG DAY DEMONSTRATION



Join us on Thursday, 17th September at 2:00 PM for a special interactive demonstration with Ag Day judges.

This on-site session will cover essential tips for both students and parents on caring for their animals, including proper lead handling and grooming techniques to ensure everyone is ready for the big day on Saturday, 17th October.

We look forward to seeing you there!

School Uniform

While wearing a school uniform is not compulsory at Whitikahu School, we do have a range of options available for purchase if you'd like to make morning routines a little bit easier!

Items Currently Available to Purchase:

- Second-hand T-Shirts: \$5.00
- Second-hand Track Pants: \$5.00
- Second-hand Shorts: \$5.00
- Beanies: \$8.00
- New Plain Polos: \$10.00

Sunhats (*Compulsory in Terms 1 & 4*):

- Bucket Hats: \$10.00
- Wide-Brim Sunhats: \$15.00



PTA Hoodies

We also offer school hoodies as a PTA fundraiser! Orders are collected during Term 1 and Term 2, and we have samples available at the office if you'd like to check sizing.

How to Purchase:

If you would like to purchase any items or try on sizes, please contact the school office between 8:30 am and 1:00 pm. Alternatively, feel free to pop in and speak with Rebecca after school on Mondays or Fridays throughout August.

Policy Reminder:

Please note that our school Uniform Policy is currently being reviewed. We are keen to hear your thoughts and will let you know of any changes in the coming months.





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MUSIC LESSONS at Whitikahu School

**Does your child want to
learn to play music?**

Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enrol your child in guitar, ukulele, piano or drum lessons at Whitikahu School!

We deliver a fun, varied and structured curriculum. Students learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary during school hours.

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