



WHITIKAHU SCHOOL

**Ka pū te ruha
Ka hao te rangatahi**

Embrace change and new beginnings

Dates To Remember

Labour Day

Monday, 27th October

**EWCS Orini Funday 7 & 8
Year Olds**

Wednesday, 29th October

School Athletics

Tuesday, 4th November

Photos

Thursday, 13th November

EWCS Athletics

Wednesday, 19th November

Kaahu Pango Camp

Monday, 24th -27th November

Prizegiving

Friday, 12th December

Term 4 Ends

Wednesday 17th December



Principal's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It's hard to believe I've just completed my third week here at Whitikahu School. I continue to be impressed by the warm welcome from students, staff, and the wider community.

Last Saturday's Agricultural Day was a wonderful highlight. It was a fantastic opportunity for me to meet more of our community and also see the incredible amount of hard work our students put into raising their chickens, lambs and calves.

A massive thank you to all our generous sponsors whose contributions helped make the day a success, and to our amazing PTA for their organisation and effort in running the event. I also want to acknowledge the stunning talent displayed with the flower and craft creations. Thanks to Lorraine Norton and Susan Bateup for taking the time to judge all the impressive entries.

Ag Day wrapped up with an entertaining cake auction. It was great fun to witness the friendly competition and lively bidding for all the delicious baking.

On the property front, you will notice that our fencing upgrade has begun. This will continue in November with new pool fencing around the front of the school and carpark.

Students are busy learning various run, jump and throw activities. Thank you Kerin McDonald for providing our staff with some excellent professional learning.

I'm looking forward to our Space Centre visit today and hope the students come home and share their new experience with you.

Have a lovely long weekend.



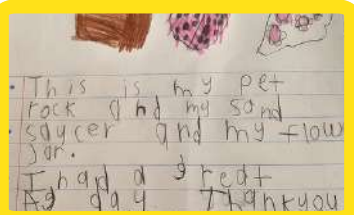
Around the School



Koohanga

Our Nest ~ Years 0-3

It has been a busy two weeks for the Koohanga students. Our Whitikahu Ag craft and Ag Day was a real highlight for my learners. Some were experiencing Ag Day for their very first time. They were all super excited and very proud of their achievements in both the craft and rings. Each student has written a short letter this week sharing their experiences and thanking all those that helped make the day a huge success. We have been out on the field every Wednesday afternoon learning and practising our skills for athletics. This week we were learning high jump.



Piirere

Our Fledglings ~ Years 4-5



It was wonderful to see everyone get creative and crafty for Ag Day crafts this year. Some vibrant and bright colours and fabulous patterns. Students have been buzzing after Ag Day on Saturday and Group Day at Gordonton on Monday and they should all be very proud of themselves and their achievements with their animals. We are preparing for athletics day, so if you want to encourage your child to get outside and work on their fitness levels now would be a great time to do that. Enjoy the long weekend.





AG DAY
2025



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SPACE Centre




Kihikihi Space Trip

Our trip to the Space Centre today was amazing! Students got to experience a virtual reality trip to outer space, see rockets launch and even ride in a toy space rocket. Each child was able to earn a space badge which they will bring home with them this afternoon.

