



2021 Learning Progress Meetings

Thursday 17 July

Dear Parents/Whānau,

Your child's progress data and goals will be available on ***Hero** on Monday 5 July. All Progress Meetings are scheduled for **Wednesday 7 July** and **Thursday 8 July** apart from *Room 5 who will be having theirs at alternative times.*

The Progress Meetings focus on progress and goal setting between the three main participants in your child's education - the learner, whānau and teacher. These meetings are in place of a written report and can in fact, be requested at any time by any of the three main stakeholders mentioned above. There is a shift that's happening throughout New Zealand about timely communication regarding sharing your child(ren)'s learning and progress. Progress is not something that happens twice a year, it can be in small steps and it is the role of all stakeholders to be informed about the goals, achievements, and needs of our learners throughout the year.

You will need to book a 15 minute time slot (see instructions in blue below) with the home teacher of your child/ren. If you aren't quite sure who this is, just ask your child. However if you would also like to make an appointment to see another teacher in the Collaborative Teaching Team, please organise this at the meeting with the home teacher of your child.

The meetings take 15 minutes and **it is important that both the parent/caregiver(s) and child are present**. This ensures that there is a combined approach with the student, teacher, and parents/caregivers having input into the child's learning progress and support. This is also a chance for your child to share their learning and have a say in their learning pathway. Please note that due to the limited number of time slots, **only one meeting will be allocated per child**. If parents are separated, we would appreciate both parents/caregivers attending the same meeting with their child, if possible, so that the same message is given to everyone.

If you are unable to attend the Progress Meeting, please make alternative arrangements with your child/s teacher.

If you have more than one child having an interview, when booking your time slots online, **please allow a 15 minute gap** between each Progress Meeting so that you are not holding people up moving between classrooms.

At the end of each 15 minute slot a bell will ring to indicate the Progress Meeting is over. Please leave promptly so that we can run to time. If more time is required the teacher will arrange another meeting with you.

To **book your time slot online** [follow this link](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) (www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use the code **2nrf8** . If you have difficulty with this please contact Adele in the office. If you do not have access to a computer or internet device (eg smartphone) you can contact the office and we will book a time for you. If a booking is not made by Friday 2nd July at 9am, then one will be made for you and a note will be sent home with your child letting you know when it is.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Progress Meetings.

Kind regards,

The Whitney Street School Staff



Whitney Street School

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Ko te ara o te Witini - te āko tika

Progress Meetings with the parent/caregiver, teacher and child will be held at the following times:

Who for	When?
All rooms apart from Room 5.	Week 10 of Term 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wednesday 7 July from 1:30pm - 6:00pmThursday 8 July from 3:15pm - 6:30pm <p>On Wednesday 7 July: We would appreciate your child being picked up at 1:00pm. Supervision will be provided if this is not possible.</p>

*Hero:

- This is the Student Management System that WSS use to keep information on your child/ren. This includes their progress and how they are tracking i.e. are they making progress, what progress have they made, what areas are they having difficulty with, and what are their next learning goals. It is important that you can log onto Hero to see your child's current learning progress and goals. This information will be 'live' on 2 July.
- If you have not done so already, please [click here](#) to download the Hero app and login - follow the steps on the link.
- If you have managed to log in already, your email address and password have not changed. It is not too different and will become easier to navigate the more you try.
- If you didn't get around to it last year, please have a go again (instructions are [here](#)). It really is very important that you are able to access this information about your child so you are able to be involved in their education as much as possible. In the not-to-distant future, we aim to send out emails and alert notifications through Hero so it is important you have a go!
- Should you require any assistance with this, please contact Cheryl (027 321 8022) principal@whitneystreet.school.nz),
- Christee (021 211 5638 / dalzell@whitneystreet.school.nz) or Lisa (lissaman@whitneystreet.school.nz). Sometimes it is as simple as a dot in the wrong place at our end!