



AWAHOU SCHOOL

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"To meet the educational needs of the Pohangina Valley community by fostering individual excellence in a dynamic and caring environment."

EXCELLENT LEARNING FOR A GLOBAL FUTURE

Week 4, Term 1, 2017

22 February, 2017

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,
Well we definitely seem to be getting extremes at the moment. From wet, miserable weather, to a couple of days of almost unbearable heat! It's been great to have our fantastic pool at the ready. Even the staff have been jumping in at the end of the day (or earlier) to cool off!

With time flying by, we can't believe we're into Week 4 already and the progress and focus our students are making, not only in their 'traditional' learning but in the depth of their wonderings and questioning about areas they want to learn about, or aspects of their life or experiences that have sparked curiosity. As mentioned at our recent Meet the Teacher Evening, we are placing a strong focus this year on our students asking questions, forming opinions and personal philosophies, and investigating wonderings to make sense of the world around them as the context for our 'teaching' of skills and knowledge. Some of the discussions I have had with students these past couple of weeks, from new 5 year olds through to our Year 8s, have already been at a level that excites me about unlocking the potential of each one of our students to ensure they are striving to be the best person they can be.

This notion of being the best we can be is a driving force behind our recently completed 2017 school charter and strategic planning, not only for students but also for our staff, BOT and community. As a Board, we have worked hard to make this charter document concise and user friendly, managing to get it down to a two page visual that is clear and easy to follow. This will be displayed on our website, foyer wall, classrooms and Facebook page soon.

"The important thing is not to stop questioning, curiosity has its own reason for existing." – Albert Einstein

Arohanui, Matt Schmidt – Principal



Wharite working hard at Maths!

Virtue of the week:

Responsibility

Being responsible means others can trust you to do things with excellence. You accept accountability for your actions. When you make a mistake you offer amends instead of excuses. Responsibility is the ability to make smart choices.

"You are always responsible for how you act, no matter how you feel." – Robert Tew

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Swimming Sports

You may have noticed on our 'Looking Ahead' calendar that the Awahou School swimming sports had been scheduled for next week. With this week being the first time we've seen consistent sun and therefore a serious lack of pool instruction time, we have decided to postpone the swimming sports. Hopefully the weather we are having now is a sign that summer has finally arrived! We'll let you know the new date soon. The Kainui Swimming sports will go ahead on the 10th as planned, with Maharahara students sorting out event competitors over the next week and a half.

School Disco!

We finally have a date for another school and community disco! Lock in Friday, March 24th from 5.30pm to 7pm on your social calendars. All school aged children from the Pohangina Valley and Ashhurst area are welcome, as are parents and caregivers. More info to come.

Bus monitors / Contracts

In a couple of weeks time, Constable Sarah Cree will be coming in to talk to the students about bus expectations and reminders of these, with 2017 bus contracts to be signed. In the meantime, the following students have been appointed bus monitors:

North Bus: Catherien, Morgan, Chlesae, Zoe

South Bus: Sarah, Regan

Friends of Awahou

On Monday you should have received a notice from your children regarding our Friends of Awahou group and requesting some more members. We couldn't survive without this amazing group, so encourage you to join us if you have the time to give.

Breakfast Club

This year, students from Maharahara will be running our Breakfast Club, sponsored by Fonterra and Sanitarium. If your kids don't get organised in time for breakfast on any given morning (happens to the best of us!), or are still hungry when they get to school, our student representatives will be serving Weetbix and milk in the staffroom. All free of charge!

School Opening Hours

A friendly reminder that school is not open before 8am. If you arrive before 8 and are waiting with your children, please ensure they are not on the playground or around the buildings before the first staff member arrives. This is important with regards to our Health & Safety procedures.

LOOKING AHEAD



Wednesday March 1st – HPV vaccinations (Year 8 students)

Friday March 3rd / 17th / 24th / 31st – Bush School

Thursday March 2 – Awahou Swimming Sports tbc

Wednesday March 8 – Junior Tabloids (Mt Biggs)

Friday March 10 – Kainui Senior Swimming Sports (Lido)

Monday March 20 – Zero Waste Education at school

Tuesday March 21 – Weetbix Tryathlon

Friday March 24 – Awahou School Disco! 5.30pm-7pm

Friday April 7 – Year 8 Art Extension (Newbury)

Thursday April 13th – Last day of term

Friday April 14th – Good Friday



STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Congratulations to:

Miss Edmond: Vienna Dykman, for consideration of others and great efforts in school work.

Miss Barr: Logan Coughlan-Potbury: for an amazing start to the year and showing great progress already!

Mr Schmidt: Samuel Marcus: for improvements in self-regulation and time management.

Kade Beveridge: for always exercising his 'thinking brain' and coming up with great wonderings.



- * Bring your togs to school every day!
- * Don't forget to check us out on Facebook to keep up date with everything happening at school
- * Every Friday is 'Wheels Day' at school – all sorts of wheels welcomed – bikes, scooters, skateboards, even unicycles! Riders **must** have a helmet on.
- * We are collecting 'Yummy!' apple stickers and any toothpaste / toothbrush / oral care waste again this year, so drop them into school or ask for a sticker collection sheet. Our plan is to send them all at the end of this year to maximise the rewards on offer.
- * No children on school grounds before 8am please.



Filling lunch boxes

Protein is important for helping children grow and to sustain energy levels throughout the day.

Protein-rich ideas for lunch boxes:

- ♥ Cheese sticks, cubes or grated cheese
-grated carrot and cheese is also a tasty sandwich combo
- ♥ Yoghurt
- ♥ Boiled eggs, in a sandwich or whole
- ♥ Lean meats: chicken or turkey, tuna, or salmon
- ♥ Dips such as hummus are ideal with vegetable sticks or crackers
- ♥ Cooked or canned chickpeas or falafel
- ♥ Homemade leftovers, roast chicken, tuna or bean pasta salad, pizza, chop suey, frittata etc.



For more lunchbox ideas visit www.fuelled4life.org.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community / PVCC Meeting

Simon Ashton (Ashhurst police) and Mark Dickins (Kimbolton Police) will be attending the PVCC meeting on Tuesday 28th February, at 7.30pm, at County Fayre. They will be discussing the current policing arrangements for the Pohangina Valley and will answer any questions the community may have.

If you are interested in hearing from Simon and Mark then come to County Fayre at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th February. Everyone is welcome.

Awahou School Playgroup

Our awesome Playgroup is running again this year on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9.30am – 12pm. Come along and join in with our wonderful community and **extremely** well resourced group. We'd love to see you there!

AWAHOU MUSIQHUB LESSONS 2017

Want to learn: guitar, ukulele, drums or how to sing this year ?

Develop new skills, confidence, AND have fun with friends. Performance and recording opportunities provided. Nervous beginners welcome! Call/Text Craig on (027) 7722877. Find us on Facebook under Musiqhub Manawatu or go to www.musiqhub.co.nz

Weetbix Tryathlon

The earlybird registrations for Weetbix Tryathlon have now closed, however it's not too late to join in. So far we have 18 children registered from Awahou School to take part in this awesome, fun day. (Did you know the Palmerston North event is the biggest one in the country?).

If you're interesting in signing up, see us at school for a form, check out the link on our Facebook page, or search Weetbix Tryathlon online and register with our school.



Run, Ride & Slide Triathlon

The Run, Ride 'n' Slide Kids Triathlon is back for 2017!

When: 16 March

Where: Timona Park, Feilding.

When: First race starts at 5pm \$2 entry

Course distances

Ages 4-6: Run 300m, Ride 500m lap & slip and slide.

Ages 7-9: Run 700m, Ride 1km & slip and slide.

Ages 10-12: Run 1.1km, Ride 1.5km & slip and slide.

Pre-Register online

at sportmanawatu.org.nz and pay on the day, or register on the day.

If we have a number of entries, we can look at travelling together as a school group. Information is attached to this newsletter. It looks like fun!

Ashhurst PlayCentre

LOOKING FOR AN AWESOME PLACE TO PLAY AND LEARN ALONGSIDE YOUR 0-6 YEAR OLD AND DEVELOP LASTING FRIENDSHIPS WITH OTHER PARENTS?

Ashhurst Playcentre is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. You can come for three free visits to find out more about us and what we have to offer. Families play and learn skills alongside each other and can attend one or more sessions a week. Children can be left without a caregiver after the age of 2 and a half. We are low cost and if you may qualify for WINZ subsidies to make us free. We also offer 20 hours free ECE. Give us a call 326 9270, an email on ashhurstplaycentre@xtra.co.nz or drop in for a cuppa between 9am - 1pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 118 Stanford Street. We look forward to meeting you and your children

Grants Workshop Change of Date

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Helen has had to change the seminar date for the Palmerston North based seminar originally scheduled for 21st March, as previously advertised. My deepest apologies for this. The new date for the workshop will now be, the following day, Wednesday 22nd March, 9:30-12 at Hancock Community House in Palmerston North.