



# 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 10, Term 2, 2017**

**5 July, 2017**

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

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

Kia Ora Awahou Community,  
Thank you for all of the kind messages of support and acknowledgement over the past couple of weeks. It is truly appreciated and I have been humbled by some of your messages. Today is my first day back in the office for a few days after some days off and a PLD session with the iwi on Monday, and being back around our awesome kids and staff is definitely 'chicken soup for the soul'!

As of Friday, we are halfway through the school year and as normal I have taken time to reflect on what we have achieved so far this year, and boy oh boy have we been as busy as ever. As well as all of the typical 'extras' we do here at Awahou School, what I am most proud is the HUGE focus on our classroom teaching practice, particularly this term. Connie and Naomi have our classrooms absolutely pumping and we are seeing amazing progress in our students – not only in academic progress and achievement, but also in their self-management and self-regulation skills and ability to articulate their own learning, the progress they are making, and the areas they need to work on next. This is particularly evident in each student's individual Learning as Inquiry document. If you have not had the opportunity to sit with your child and go through this document to discuss what it is showing, and the links to student work, I highly recommend you do so. This is an innovation that is currently pretty unique to Awahou School and I believe we are leading the way in breaking down barriers and changing how we report effectively to parents in taking this approach. Don't forget to leave your own feedback on your child's goals in here as well. You can do this as regularly as you see fit, but at least once a team is very powerful for our students as learners.

I hope you all have a great holiday break. I know our students, and particularly teachers, have earned it! **Matt Schmidt, Principal**



*Wharite's awesome sock puppets!*

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

#### **Caring**

Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people, you help them. When you do a careful job, you give it your very best effort. You treat people and things gently and respectfully.

*"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." - Anon*

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### National Standards

Our mid-year National Standards data summary is below. Currently we are tracking well to meet our targets, particularly compared to 2015's end of year data, when the roll was a similar size. A reminder that there **is no mid-year standard**, so we effectively asked to crystal ball gaze somewhat to make these judgements. Your individual child's judgements are recorded on their individual Learning as Inquiry document. Whilst we are always super proud of our National Standards data, we are very aware there is a lot more to our students than what these cover.

### Sports supporters

Unfortunately I had an email of concern recently regarding language allegedly used by one of our parents at a school sporting fixture. Whilst I am yet to find out the full details of exactly what happened, this is a timely reminder for adults as well as children to be aware of our school value of respect, and how our actions can be used to judge the organisations we are representing.

### BOT minutes

Attached to this newsletter is a summary of our May BOT meeting minutes.

### Term 3 and beyond newsletters

From next term, our school newsletter will be coming out fortnightly rather than weekly. Any urgent or important messages on a non-newsletter week will be sent home as flyers. Currently we are finding that a lot of our weekly newsletter is repeating itself, hence the change.

### Maharahara Camp

During the first week of the holidays I will be visiting Camp Kaitoke, where Maharahara will be going for their senior camp in Term 4. It looks really cool! Further information regarding the camp, and consent / medical forms, parent help etc will come home in Week 1 of next term. A reminder that the camp costs can be paid to the school office or via internet banking at any time. If you are using internet banking, please ensure you clearly reference what the money is for.

### Infectious Diseases

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer regarding infectious diseases, how they are spread, symptoms, and whether time off school is necessary or not. There are still **a lot** of nasty germs doing the rounds at the moment, and the particularly miserable winter conditions lately aren't helping in getting rid of them quickly.

## LOOKING AHEAD



**Odd week Thursdays – Year 8s to Tech @ Monrad Intermediate**

**Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term 2**

**Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> – First day of Term 3**



## STUDENT ACHIEVER



Congratulations to Catherine Gray, who was today recognised for her leadership skills, receiving a Westpac Young Leaders award. These awards celebrate young people whose outstanding leadership uplifts their school community.

It's a pity we could only present one award as we have a number of amazing students leaders at our school, but watch this space for further opportunities to celebrate them.

Congratulations Catherine – thoroughly deserved!

# Remember!

\* Check the lost property container before the end of term!

\* School finishes for the Term on Friday, July 7.

\* Term 3 starts on Monday, July 24

## MID-YEAR NATIONAL STANDARDS DATA

Subject	Standard	End of 2015	Mid 2016	Mid 2017
Maths	Above	29.3% (12)	5.7% (2)	30% (12)
	At	48.8% (20)	77.1% (27)	40% (16)
	Below	22% (9)	14.3% (5)	30% (12)
	Well below	0	2.9% (1)	0
Reading	Above	51.2% (21)	40% (14)	67.5% (27)
	At	21.7% (13)	48.6% (17)	17.5% (7)
	Below	17% (7)	8.6% (3)	15% (6)
	Well below	0	2.9% (1)	0
Writing	Above	22% (9)	2.9% (1)	5% (2)
	At	63.4% (26)	82.9% (29)	65% (26)
	Below	14.6% (6)	11.4% (4)	27.5% (11)
	Well below	0	2.9% (1)	2.5% (1)

# COMMUNITY & HOLIDAY NOTICES

## Kids workshops at The Herb Farm!

Kids will make their own healing cream and learn fun facts about the powers of natural healing.

The workshops are \$12.00 per child (45 minutes).

Minimum 10 children.

Parents can enjoy our café while the kids are in our seminar room set among the tranquil surroundings of The Herb Farm.

Super fun school holiday activity for kids and parents alike - Call to book today (06) 326 8633



## Coaching Workshop

Sport Manawatu have a great opportunity coming up for coaches of **all** levels, with a free grassroots coaching course being held in Feilding this coming Thursday 6 July. Sport Manawatu's Grassroots Coaching Course is designed to help coaches who do not have access to sport modules or for those who want to better understand the coaching process.

The topics covered are as follows and have both a theory and practical component:

- The role of the coach
- The coaching process
- Teaching a skill
- Session components

**WHEN:** Thursday 6 July, 5.45-7pm

**WHERE:** Feilding Civic Centre

If you would like to attend this course, please register with Sport Manawatu. This Course is free.

For more information please contact Shaun Whenuaroa – [shaunw@sportmanawatu.org.nz](mailto:shaunw@sportmanawatu.org.nz)



## Raising Dyslexia Awareness

An open invitation is extended to all people interested in learning about Dyslexia to a presentation by

Jodi Clements

Australian Dyslexia Association President  
MSL Director of Education and Training

PNBHS Speirs Centre, Palmerston North  
Wednesday July 19 at 7pm

### Presentation will include information about...

What is dyslexia? Busting the myths  
Identifying dyslexia  
How does it affect learning and self-esteem?  
What type of teaching is suitable for these students?  
What can classroom teachers do to assist those with reading and spelling difficulties?

\$5 donation at the door  
Tea and coffee following the presentation

For catering purposes RSVP [liz@lizkaneliteracy.co.nz](mailto:liz@lizkaneliteracy.co.nz)



## Junior Hockey

A reminder that there is no Junior Grass Hockey for the next 3 Saturdays. The next Hockey day is 29th July.

Bookmark this site for up to date draws and results...

<https://sites.google.com/view/manawatujujiorhockey/home>

## JustOne More

This month's item is Long Life Milk. Any donations gratefully appreciated.

