



AWAHOU SCHOOL

POHANGINA VALLEY.

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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 7, Term 1, 2017

15 March, 2017

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,
The days are certainly flying at the moment. We can't believe it's Week 7 already! Our new classroom is almost completely finished now, and as a result the changes in the library, multi purpose room and 'middle space' are now starting to come to life also. It's going to look amazing when it's all done (I'm not giving away too many clues yet) and our children will be very lucky indeed! A huge thanks to so many of our amazing community who have been in lately helping to sort, fix, move, stack all sorts of stuff in preparation for what's next. Your help is truly appreciated. We have a great core group of parent helpers who are helping in all sorts of capacities at the moment and it's all a part of what makes our school so special. In a couple of weekends time we are planning on having a bit of an 'internal' working bee to put the finishing touches in place. We'll let you know more details soon. Speaking of what makes our school special, we are starting to receive interest from other schools across the country in some of the innovations and initiatives we are implementing this year, which makes me very proud of the work we are all doing here at school. Today we have had a teacher and Principal from the South Island Skype call in to us to see some of the awesome ways Maharahara are encouraging and implementing student agency and self-regulation of learning. Next week we have a lead teacher of P4C (Philosophy for Children) coming out to talk to us about what we want to achieve in this programme, and the following week we have a Principal and teacher from a school in rural Wairarapa coming to check out how we do things as well. What great affirmation that what we are doing is seen as something special by our wider peers! In two weeks time there will also be a parent information evening to share our approaches to assessment and reporting this year. We'd love to see you there! **Matt Schmidt – Principal**



Alfie scores!

Virtue of the week:

Creativity

Creativity is the power of imagination. Creativity is a way to develop your special talents. It is seeing something in a new way, finding a different way to solve a problem. Creativity is using your imagination to bring something new into the world.

"Creativity involves breaking out of established patterns in order to look at things in a different way."

Edward De Bono

SCHOOL NOTICES

Parent Information Evening

On Wednesday, March 29th the teachers and I will host an information evening regarding our assessment and reporting approaches for the year. We will cover the 'hows' and 'whats' of we are assessing, and what assessment means for your children, you as parents, and teachers. We'd love to see you there!

3 Way Learning Conversations / Goal Setting

This year, rather than just a couple of set evenings, we welcome parents to book a half hour conversation at a time that suits them best (day or afternoon/early evening) throughout weeks 9,10 & 11. These are a chance for students, family and teachers to discuss current achievement levels and set learning progress goals to be monitored and assessed throughout the year. More information will be coming home regarding this on Monday next week.

Yucky Bugs

There are some very nasty tummy bugs doing the rounds at the moment. They have worked their way through all of the teachers and a fair few students. If your child is unwell please keep them home to avoid the spreading of these nasties.

Bush School Changes

This week's Bush School will be moved to next Friday, March 24th. The reason for this is that a number of parents have indicated they would like to take their children to the Field Days this Friday, which is something I am fully supportive of. We will then have our final Bush School on Friday, 7th April with a bbq lunch at the reserve to wrap it up.

School Hats

School hats have been embroidered and are being picked up tomorrow. New students will be issued a hat and invoiced. Existing students who need a new hat, will be first in, first served.

Hockey

Hockey season is almost upon us. If you are interested in coaching a team this year (one of our amazing coaches has now left), please let me know asap so I can pass the information on to you.

Disco

Next Friday, March 24th from 5.30pm – 7pm here at school. All school age children in the Pohangina Valley and Ashhurst (and parents as well of course) are welcome. Keep your eye out for a flyer soon.

Zero Waste

On Monday the Zero Waste educator will be at school to work with all students.

LOOKING AHEAD



Friday March 24th / April 7th – Bush School

Monday March 20 – Zero Waste Education at school

Tuesday March 21 – Weetbix Tryathlon

Thursday March 23 – BOT Meeting 7pm at school

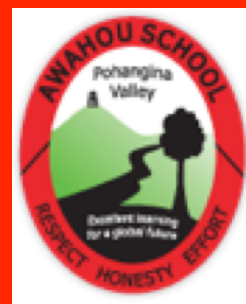
Friday March 24 – Awahou School Disco! 5.30pm-7pm

Wednesday March 29 – Parent Information Evening (Assessment & Reporting) 6pm – 7.30pm at school

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: Mary Hawkins, for fantastic effort in Literacy & Self-Managing.

Miss Barr: Gemma Passey

Mr Schmidt: Belle Dykman

Mrs Young: Rebecca Port

All three Maharahara students above for settling in to the routines of the senior class so well, and quickly developing excellent self-regulation skills and personal responsibility for learning.



*** Please keep your driving speed on school grounds to 10kph and stick to our carparks when dropping off / picking up your children.**

*** BOT meeting next Thursday (23rd) at 7pm in Maharahara**

*** School Disco next week! (Friday 24th – 5.30pm – 7pm). All school aged children in Pohanginga Valley and Ashhurst are welcome.**

Kainui Swimming Sports Results

Kainui Swimming Results - What a great day! Our students represented the school amazingly well with their efforts and the way they carried themselves. Results from the day:

Individual Medley - 3rd = Sarah White(Y5 Girls), Dylan Price(Y6 Boys), Ruby Dykman(Y6 Girls), Evie Price (Y8 Girls)

Freestyle 25m - 2nd = Rebecca Port (Y4 Girls), Sarah White (Y5 Girls), Ruby Dykman (Y6 Girls)
3rd = Ben Hocken (Y6 Boys), Chelsea Hocken (Y8 Girls)

Breaststroke 25m - 2nd = Ruby Dykman (Y6 Girls)
3rd = Ben Hocken (Y6 Boys), Catherine Gray (Y8 Girls)

Butterfly 25m - 2nd = Charlie Scott (Y5 Girls)
3rd = McKenzie Cameron (Y5 Girls), Dylan Price (Y6 Boys), Ruby Dykman (Y6 Girls), Catherine Gray (Y8 Girls)

Freestyle Relay - 2nd = Y4/5/6 Girls, 3rd = 7/Y8 Girls

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Koha entry

Pohangina's Perfect Day OUT 2017

Spend a day in Pohangina Village, bring your friends, bring the Family, bring your picnic, and enjoy an afternoon's mix of music

**Hootn' 3 in 1 • Missing Link • Detour
Bearded Theory • Weird Prophets
The Travelling Lounge Room
Name Un-known • Jeff & Sheree
String Fusion • and more**

Saturday, April 8, 12-10pm
Pohangina School Reserve

County Fayre School Room Devonshire Teas
Kidz Playground, BYO Picnic, BBQ available
BYO Rubbish Bag, Limited camping
Info ph 021 107 2475

Venue, 948 Ffynis Rd, Pohangina Village, No Dogs Please
Non Profit Event, Proceeds towards our Pohangina Valley Community

Autumn DINNER

**YOU ARE INVITED TO COUNTY FAYRE
AUTUMN EQUINOX DINNER**
SATURDAY MARCH 25TH 2017 7PM – LATE

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

A Kōhū donations 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

COUNTY FAYRE
948 Ffynis Rd (off Pohangina Road)
Pohangina
14km from Ashhurst

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

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

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Hockey Manawatu Open Day

Proudly sponsored by:

**ACTIVITIES-GAMES
JOIN A TEAM
TRY RENEGADE HOCKEY**
SIGN UP TO A CLUB - LEARN ABOUT OUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES - LEARN MORE ABOUT ADTEA MAORI HOCKEY

FREE GIVEAWAYS-PRIZES

**HOCKEY MANAWATU OPEN DAY
SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2017
10.00AM**

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY
MEET & PLAY WITH OUR EX-BLACK STICKS PLAYERS

AT HOCKEY MANAWATU TWIN TURFS

6A Manawaroa St (off Fitzherbert Ave, we are located to the left of the entrance into the Victoria Esplanade)
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Manawatu Rural Support Service Inc.



Presents....

A Community Health Night "Health 4 Life"

FEATURING..... our entertaining, award winning
guest speaker, Dr Simon Allan, ONZM

EVENT DETAILS

When: Tuesday 4th April 2017 at 7:30pm
Where: Apiti Tavern and Eatery
Cost: Donations kindly accepted
Light supper provided

To reserve your place, contact:
Katherine Gillespie - 027 296 5917
Shirley Goodall - 06 3284850

**Information Centres with health professionals offering
services, information and products for sale.**

Intermediate & Secondary School students welcome

