



# 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 5, Term 1, 2017**

**22 February, 2017**

### **Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki**

#### **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Kia Ora Awahou Community,  
This week I've asked some of our Senior girls to write my Principal's message for me and tell us what makes Awahou School great from a student's perspective. Enjoy! *Matt Schmidt*  
– Principal

Hello Awahou community, this morning Mr Schmidt asked three of our year eights (Morgan, Chelsea and Evie) to write what we think of our school. There are no words to explain how much we love this school, not even in the dictionary. Our teachers are always there to listen and are open to take in our ideas for our learning and environment. They provide us with lots of opportunities to improve our learning. We are thankful for adults in our community to help out our teachers. We asked a few other students what they thought of our teachers and they came up with lots of great answers.

"They are always encouraging us to learn, they always give us positive feedback, they provide us with lots of strategies to improve our learning. We are all one big whanau and always help each other. We are a small school and get more one on one time with the teachers."

Our inside and outside environments are friendly and safe. We take pride of what we have here at Awahou. We have a huge playground, there is no time to get bored. We have a swimming pool that has survived 75 years. Maharahara has recently moved into our massive new classroom, thanks to Mr Schmidt's amazing organization skills.

Mr Schmidt is always organising lots of events for us to do like the weetbix tryathlon. We are part of a country school cluster, that means that we can meet up with our cluster schools and compete against them. This was we still get to meet new people and try new things. That's what we think our school is like. The question is.... What do you think?



*Summer fun in the pool*

### **Virtue of the week:**

#### **Loyalty**

Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. With loyalty, you build relationships that last forever.

*"Loyalty to petrified opinion never yet broke a chain or freed a human soul."*  
**Mark Twain**

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### School Swimming Sports

Hopefully we haven't jinxed our current run of beautiful weather, but the school swimming sports will now be held on the afternoon of Thursday, March 16. More information will come home soon.

### Kainui Swimming Sports

The students of Maharahara have been battling it out in the pool to qualify for the Kainui Swimming Carnival next Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. With only 2 spots available per event per school, the competition for spots has been tight. Information regarding who will be attending the Kainui event will come home this Friday. Well done to the Maharahara students for pushing each other hard for the qualifying spots.

### Friends of Awahou

A last minute reminder for those who may have missed it and have time to get to school, that there is a Friends of Awahou meeting after school today. We need more people, so hope to see you there.

### School Parking & Driveway Speed

I have had a few messages of concern lately regarding driving speed and safety in our school driveway and carpark. Please ensure you are no driving no quicker than 10kph on school grounds. We also have ample carparking space available, so request that no cars come past the corner of the swimming pool fence closest to school, especially as we now have more children on site for longer with our successful after school programme.

### Bush School

The weather's looking great for Bush School **this Friday** from 9.30am – midday. Details are attached to this newsletter. If you want to come along and help with transport and/or supervision, let me know ASAP and I can add you to the list.

### School Disco!

We finally have a date for another school and community disco! Lock in Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Happy Birthday Peta!

I am possibly risking my life here, but on behalf of all of the staff and students here at school, **HAPPY BIRTHDAY PETA!** We really appreciate everything you do for our school (which is a lot!) and hope you have an amazing day turning 30. ☺

## LOOKING AHEAD



**Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> – HPV vaccinations (Year 8 students)**

**Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> – Bush School**

**Wednesday March 8 – Junior Tabloids (Mt Biggs)**

**Friday March 10 – Kainui Senior Swimming Sports (Lido)**

**Thursday March 16 – Awahou Swimming Sports**

**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 13<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term**

**Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday**



## STUDENT ACHIEVERS



### Congratulations to:

**Miss Edmond: Jake Stuart**, for displaying our school values, with great listening and effort.

**Miss Barr: Jayde Swanson**, for great time management skills and staying on top of her work.

**Mr Schmidt: Charlie Scott**, for great focus and determination in all schoolwork.

**Jessica Port**, for great improvements in self-regulation and role modeling to younger students.



- \* Bring your togs to school every day!
- \* No children on school grounds before 8am please.
- \* Please keep your driving speed on school grounds to 10kph and stick to our carparks when dropping off / picking up your children.
- \* School hats will be available for purchase for new students and those who have 'lost' theirs next week. They are off to the embroiderers today.

## Autumn Dinner

YOU ARE INVITED TO COUNTY FAYRE  
AUTUMN EQUINOX DINNER

SATURDAY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> 2017 7PM –  
LATE

### The evening will include:

The evening will include: A selection of DELICIOUS (3 Course) food to devour. A warm friendly atmosphere perfect for catching up or meeting new people

A *Koha* donation would be appreciated:

\$20.00 Adult

\$5.00 Child

Be in quick!!! Limited number of tickets available so to book your ticket please confirm your attendance by emailing [county\\_fayre@outlook.com](mailto:county_fayre@outlook.com)

COUNTY FAYRE  
976 Finnis Rd (off Pohangina Road)  
Pohangina  
14km from Ashhurst

More details can be found on our website  
<https://countyfayre.wordpress.com/upcoming-events/>



County Fayre is run by local volunteers for the benefit of our beautiful Pohangina Valley so your support is very much appreciated



EVERYONE ACTIVE EVERYDAY

### RUN, RIDE, 'N' SLIDE

KIDS TRIATHLON

**Course distances:**

Ages 4-6:	Run 300m, Ride 500m & slip and slide
Ages 7-9:	Run 700m, Ride 1 km & slip and slide
Ages 10-12:	Run 1.1 km, Ride 1.5 km & slip and slide

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**Where:** Timona Park, Simon St, Feilding  
**When:** First race starts at 5 pm  
**Cost:** \$2 entry  
**Date:** Thursday 16 March 2017  
 Postponement - 23 March 2017

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REGISTER ONLINE TODAY OR REGISTER ON THE DAY

For more info contact - [jessica@sportmanawatu.org.nz](mailto:jessica@sportmanawatu.org.nz)

[www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/event/run-ride-n-slide/](http://www.sportmanawatu.org.nz/event/run-ride-n-slide/)



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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!

### Weetbix Tryathlon

What an amazing response from our school! We have 22 children registered with Awahou School to take part in the Weetbix Tryathlon on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Information regarding transport and logistics for the event will come home soon.

### Ashhurst Pohangina Football Club



Ashhurst Pohangina Football Club  
Registrations for 2017 Season will  
be on the

3rd & 8th March, 2017  
At Ashhurst School from  
3:15pm – 4:15pm

This is for First Kicks (4-6 years) thru to 13th Grade.

Any queries contact Jason Clements [ashhurstjuniorfc@gmail.com](mailto:ashhurstjuniorfc@gmail.com)  
or Toni Bradley [tbradley@ashhurst.school.nz](mailto:tbradley@ashhurst.school.nz)

## Ladies Night

Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
Willow Park Tavern.  
7:00pm

### Entertainment

including

### Live Music

Featuring: Renee  
Therese

Displays & sales  
from...

Qwerky Homes – Home Decor  
Herbal Life  
Nutrimetics  
Tupperware and others.

## \$20

Lucky Ticket Draws.

Tickets available  
from:  
Property Brokers  
Fielding

Smart Exchange  
Designer Boutique  
Hokowhitu Village

Mount Riggs School  
Phone 063293646  
email  
[principal@mountriggs.school.nz](mailto:principal@mountriggs.school.nz)

All Money raised to:



Supporting the "Twos Trouble Team"



### 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](http://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. See the ad above. 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](mailto: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

### JustOne Please

This month's item for the Safe House is Dishwashing Liquid. If you're able to contribute, feel free to drop some into school and we can pass it on.

