



# 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 6, Term 2, 2017**

**8 June, 2017**

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

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

Kia Ora Awahou Community,  
What a positive time we have had in the last week and a half at school! Since returning from my Sole Charge and Rural Principals conference we have had our official opening of the new school buildings, a great article in the Manawatu Standard showcasing the amazing changes at our school, Chris from Makino Rotary presenting our Year 3 & 4 students with Usborne dictionaries, an amazing donation of a huge amount of new musical instruments from Scooter and the team from the Pohangina Perfect Day Out, the FoA group start ramping up the advertising and organisation of the Wild Food Feast and Glad Rag Grab, our teachers off on some Professional Learning Development around Literacy, phenomenal progress in learning with our students **and** I have been lucky enough to be doing lots of teaching in both of our classes. Whilst this has meant my office does currently represent an official bomb site crime scene which I have spent most of today tidying, and we literally have more caffeine running through our veins than blood to keep us functioning at present, it has been amazingly uplifting for our spirits to have so many wonderful things happening to remind us what a hard working and committed group of staff, students, and community we have! At present, I couldn't be more proud of what we are achieving as a school. Over the next couple of weeks we will again open up spaces with our teachers to book times in to come and discuss your child's progress, and update their Learning as Inquiry document with feedback as we go. If you are unable to attend a session, please ensure you log into your child's document when you have a moment in the next couple of weeks to leave some feedback and discuss progress towards learning goals with your children. Mid year National Standards judgments (for those interested) will be updated on these documents by Week 8. *Arohanui - Matt Schmidt, Principal*



*Y3 & 4 students receiving their free dictionary from Makino Rotary*

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

#### **Determination**

Determination is focusing your energy and efforts on a task and then sticking with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will power to do something when it isn't easy. You are determined to meet your goals. Even when it is really hard, or you are being tested, you still keep going.

*"If you have discipline, drive, and determination – nothing is impossible." - Dana Linn Bailey*

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### 'Schooldocs' School Policies Website

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community. The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies.

SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our board of trustees has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review. We invite you to visit the site at <http://awahou.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no "www"! ). Our username is awahou and password pohanginga .

### MP Visit

Hot on the heels of the Mayor visiting last week, on Monday our local MP, Ian McKelvie will be calling into school from 10.30am to meet the staff and students and see the wonderful things we are doing here. Feel free to pop down and say hello!

### Cross Country

Many thanks to those who have indicated their availability to assist with one or both of our cross country events next week. A flyer with finalised information will be sent home tomorrow.

### Makino Rotary Dictionaries

On Tuesday, Chris Dungan, the President of Makino Rotary Group visited our school to carry on the tradition of presenting our Year 3 and 4 students with their own, personalised Usborne Dictionary. We are very appreciative of this gesture from the Makino Rotary Group and thank them for their continued support of our students and school.

### Wig / Wacky Hair Day

As you will see in the community notices below, on Wednesday June 21<sup>st</sup> we will be having a Wig and Wacky Hair Day to raise money for the Child Cancer Foundation. We would love it if our students and any visitors to school on that day wear a wig or a funky hair style, and bring a donation to contribute.

## LOOKING AHEAD



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

**Monday June 12<sup>th</sup> – MP Ian McKelvie visiting school from 10.30am**

**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 & Wacky HairWednesday’ 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 – Hamish White**, for great thinking and sharing during our class discussions.

**Mrs Young – Samuel Marcus**, for great improvements in self-responsibility and work ethic

**Mr Schmidt – Jessics Port & Ruby Dykman** for displaying great enthusiasm and positivity in all aspects of school life.



\* **Check the lost property container when you have a chance!**

\* **Cross Country next week – Awahou on Wednesday, Kainui on Friday**

\* **Glad Rag Grab – Saturday June 24th**

## THE WILD FOOD FEAST

Ticket on sale 14 June...special guest and MC - Te Radar. Hosted by the Friends of Awahou School at Camp Rangī Woods, Pohangina on Saturday 5 August 2017.





## COMMUNITY & SPORT NOTICES



### 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.

### Just One Please

This month's item for the Safe House is Toilet Paper. If you're able to contribute, feel free to drop some into school and we can pass it on.

### After School Discovery Programme

Our after school programme is still going great guns! The kids are particularly loving the opportunities to participate in cooking. If you have any spare eggs we would love some extras to help with this. Many thanks!

## Ashhurst Community Midwinter Christmas Market

**Saturday 10th June, 12pm – 3pm**

**Ashhurst Village Valley Centre**

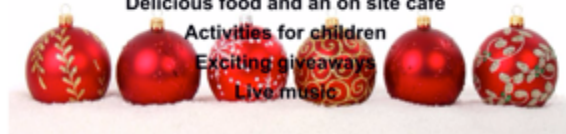
Amazing wares from local businesses.

Delicious food and an on site cafe

Activities for children

Exciting giveaways

Live music



**YOU ARE INVITED TO COUNTY FAYRE  
MID-WINTER CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**SATURDAY JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup> 2017 7PM –  
LATE**

#### 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 **Koha** donation would be appreciated:

\$25.00 Adult

\$10.00 Child

**Be in quick!!!** Limited number of tickets available so to book your ticket please confirm your attendance by emailing [county\\_fayre@outlook.com](mailto:county_fayre@outlook.com)

**COUNTY FAYRE**  
976 Fennis 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



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