



Refresh, Learn, Grow

28th May 2021

At Ara Tū Whakatā we...

Make someone's day

Choose your attitude

Be there

Play

Kia Ora Koutou, Kamusta, Ni Hao, Salam, Chomreabsuor, Namaste, Vanakkam, Swasdi, Talofa Lava, Bula Vinaka, Malo e Lelei, Hello to all!

I can't believe we are almost in June already, this term is flying by.

We have some new families to the school and would like to give a big Welcome to Gilberthorpe.

Thank you to Ngākaunui and Manawaroa for leading the assembly yesterday.

Friday Sports

Today is the first day of our Year 5 and 6 Cluster School Sports. We have Netball, Hockey and Football teams entered this year. We wish them all the best as they develop their skills and compete against other schools.

Hui Nui

I would like to thank all the families who came to our Hui Nui last night. It was awesome seeing families there last night to find out about the programmes we use at school, and the purpose behind them. If you

were unable to attend, we have some flyers with the key ideas of what we were discussing that you can pick up from the office.

Structured Literacy

Coming up on the 10th of June we have a Structured Literacy workshop for our Parents. It will explain the way we now teach reading to our students. This has recently been on the news quite a bit and our school has been successful in gradually implementing here at Gilberthorpe. It will be the way all schools teach reading across New Zealand, and we are ahead of many schools in using Structured literacy, especially in the Junior school. Please come along so we can explain to you what it looks like, the science and benefits of teaching reading this way, and things you can be doing at home to help. This is very different from how

we taught to read, and is important that everyone understands the changes. Look out for the flyer for the date and times.

NZEI Meeting.

On June 22 the teacher from Gilberthorpe school will be attending their NZEI meeting. This meeting starts at 2pm. While school will be open, we will have only skeleton staff here at school. If you are able, it would help us greatly to have children picked up during the lunch period from 12.50pm until 1.40pm.

*Menemene tonu koutou.
Keep smiling everyone.*

Rebecca Speden.



Make Someone's Day, Play, Choose Your Attitude, Be There

School Notices

Samoan Language Week

We will be celebrating Samoan Language Week in week 5 of this term. Students will be learning some basic Samoan language and doing a study about Samoan culture.

If you are able to help enrich these experiences with your child's class, please see their teacher.

PALs-Physical Activity Leaders

Last term a group of our students attended a Physical Activity Leaders workshop to learn how to run different activities at break times for students. This week, we have had some of these leaders out at lunchtime hosting games for our junior students.

Peer Mediators

We are starting to have our peer mediators out and about during lunchtimes to help support other students to resolve any conflicts that they may be involved in.

School Uniforms

There is an increase in students not wearing the correct uniform to school. Please encourage your child to wear full uniform each and every day while at school. By doing so, they are respecting many of the school values.

Headlice

This has again become an issue throughout the school, and we would like to thank the parents that action treatments as soon as possible. As a school we are following our policy around this and sending notices home when cases are being seen in class or parents have indicated their child has headlice. Please remember we have KidsCan treatment if you need it, or you can get it through the doctor free of charge. Working together, hopefully we can stamp these little critters out.

Friday Sport

This week our students kicked off their sports training in preparation for Friday Winter Sports. Our Year 5 and 6 students will be walking down each week from 12:55 down to Hornby High School and Denton Park. Games will roughly be starting around 1:40. Then arriving back at school approximately around 2:55. Make sure to check out our facebook page for more information and the draw. Wish us luck and feel free to come cheer us all on.

Dates to Remember

Queens Birthday – 7th June – School Closed

Read a Thon – 8th June till 30th June

Structured Literacy Day – 10th June

Library Van – 18th June

Paid Union Meeting - 22nd June pick up from 12.50pm

Teacher only Day - 25th June – School Closed

Book Character Day – 8th July

School Notices

Welcome to our Grad School Student Teachers

This term we are very lucky to have student teachers joining us from Grad School. They are here for the rest of this term and are currently working in the following classes..

Emma Bargent in Kura Pounamu

Catherine McKie in Wawata

Will Kennedy in Auaha

Zoe Zuydendorp in Māia

Donan Ashby in Ngākaunui

Maddie Evans in Manawarua

Nadine Driver in Whakamanawa



School Lunches and Snacks

We are seeing an increase in students bringing fizzy drinks or other high sugary drinks and snacks to school daily.

As part of our Healthy Schools policy, we encourage parents **not** to send children along with fizzy or high sugary drinks and snacks to school. We encourage water only. This impacts their wellbeing and their focus in class, and we will be asking them to put them with their teacher until they return home at the end of the day.

We are very fortunate to have **Breakfast in Schools, The Healthy lunch Program and Fruit in Schools**, so there is plenty of good options for them to eat while they are here, please encourage them to do so.

School Values

Next week's value is Showing a Positive Attitude. Check out how you can reinforce this at home.

Kia Ora Whānau

This week we are learning to choose your attitude by showing a positive attitude in everything we do.

At home, this could look like: having a can-do attitude when you work on something new and ask people in your home when you get stuck.

SHOWS PRIDE
SELF REGULATOR
POSITIVE
TEAM PLAYER
TOLERANT

I am mindful of my choices.

At Gilberthorpe School We do this by...

- Showing a positive attitude
- Being truthful and honest
- Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves
- Including others
- Trying our best
- Being open minded
- Using the Zones of Regulation



Welcome Awards

Welcome to the following students that have joined us at Gilberthorpe School recently – **Lucy Birrell, Jazmine Fowler, Jacob Furze, Zion Mesias, Zane Fahey, Ryder Maxwell and Edward Carsner.**

Caught Being Good Awards

- ◆ **Te Rōpū Wawata – Sapphire McKay** for her fantastic literacy work! She has been so focused working on her reading and writing skills. I have been so impressed by the stories you have been writing Sapphire.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Auaha – Iliseva Drauna** for having a positive attitude towards her learning and giving her best!
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Maia – Noah Tutty** for the respect he shows to both teachers and students in our hub. Noah is always polite and willing to help others.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Ngākaunui – Hunter Pringle** for supporting his friends and being a good buddy. Hunter has also been improving his reading skills by doing all his work to a high standard.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Manawaroa – Essence Shelford** for working really hard at her pronunciation, of peoples names and Te Reo Māori.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Mangōpare MJ Dyson-Howard** for consistently helping put a smile on the faces of others in the class.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Whakamanawa Riley Collie-Phillips** for having a good attitude and being friendly towards other People. Riley has been showing great respect and putting in lots of effort in his learning.

FISH Awards

- ◆ **Te Rōpū Kura Pounamu – Lucy Birrell Choose Your Attitude:** for having a happy smile and a can-do attitude and being so focused with her learning.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Wawata – Taya Rua Play:** for challenging herself in her learning and giving everything a go. You have especially been working hard on your reading skills, Ka pai Taya!
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Auaha – Siagigi Vaotuaa Choose Your Attitude:** for having a happy smile and a can-do attitude and being so focused with his learning.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Maia – Kobi Coulson Choose Your Attitude:** for being willing to take risks with his learning and not being afraid of making mistakes.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Ngākaunui – Leon Gordon-Gittings Make Someone's Day** by going to his extra learning sessions without hesitation. He is working hard to improve his learning each day!
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Manawaroa Vatulele Vaotuaa Make Someone's Day** for using initiative and being a great katiaki in our learning space, tidying up after others and solving problems.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Mangōpare Sapphire McCausland Make Someone's Day** for being a great and caring listener toward other members of the class.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Whakamanawa – Levi Blakely Choose Your Attitude:** for showing obvious improvements in attitude and actions. Levi has been giving other people compliments and trying to do his best.

Teacher Awards

- ◆ **Te Rōpū Kura Pounamu – Pisces Rewha-Braxton** for amazing focus and effort during literacy time. You are a writer!
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Wawata – Santanya Coleman** for working so hard with her learning! You are making amazing progress and are blowing everyone away with your language!
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Auaha – Harley Allen** for being a superstar in class and trying hard and giving everything a go!
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Maia – Milla Garrick** for always having a positive attitude, being organised for her learning and consistently working to the best of her ability.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Ngākaunui – Harlin Haines** for always being there for his friends as well as being a strong role model of the values in class.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Manawaroa – Jashandeep Bal** for always showing his values and being a kaitiaki of our learning space.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Mangōpare Kaizah-Rae Lucas** for giving every learning activity his best!
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Whakamanawa Orlando Baird-Pradella** for always showing a positive attitude and putting in great effort in all that he does. Orlando shows a kind and considerate temperament.

Math Awards

- ◆ **Hunter Pringle, Matthew Knox and Aimee Matoe** for having a positive attitude towards their learning and being persistent when the learning gets hard.

Principal Awards

- ◆ **Noah Tutty**, you know how to be there for your learning and you are a shining example of how to be respectful towards everyone around you.
- ◆ **Mikayla Brown** for always having a smile and a positive attitude towards the people she greets each day.



Why is Student Voice Important?

We know that student achievement and engagement will increase when students have more ownership of their school community and of their learning.



SMART Goals

As a school we have all created SMART goals at the end of last term, so they were ready for us to focus on this term. SMART goals mean these goals are really well thought out and are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-based. These goals might be learning goals for a specific subject or they could be a more personal goal for them to work on. Below you will see all of our amazing displays, come into the classroom to take a closer look and find out more about our goals!

Te Rōpū Whakamanawa-In Whakamanawa, we have gone with the phrase, reach for the stars. Students write their name on the outline of their hand and arm. They decorated their arms with things that are important or significant. Our goals are written on stars and include Reading, Writing and Math goals. We used our classroom windows to display our SMART Goals and our hands and stars can be seen from outside.



Te Rōpū Ngākaunui - Shoot a goal!

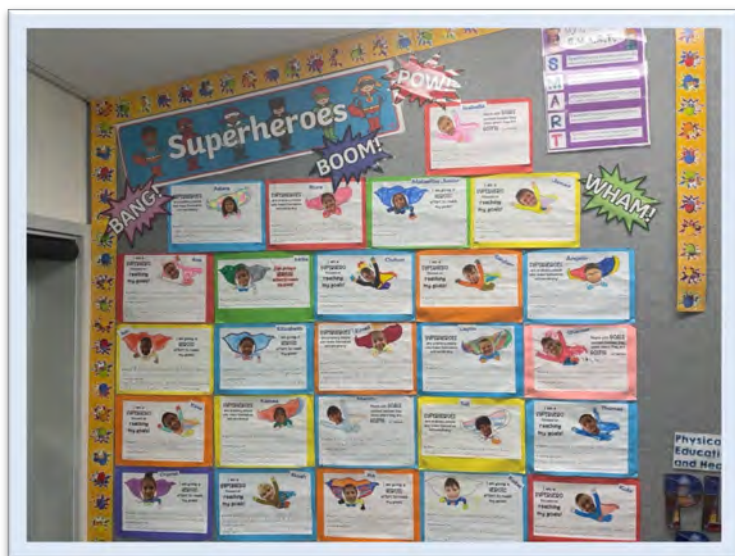


Te Rōpū Mangōpare - Students in Mangōpare have designed how to present our learning goals for term 2 for everyone to see. Don't they look cool!?



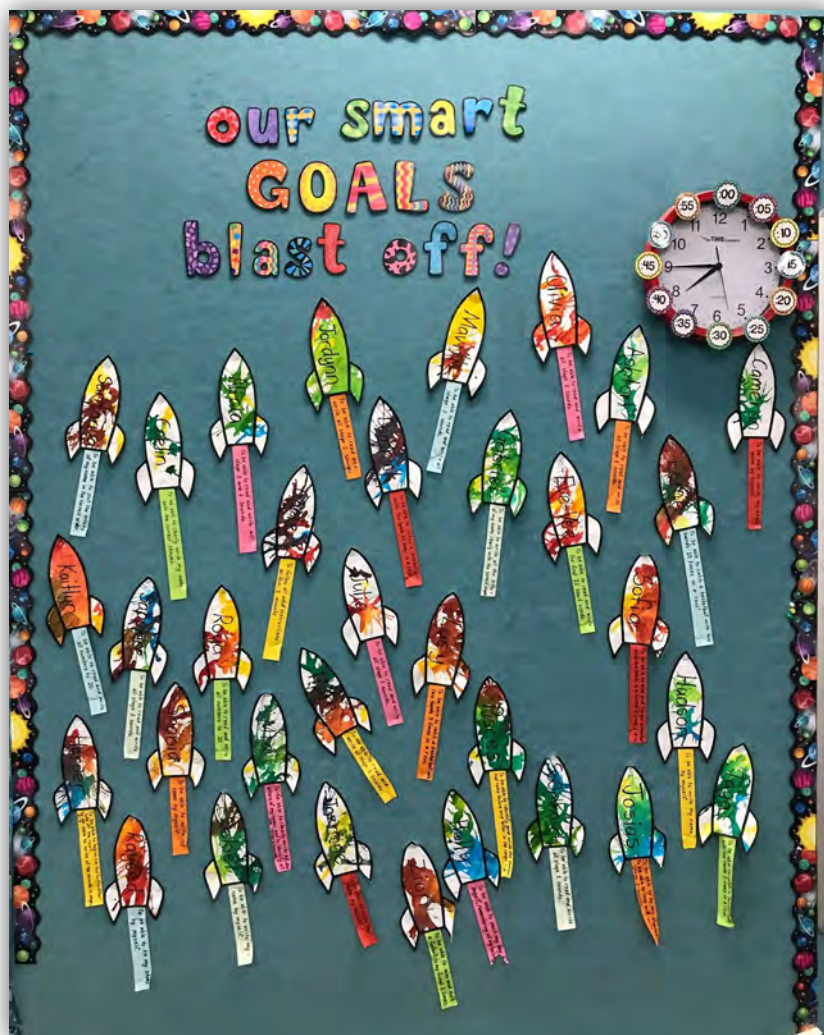
Te Rōpu Māia and Te Rōpu Auaha

We are all Superheros in Te Rōpu Māia! With this in mind we created our SMART goals with a Superhero theme. We think they look amazing and would love you to come and check them out. In Te Ropu Auaha we are reaching for the stars! The learners had the opportunity to create their own design on their arm. They would love to share their SMART goals with you so come in and have a look!



Te Rōpū Kura Pounamu and Te Rōpū Wawata

We are ready to blast off with our goals in Te Rōpū Kura Pounamu and Te Rōpū Wawata! We used straws to blow the paint around on our rockets and are looking forward to blasting off to the moon to reach our goals.



Get to know more of our staff



Kia ora e te whanau, my name is Jayne Thomas and I am the Learning Support Coordinator for Gilberthorpe School. The role is a relatively new position and has been created to provide support to children and their families that have learning or social needs. I am an experienced teacher and have previously worked as a Special Educational Coordinator. I enjoy being part of the Gilberthorpe School team and am looking forward to meeting and working alongside families in our school community.



Hello, my name is Hamish George, . You will find me in Takitini as a Teacher Aide. Great to be here, working with some amazing children. I also enjoy the enthusiastic staff. It is a pleasure to be contributing to the Gilberthorpe School experience.



Ki ora, I'm Mel Raisin, teacher in Manawaroa. Ara Tū Whakatā is a great place to be because everybody (staff, whanau and learners), work together to make sure it is the best place to learn. We make learning fun and value the uniqueness that every child has.




Hi I'm Alison McAllan, I am a relieving teacher that works throughout the school. I feel very lucky and privileged to work at Gilberthorpe School and love when the students greet me daily with hugs and smiles.



Hi my name is Tash Bovey and I am a Teacher Aide in Takitini. I have worked at Gilberthorpe for about 6 Years and love working with the staff and students. My son was a student here and has started at Hornby High this year.



Kia ora, I'm Clayton Boyd, teacher in Ngākaunui. Ara Tu Whakata is a place for all to come together. It is a brilliant school with a vibrant feel. I am grateful to have the privilege to work with such beautiful human beings and I enjoy instilling the fantastic Gilberthorpe values that we hold firmly onto. Go Gilby!



Ara Tū Whakatā
**Gilberthorpe
School**

**7th June -
30th June**

**PRIZES TO
BE WON!!**

Top reader per class
&
Top class overall

Book character
dressups day
Thursday
8th July

Oh, the
places
you'll go
when
you...
READ

**READ
-A-THON**

