



# Whitney Street School

The Whitney Way - The Way We Learn  
Ko te ara o te Witini - te āko tika

Honest ✓

Caring ♥

Respectful ★

Learners 🌀

We learn by being self-managing thinkers who are connected

## Taylor Learning Hub Information Booklet

Term 1 2018

Welcome to the new Taylor Learning Hub! Our newly established Learning Hub has two teaching teams, one with Year 2 & 3 children and one with Year 3 & 4 children. These are our details:



<b>Taylor Learning Hub</b> (Year 2-4)	<b>Team Weka</b> <i>curious - fun - engaging</i> (Year 2-3)	Mrs Rose Waters <a href="mailto:waters@whitnevstreet.school.nz">waters@whitnevstreet.school.nz</a>	Rooms 5 & 6
		Mrs Sharee Williams <a href="mailto:williams2@whitnevstreet.school.nz">williams2@whitnevstreet.school.nz</a>	
	<b>Team Awhi</b> <i>embrace - cherish - support</i> (Year 3-4)	Ms Michelle Smith <a href="mailto:smith@whitnevstreet.school.nz">smith@whitnevstreet.school.nz</a>	Rooms 14, 15 & 16
		Ms Simone Silcock-Kent <a href="mailto:silcockkent@whitnevstreet.school.nz">silcockkent@whitnevstreet.school.nz</a>	
Ms Debbie Stanger (Assistant Principal/Taylor Learning Hub Leader) <a href="mailto:stanger@whitnevstreet.school.nz">stanger@whitnevstreet.school.nz</a>			
	Miss Keren Edwards Release teacher <a href="mailto:edwards@whitnevstreet.school.nz">edwards@whitnevstreet.school.nz</a>		

### Arriving at School

We encourage children to arrive at school after 8.30am. Before school is a really important time for children to socialise, build friendships and get ready for the school day. It's great if children have time for this before 8.55am when the bell goes and Learning Block One begins.

### Communication

Each term a newsletter or information book will be sent home outlining the coming events for the Taylor Learning Hub. Teams will also send home newsletters and information specific to their classes. All newsletters are shared via Seesaw, displayed on parent/whānau information areas, as well as on the school website. We are all using **Seesaw for Schools** in class to help link parents and whānau with their child's learning. Check out the access details with your child's class teacher. [Facebook](#), our website ([www.whitnevstreet.school.nz](http://www.whitnevstreet.school.nz)) and our school app also provide updates and information on what's happening at school.



We learn by being self-managing thinkers who are connected

## Our Vision and Expectations

All children are encouraged to follow *The Whitney Way – The Way We Learn*, so that Whitney Street School is a safe and enjoyable place to learn and grow into wonderful human beings who make a difference! We will be using the school wide behaviour management system to help aid the children make the right choices in their learning and behaviour.

Please feel free to come in and discuss or clarify anything that is playing on your mind. The open lines of communication and partnership between home and school is vital when ensuring that behaviour and learning needs are being met.

## Literacy

Literacy covers a large number of activities we do in classes including Reading, Writing, Think Crews, Learning Journey, Handwriting and Inquiry.

## Reading & Writing

This takes place daily, with children grouped according to a specific focus and needs. For Reading, individual reading books usually come home each night for you to listen to and sign that you have heard the reading. Children may also choose to read their own choice of book from home and write this in the notebook. In Writing teachers provide a combination of modelling, direct teacher instruction, independent writing time, and support writing activities.

## Oral Language

Opportunities to share orally in pairs, small groups and to larger groups in a formal and informal way happens throughout the day in all classes.

## Spelling

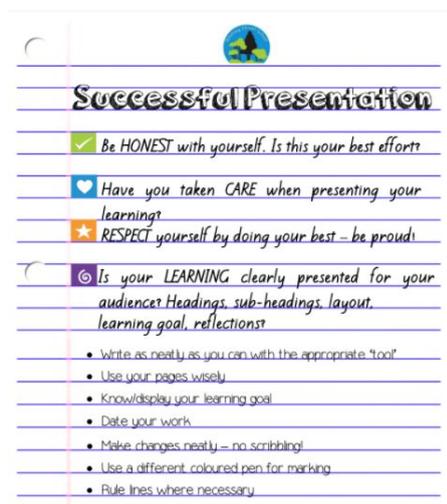
Children will have weekly spelling words to focus on based on the Essential List of words that are most commonly used. In addition, focusses on phonics, spelling patterns and rules will also be taught in classes.

## Library Books – The Library Hub

All teams visit the Library Hub each week (Team Weka - Wednesday and Team Awhi - Thursday). Children need to return their library book each week, so they can get a new book out.

## Mathematics

Our Mathematics programmes take place daily. Each teaching team runs a system where children's needs are established, and targeted teaching is then carried out. This covers the different strands of Statistics, Measurement and Geometry, Number and Algebra. Numeracy has a strong focus, particularly in Year 1-3, and we are looking to build children's number knowledge and the strategies they are using to solve problems. The school provides access to **Mathletics**. This is an online mathematics learning area that links to our school curriculum. This can be accessed from home and school and is covered partly through our stationery fees as well as being subsidised by the school. Logon and password information will be circulated, check with your child's home teacher if you need more information on accessing these. We also provide access to **The Maths Hub**, a numeracy supporting website online.



## Inquiry

Our whole school Inquiry theme this year is **Innovation**.

We want children to understand...

- ★ Innovation is needed to solve problems
- ★ Innovation can make something better.
- ★ Innovations make a difference (not necessarily positive).
- ★ New ideas and innovations have problems and benefits.

- Our key BIG ideas will be:
1. All living things have certain requirements so they can stay alive and are suited to their habitat.
  2. Common materials have different properties and functions, and these can change.
  3. Innovations are based on needs and wants.  
These reflect & change society and the environment in different ways.
  4. New creations and innovations are developed through a process, and can look and work differently

### **KiwiCan**

Kiwi Can is a values and life skills programme designed for primary and intermediate school students. It delivering a range of awesome physical, mental and creative challenges - plus high-energy, fun, safe and interactive lessons that reinforce the schools' goals and curriculum. Kiwi Can is our energy-packed primary school programme. Children will participate in weekly sessions around key themes Term 1 is *Positive Relationships*. For the Taylor Learning Hub this is on Thursday, with each class having a 30-40 minute session lead by our two trained facilitators, Shaz & Monica.



### **KapaHaka**

This will run on Wednesday afternoons for Taylor in Term 1 and some of Term 4. In Term 3-4 there will be opportunity for some children to participate in a performance group. More details on this closer to the time.



### **Swimming**

Please ensure your child brings their togs and towel in a bag every day in Term 1, as we will have daily lessons while the pool is open. If your child is unable to go swimming they must bring a note of explanation for their home teacher.

### **Parent / Whānau Help**

We all welcome any help you can give. Please let your home teacher know if and when you would like to be involved.

### **Open Door Policy**

Parents / Whānau are always very welcome to visit and/or support us in the classroom. Please approach your child's home teacher to see how you can support.



### **Medication**

If your child needs special medication please, let your child's teacher know. Any medication needs to be taken **to the office** and a medication form completed. Medication is ***not*** kept in school bags, to ensure the safety of all children.

### **Concerns**

If you have a complaint or concern the correct procedure is to approach the home teacher first, then the Learning Hub leader and lastly the Principal if necessary.