



WHITIKAHU SCHOOL

Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu

Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar

Dates To Remember

EWCS Athletics

Wednesday, 19th November

Kaahu Pango Camp

Monday, 24th -27th November

Prizegiving

Friday, 12th December

Term 4 Ends

Wednesday 17th December

Groundkeeping Heroes Needed.

We are looking for a few Maintenance Superheroes to help mow the lawns or maintain the swimming pool. If you can spare a few hours occasionally, please email your availability to:

office@whitikahu.school.nz

Your commitment will help us share the load and keep our school looking amazing.



Principal's Message

Kia ora,

What a dynamic and action-packed week it has been! I continue to be thoroughly impressed by the positive energy across the school as we settle into Term 4.

Our School Athletics Day was a massive success; a brilliant showcase of effort and true country grit. Congratulations to the many students who qualified to represent our school at the EWCS Athletics on Wednesday, November 19th; we are incredibly proud! A special thanks to Kerin McDonald and Jeff Going for their time and effort in preparing and marking our field for this event.

As the weather heats up, please remember hats and water bottles for your children. Our pool should be ready for swimming lessons and fun from Monday, November 10th. Developing water confidence is a key part of the amazing opportunities our rural setting provides, so let's get those togs ready!

Next week, our Book Fair arrives — perfect timing for early Christmas and birthday shopping! It's a great way to encourage a love of reading over the summer holidays and support the school.

As your new Principal, my biggest commitment is to ensure strong, transparent communication. We are very focused on growing our roll. So, if you are a prospective family or know someone looking for a school where 'country learning at its best' is lived every day, please encourage them to contact us for a visit.

I genuinely hope all our students will remain with us in 2026. However, for essential planning purposes, if your child will not be returning next year we kindly ask that you inform the office as soon as possible.

Kia pai ō rā whakatā
Have a great weekend

Rebecca Foster



Around the School



Koohanga

Our Nest ~ Years 0-3

We have had a week of beautiful fine weather, which has meant we have had plenty of opportunities to get outside the classroom. The students of Koohanga had an amazing Athletics Day on Tuesday. Every student in the class participated and they each achieved some of their best results. Thank you to all the parents who came along and helped us throughout the day. We are now finishing up our Inquiry unit. Next week, we will be starting to look at Firewise.



Piirere

Our Fledglings ~ Years 4-5

So wonderful to see the sun out and great to have some lovely warm days. Don't forget to encourage your child to put sunblock on in the morning before coming to kura. We have some at school that can be used during the day also. We had a fantastic athletics day this week with amazing participation. I love how all the students give all the events their best go. Lots of positive feedback on some great techniques. Our literacy and maths programme continues to run smoothly with students displaying great focus and enthusiasm in their mahi. Keep up the awesome work Piirere!!





Around the School



Kaahu Pango

Our Senior Hub ~ Years 6 – 8

With the weather heating up, it is a good time to check if your child has their hat to wear while doing activities outside. It was a scorcher during our Athletics Day but as always the students of Kaahu Pango participated and gave their best throughout the day. Every Wednesday is 'Genius Hour' in Kaahu Pango. This is a time when the students have a chance to explore, investigate, learn, create and develop their knowledge in a passion of their choice. In Week 2 of this term, the students were presented with the idea of 'Genius Hour'. All of the students were tasked with coming up with a passion or idea that they would like to pursue further. Once they decided on their passion, they were then required to write a proposal which included the reason for their choice and how they plan to find out, create, explore their passion and what resources they would need. A timer is set for one hour every Wednesday and the students are aware that time management is very crucial to ensure the task for the day is completed on time.



Extra Opportunities...

AgriKidsNZ 2026 registrations are now open!

Next year's competition will take place at Te Teko Racecourse on March 28th. The competition is open to primary school students between the ages of 8-13 (*age as of February 1, 2026*).

For more details and to register, please click [HERE](#)



Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon, 2025!

Get ready to swim, bike, and run! The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon is coming to St Peter's Cambridge on Sunday, December 7th, 2025.

This exciting event is open to all children aged 6 to 15 years (*age as of the event day*).

Don't miss out on the fun! Click [HERE](#) for full details and to enter today.



ATHLETICS DAY 2025



On Your Marks, Set, Go!

A massive thank you to all our whānau who attended and helped out with our School Athletics Day - your support was truly appreciated. We certainly lucked out with the weather! A big shout-out to the PTA for providing ice blocks, which were definitely a welcomed treat on such a hot day!





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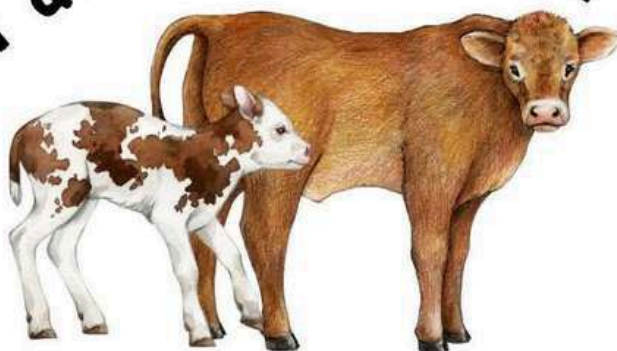
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CONTACT BRITTANY HARTSTONE OR SIM WARD FOR MORE INFORMATION ON

027 848 0565 OR 027 313 0687



Whitikahu School **BOOK FAIR**

Monday 10th to Thursday 13th
November



Open in the Multipurpose Room:

Tuesday - 8-9am
Wednesday - 3-4pm
Thursday - 4-6pm

Friday 14th November

Book Character
Dress-up Day

