



# 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 2, 2017**

**31 May, 2017**

### Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,  
Last week I spent three days in Wellington and a Sole Charge and Rural Schools Principal Conference. This was a great opportunity to not only network with other Principals of rural schools similar to ours, but listen to other ideas out there and share with my colleagues some of the stuff we are doing. The feedback I have received around some of our initiatives, especially from a Principal of a school in the Hutt Valley renowned for its innovation was very encouraging. I am hoping to visit that school with our teachers some time in the near future. Yesterday, we were privileged enough to have a reporter and photographer from the Manawatu Standard spend an hour with us to find out about our amazing little school for a feature in an upcoming edition. They were very impressed indeed and it was another super proud moment for me as a Principal as we reflected on our current journey, and the changes and progress we have made. By the time you read this we will have also had our opening ceremony for our new environments and, I'm sure, highly impressed our Feilding Mayor, Helen Worboys, who is coming along to open the buildings. We have also been contacted by local MP Ian McKelvie, who is disappointed to have not been able to make it today due to Parliament being in session, however he is coming to visit us on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> to see all of the awesome things we are doing. Perhaps in contrast to current governmental thinking, I strongly believe that what is happening in our school (and from discussions with my colleagues last week) highlights the strength, importance and necessity of keeping rural education alive and at the forefront of the New Zealand Education landscape. This is something I have become extremely passionate about of late, and I'm glad our local media and local politicians (both government and local body) seem to agree. *Arohanui - Matt Schmidt, Principal*



*Check out our new musical instruments courtesy of Pohangina's Perfect Day Out!*

#### Virtue of the week:

##### Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is being cheerful, happy, and full of spirit. It is doing something wholeheartedly and eagerly. When you are enthusiastic, you have a positive attitude. Enthusiasm is being inspired.

*"You can anything if you have enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is the yeast that makes your hope rise to the stars. With it, there is accomplishment. Without it, there are only alibis." – Henry Ford*

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Thanks Pohangina's Perfect Day Out!

Wow!! Thanks to Scooter and the crew from the Pohangina Perfect Day Out, and with help from MusicPlanet, we are now the recipients of 10 brand new ukuleles, 4 sets of bongo drums and a number of smaller percussion instruments! These have been kindly donated from the profits made at this event and we are very excited and can't wait to integrate music into our curriculum more. What a hugely generous contribution!

### Fish in Schools

Our Trout eggs have arrived and are currently in our tank. A couple of weeks ago, Matt from Fish & Game NZ came out to help clean out and re-set up our tanks with our trout monitors. This year the trout are located in the far end of multi purpose room, so we need to be super quiet and careful in this area at present.

### 'Big Kids' Google Class

You're invited to come along to school on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> (note the change of date) and find out a bit more about how Google docs work, how to setup and use your own G-Mail, how to interact with your child's collaborative learning plan, and anything else you may want to know about Google for Education.

This will be mainly entry level 'stuff', with more complex skills to come later in the year. Can kids come? Sure! But as long as they're teaching you and not doing it for you.

### Cross Country

On Monday you should have received a notice with the information for our school and Kainui Cluster Cross Country events. If you have not received this, please let me know asap. At the bottom of this information is a slip to indicate your availability for marshalling at each event. With our Cross Country being a 'real' one, not a 'towny' one, this is a very important part of our Health & Safety requirements. Any help is greatly appreciated. Don't forget – I've arranged for a sunny Cross Country day this year as something different....

### Tough Guy / Gal

Thanks to those who have returned registration forms for the Tough Guy / Gal Challenge. I will be confirming our team entry **this Friday** so please ensure all are in by then.

### Japanese Lessons

A big welcome and thank you to Catherine Knight (Carter's mum), who is currently working with our Year 8 students once a week teaching them Japanese. The girls are loving it so far! There **may** be further opportunities with this later in the year. Watch this space....

## LOOKING AHEAD



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

**Wednesday May 31<sup>st</sup> – FoA meeting**

**Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> – Queen's Birthday (no school)**

**Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> – Big Kids Google Class at school – 6pm – 7.30pm.**

**Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> – School X-Country**

**Friday June 16<sup>th</sup> – Kainui X-Country**

**Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> – 'Wig Wednesday' Child Cancer Fundraiser**

**Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> - BOT meeting, 7pm @ school**

**Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup> – Glad Rag Grab (2pm)**

**Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> – Kainui Hockey**

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

## STUDENT ACHIEVERS



### Congratulations to:

**Miss Edmond – Kade Beveridge**, for fantastic progress in Numeracy & Literacy  
**Jed Jackson**, for amazing efforts in Numeracy and attitude towards learning.

**Mrs Young – Evie Price**, for demonstrating great self-discipline and maturity in a time of change.

**Mr Schmidt – Carter Madge & Sarah White** for displaying great determination in all they do.



- \* **No school on Monday (Queen's Birthday)**
- \* **Tough Guy/Gal entries due this Friday at the latest**
- \* **Cross Country helper information back to school**
- \* **Check the lost property container when you have a chance!**

## WILD FOOD FEAST – A MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS OF AWAHOU

PLEASE take the time to read this to the end. The 2017 Wild Food Feast is fast approaching. This year's event is Saturday 5th August at Camp Rangī and it will be a BIG ONE!!! We have a totally awesome headline act confirmed, which will be announced in the coming weeks.

For those of you who don't already know (we have quite a few new school families this year) this is our school's major fundraiser, and on average nets us \$10,000 + each year. The bulk of this profit comes from our Charity Auction, which has always been a highlight of the evening and last year added a whopping \$9000 to the bottom line of this event. Unfortunately, auction prizes don't just appear – they are hard to come by and the result of many hours of walking around towns approaching businesses, hundreds of emails and telephone conversations - mostly carried out by our small Friends of Awahou parent team.

Now here is where YOU can make a big difference: Do you work in any sort of retail, manufacturing or service industry? Do you have an employer you can approach for an auction or raffle prize? In the past we have received everything from plants/gardening products, concrete, clothing, hair & beauty, restaurant/dining vouchers, truck loads of stone, tools, water tanks, firewood, scenic flights, mirrors, artwork, fencing labour to a fully guided deer hunt. Maybe you have a hidden talent for carpentry, ironwork or other skill and can make something for us? Or maybe you just have an enormous heart and are prepared to buy something to donate to our auction or raffle?

If you can help with this difficult task over the next 2 months, that would be fantastic and much appreciated by the Friends of Awahou School, our Wild Food Feast organising committee. Ideally we need all the auction and raffle prizes consolidated by the end of Term 2 in order that the auction catalogue can be put together in time. A steady trickle of prizes between now and then would be fantastic to add to our dedicated Wild Food Feast Facebook page that will be in full swing from June onwards. Also, if you can help in any other way – i.e. with the catering and setup/takedown, you would be a very welcome face at our next meeting today at 3.10pm at the school or you could just contact the school.

This event really is critical to the success of our fundraising efforts – it funds the additional teaching hours that the Ministry of Education do not give us and is essential for maintaining our small classroom sizes and brilliant resources. Thanks for taking the time to read this and we are ever grateful to our generous school families.



# COMMUNITY & SPORT NOTICES

## AWAHOU SPORT

Sports results receive this week:

### HOCKEY

The Awahou Hockey juggernaut rolls on with an impressive 6-1 victory over Taonui of Saturday. Charlie scored 5 of our team's goals, with Sarah scoring the other. Sarah was player of the day for her awesome teamwork. A reminder there is no Hockey this Saturday with the long weekend.

### NETBALL

Congratulation on the following results I have received this week:

**Y7/8** – The Y7/8 Awahou/Colyton team had a great win over Ross Intermediate, with Catherine name player of the day.

**Y5/6** – McKenzie's Colyton/Awahou team had 1 win and 1 one loss in the Feilding competition on Saturday.

**Y3/4** – Hiwinui Blues lost a close game 3-1 to Riverdale Tuis.

**Y1/2** – Well done Madison Cameron, who was Player of the Day in the Y1/2 games!

### 5-ASIDE SOCCER

Awahou Crystal Palace had a great win over Colyton Everton, 5-3. In a game of great teamwork, Rebecca Port was player of the day.



### Flatmate Wanted

A clean, tidy and warm house in the beautiful Pohangina Valley requiring another flat mate to share with mature women. Must be clean, tidy and mature. Rent would be \$130.00 per week plus expenses. The house is fully furnished and does have room to store extras.

Please

contact [pohanginanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:pohanginanewsletter@gmail.com). and Barb will forward your email to me.

### MidCentral DHB Well Communities

Thank you to those of you who have taken part in our forum/workshop held in Feilding recently. If you were unable to attend a forum we would encourage you to complete our online survey at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/wellcommunities](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wellcommunities).

As part of our initial round of community engagement we are wanting to hear the voice of as many people in the Manawatu District as possible so we would also appreciate it if you could share the following information amongst your contacts in the district so that we can hear their voices too.

## Ashhurst Community Midwinter Christmas Market

**Saturday 10th June, 12pm – 3pm**

**Ashhurst Village Valley Centre**

Amazing wares from local businesses.

Delicious food and an on site cafe

Activities for children

Exciting giveaways

Live music

