



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 6, Term 1, 2017

8 March, 2017

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,
First off, what a great morning we had at 'Bush School' on Friday! Our children were superbly behaved, inquisitive, collaborative and a credit to our school. I was also super impressed with the wealth of knowledge shown by Mr Beveridge and Harley. Hopefully today's 'inclement' weather will be gone by next Friday so we can head back down to create some more wonderings and explore this amazing environment.
I want to dedicate the rest of this week's column to our fantastic teachers here at school, Miss Barr and Miss Edmond. I came across an interesting quote online last week, *"Teaching is not a lost art, but the regard for it is a lost tradition."* This really struck a chord with me when I think of the lengths our teachers go to and how much actually goes on behind the scenes and into the wee small hours of the night, to ensure our students are getting a quality education. There is so much that goes into teaching that is not seen in the public eye, outside of the daily school hours. (And what goes on in the school hours is enough to drive us to exhaustion some days!) What I appreciate even more about our teaching staff is the fact that they both have a growth mindset rather than a fixed mindset. We are regularly engaged in deep conversations about the way we deliver our programmes, how we may need to change things for groups of children or individual children, what the latest research and evidence is showing us, if there's better ways to do what we're doing etc. We don't do things simply because "that's the way we've always done it", we are always looking for what we can see works, and how to improve that even further. No doubt with it being election year, we'll hear plenty of empty promises about education and probably even more bashing about what we don't do well enough, but I for one, truly appreciate what our teachers do. I hope you do as well! *Arohanui, Matt Schmidt - Principal*



Bush School!!

Virtue of the week:

Service

Service is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives. It is looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked. The needs of others are as important as your own. People who want to be of service can change the world!

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth."
Muhammed Ali

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Swimming Sports

These have been scheduled for next Thursday, weather dependent. Information will come home soon. With our swimming sports happening after the Kainui event this year, there will a few more fun events added in.

Kainui Swimming Sports

Good luck to the 14 senior students who have qualified for the Kainui Swimming sports this Friday.

School Parking

Another reminder that we have ample school parking available, so cars do not need to come past the sign on the edge of the pool area please. This is a serious Health & Safety issue and your support is appreciated.

Swimming Pool Gate

It has been brought to our attention that outside of school hours people have been forcing the pool gate open without a key, and in some instances leaving the gate wide open afterwards. Again, this is a very serious Health & Safety issue that could have serious consequences for the school and our ability to provide this fantastic asset. If you see this happening, please support us by addressing your concerns with the people involved, or let us know who it is.

School Hats

Our new school hats are currently being embroidered in town and should be available for purchase next week. We are currently very close to being accredited as an official 'Sun Smart' School and sun hats are a big part of this.

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.

Awahou HoopClub

Coming soon – Awahou HoopClub! Lunchtime basketball skills and drills to hopefully lead to a team or two entered in the Manawatu competition. Registration forms will be out next week.

Feilding Junior Netball

With our larger cohort numbers across years 4-6 now, we may be able to enter our own Feilding Saturday morning Netball team if we have enough numbers. If you would be interested in coaching a team, or your child playing, let me know asap and we'll see what we can do. It would be great to get some more Awahou School sports teams out in the public eye across more sporting codes!

LOOKING AHEAD



Friday March 3rd / 17th / 24th / 31st – 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 13th – Last day of term

Friday April 14th – Good Friday



STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Congratulations to:

Miss Edmond: Madison Cameron, for fantastic effort in Literacy, great organisation and Self-Managing skills.

Miss Barr: Catherine Gray, for excellent focus and improvements in Mathematics.

Mr Schmidt: Ben Hocken, for great caring, leading and nurturing skills towards a younger student.

Harley Anderson-Shingleton, for amazing knowledge contributions at Bush School.



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

* Any GladWrap, food wrappings or non-food lunchbox waste is to come home in lunchboxes please.

* School Disco is coming – work on those dance moves!

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 Course) food to devour. A warm friendly atmosphere perfect for catching up or meeting new people

A Kōhā donation would be appreciated:

\$20.00 Adult

\$5.00 Child

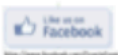
Be in quick!!!! Limited number of tickets available so to book your ticket please confirm your attendance by emailing county_fayre@outlook.com

COUNTY FAYRE
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



ASHHURST MARKET

Community

on the Ashhurst Village Green

Saturday 11th March

FOOD, CRAFTS, PLANTS & ENTERTAINMENT

10am-1pm • Second Saturday of every month from Oct-June

Ashhurst Community Market is a project of The Society for the Local Economy of Ashhurst & Pohangina (SLEAP)

loaves.org.nz
we're on facebook
[hello@loaves.org.nz](https://www.facebook.com/hello@loaves.org.nz)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 21st. 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
or Toni Bradley tbradley@ashhurst.school.nz

Ashhurst Playcentre

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Licensed Early Childhood Education Provider

Over 50 years in your community

Spaces now available for children 0 - 6

Drop in for a free visit and a cuppa

MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY 9am - 1pm

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.

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 AOTEA 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)
Website: www.hockeimanawatu.org.nz Ph 06 356 1562
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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

