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Dear Parent and Carer

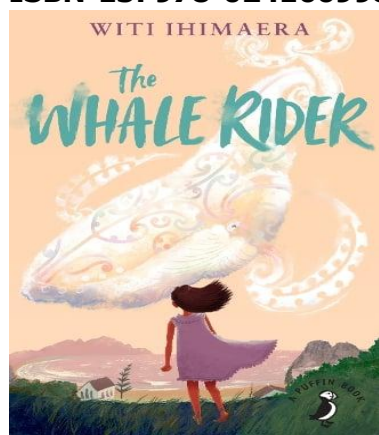
Re: Year 8 English Novel – *The Whale Rider*

This term, all students in Year 8 will be studying *The Whale Rider* by Witi Ihimaera in their English lessons. To support students in making their own annotations and completing independent reading at home, we are inviting parents and carers to consider purchasing a personal copy of the novel.

Please note that this is a **voluntary request**, and no student will be disadvantaged if they do not have their own copy. A small number of copies will be available in school for use during lessons. If you would like to purchase a copy, we recommend the following edition:

The Whale Rider – A Puffin Book (Paperback)

ISBN-13: 978-0241669983



Second-hand versions are also available online at reduced cost. Students may bring any edition of the book to school.

We appreciate your support in helping students engage fully with their learning. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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