



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 8, Term 1, 2017

22 March, 2017

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,
Another hugely busy week this week with lots happening, and more of the same next week! Over the next three weeks we will be focusing a lot on analysing assessment, goal setting and action planning for Terms 2 and 3 for our students. Tied in with this, we have a parent information evening next week to discussing assessment and reporting, and teachers are available for 3-way learning conversations in Weeks 9,10 and 11 to discuss what our beginning of year assessments and observations have shown us so far, where we want to get before the end of the year and some of our plans for how were going to get there. More information is attached to today's newsletter to explain the process. We would love to see **all** parents and students during this time and have tried to structure these to allow this to happen, with more time to make it more meaningful. It is also vitally important that your children are present for these discussions. These are **learning** discussions, so of course we want the most of important piece of the puzzle there. If you have concerns regarding your child that you don't feel can be discussed in front of him / her, this is not the forum for that. In these instances, our expected procedure would be that you would make a time to see the classroom teacher when the issues are occurring, rather than waiting until these conversations. Having had the opportunity to teach in both classes this term on a number of occasions, I am very excited about what I am seeing with the way students are taking ownership of their learning, the progress we are seeing in students already, the nature of the questions and wonderings our students have about learning (and life in general!), and the lengths our amazing teachers are going to, to provide the necessary learning conditions for each individual child to make progress. We can't wait to share what we're finding with you! *Arohanui - Matt Schmidt – Principal*



Fun at Weetbix Tryathlon!

Virtue of the week:

Purposefulness

Being purposeful is having a clear focus. Begin with a vision of what you want to accomplish, and concentrate on your goals. Do one thing at a time, without scattering your energies. Some people let things happen. When you are purposeful, you make things happen.

"I am here for a purpose and that purpose is to grow into a mountain, not to shrink to a grain of sand." Og Mandino

SCHOOL NOTICES

Parent Information Evening

Next Wednesday, March 29th the teachers and I will host an information evening regarding our assessment and reporting approaches for the year. See the information attached for more detail.

3 Way Learning Conversations / Goal Setting

These are happening in Weeks 9,10 and 11. See the booking schedule and explanation attached to this newsletter with the Parent Information Evening flyer.

Swimming Pool

Some bad news regarding our pool. Currently we have an issue with the pump, meaning we can not backwash and can not run it properly. This means we have had to turn it off for now until hopefully I can get somebody to look at it in the next day or two. Until then, in line with Health & Safety, unfortunately we can't have anybody swimming in the pool. Thanks for your understanding - we hope to have it sorted ASAP.

Bush School

Bush School is on again **this Friday**. If you're able to help with transport / supervision, please let me know by tomorrow (email or on the Facebook post) so I can let the bus know if it's needed or not.

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. So far I have not had anybody else offer so we may not be able to enter our normal two teams.

Disco

This 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. Please feel free to spread the word throughout the Valley and Ashhurst. We have not had a flyer drop for this event.

Netball

Hiwinui School have been in touch to see if we have Y3/4 girls keen to play netball who don't have a team yet. If you're interested, let me know asap and I can pass your information on to Hiwinui School.

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

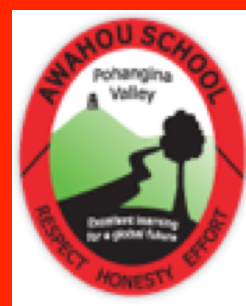
Friday March 24 – Awahou School Disco! 5.30pm-7pm

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: Cayenne Ngatai, for great work in Literacy.

Miss Barr: Bekah Harris, for excellent all round improvements in work skills, focus and positive attitude.

Mr Schmidt: Damien Parker, for huge growth in self-confidence and initiative.
Dylan Price, for always showing respect and courtesy to others.



* FoA meeting today after school today!

* Bush School this Friday

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

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



**AWAHOU SCHOOL COMMUNITY
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017
6.00PM - 7.30PM (MAHARAHARA ROOM)**



ASSESSMENT & REPORTING - WHAT? WHY? WHEN? HOW?



Kia ora Awahou School community,

You are invited to join us next Wednesday, March 29th for an information evening to share and discuss assessment and reporting and Awahou School, and some changes we have made this year.

Topics will include:

- What is assessment?
- What do we assess and why / how?
- National Standards (briefly!) - dispelling the myths and a general overview
 - Reporting - what is the purpose?
- Our new Awahou School 'Learning as Inquiry' individual learning, progress and assessment model.

Bring an open mindset, an inquiring brain, your questions and thoughts!

For many students, assessment is not an educational experience in itself, but a process of "guessing what the teacher wants".
McLaughlin & Stepien (2004)



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 Finnis Rd, Pohangina Village, No Dogs Please
Non Profit Event, Proceeds towards our Pohangina Valley Community

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

Autumn DINNER

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



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

The evening will include:

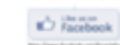
The evening will include: A selection of DELICIOUS (3 Courses) food to devour. A warm friendly atmosphere perfect for catching up or meeting new people

A 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

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

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



... SUNDAY 30 APRIL 2017 ...

MANAWATU TATTOO

A SHOW FOR ALL AGES

SPECIAL GUEST SUZANNE PRETICE

MANAWATU PPS BANDS
TASTLE HIGHLAND DANCERS
KUNA FERRY & SWAMP CITY BAND
PIMING STAGE BAND & ON CHORALE
FOUNDATION NZ YOUTH PIPE BAND
MADE CITY ROCK 'N' ROLL
FEILDING HRT & BULLS SCHOOL

MANFEILD STADIUM, SOUTH STREET, FEILDING. 2PM
TICKETS THROUGH FEILDING INFORMATION CENTRE, PHONE 04-323 3318 & PALMERSTON NORTH CITY I-SITE, PHONE 04-304 1933
EMAIL: MANAWATUTATTOO@gmail.com FOR PHONE INFORMATION

**FUNDRAISING PERFORMANCE
SATURDAY 29TH APRIL.... Doors open 6pm
for 730pm start.. ALL TICKETS \$35**

Enjoy static displays and pre-show music and entertainment.

After the show show the bar and Tattoo casino opens.

The casino consists of blackjack, roulette, Caribbean stud, poker, big wheel, and mini dice..... \$10pp buys one million casino chips and it's followed by an auction of prizes.

Tickets through Alison Crury (Nathan's mum).... as this is a fundraising night for Nathans dance school.