



# 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 7, Term 2, 2017**

**15 June, 2017**

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

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

Kia Ora Awahou Community,  
What a great day we had yesterday for our school cross-country! I have to be honest and admit that on Tuesday night as I woke up many times to the sound of driving rain and heavy wind, that I wasn't confident my prediction for nice weather was going to come true. Hopefully it stays this way for our Kainui event tomorrow too. To me, cross-country is a shining example of how we get the balance of 'traditional' schooling events and moving with the times just right here at Awahou School. This week I watched the first couple of episodes of the TV1 series, "What Next?" with great fascination. These first episodes were based around what the signs and research is showing the future **may** look like in New Zealand, job prospects for our children, the influence of technology on society, and changes to our environment that may occur and ways this may impact us, such as our diet. What I found most interesting was the correlation between the messages we consistently give as a school, and the changes we are making to how we deliver education as a result of this, and the messages this programme was giving. If you haven't watched, I highly recommend you go online to TVNZ OnDemand and do so. Our senior class, Maharahara, have been delving into the information in great detail and there are some great debates and questionings happening in there at presents, with a real learning buzz you can feel when you walk in the room. Today I also received a call from another reporter wanting to know a bit more about the phonetics based approaches being used in Wharite and the successes we are seeing in reading, writing and spelling as a result. He had heard through other sources there were some amazing things happening here, Another very proud week for me as Principal of our awesome little school! 3 weeks left this term and I almost want to cancel the holidays to keep momentum! ;-) **Matt Schmidt**



*Question time with MP, Ian McKelvie.*

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

#### **Unity**

Unity helps us work and live together peacefully. We feel connected with each other and all living things. We value the specialness of each person as a gift, not as a reason to fight or be scared. With unity we accomplish more together than any one of us could alone.

*"Unity is strength....when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." - Mattie Stepane*

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### 3 Way Learning Discussions

Over the next two weeks we have opened up time slots for any parents wishing to engage in 3 Way Learning Conversations regarding progress towards student's learning goals. As with Term 1, the purpose of these conversations is for all parties involved to discuss learning and share feedback, next steps, success and challenges. If you would like to book a time, please indicate on the form attached a range of times you are available and we will book you in.

### Learning as Inquiry Plans

At present our students are filling in their mid Term 2 reflections on progress towards their learning goals and evidence of this. We have noticed there are a number of students lacking parent feedback and reflection on their Learning As Inquiry plans. We strongly encourage you to have a look at this document and the evidence links with your child, and provide some feedback in their progress. If you are unsure of how to get into the document and your child is in Maharahara, ask them to show / teach you how to view the document either with their log in or to share with you. Wharite students (particularly Year 1 & 2) may not have as strong an understanding of how to get into the document, but just contact Connie or myself and we can set you up. A reminder that this ongoing progress document is replacing 'traditional' reports this year, so we'd love you to take this opportunity to be active in recognising your child's progress and achievement throughout the year.

### Cross Country

As mentioned earlier, Cross Country was a great success on Wednesday – results will be published next week. Thanks to our amazing parents and families who supported us on the day and helped out.

The forecast looks good for Friday, so hopefully we're still all go for the Kainui event. A decision on this event will be made at 8.30am on Friday if the weather changes. If it is cancelled, unfortunately there is no scope for an alternative date.

Don't forget we will have a range of yummy and hearty goodies on sale on Friday at the Kainui Cross Country, including yummy hot sausages and cheese rolls! This is a tidy little fundraiser organised by our hard working Friends of Awahou group, so don't forget your \$\$ for some treats!

### Concerns Procedure

A brief reminder that if you have a concern with your child's learning or anything happening in the classroom, the first port of call is the classroom teacher. Teachers can't address issues if they don't know of them and hear them second hand.

## LOOKING AHEAD



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

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

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

**Thursday June 22<sup>nd</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 – Jed Jackson**, for focus and effort with self-management in class

**Amelia Barr** – for fantastic letter formation and finger spacing.

**Mrs Young – Chelsea Hocken** for being actively involved and focused in all learning, particularly in Inquiry.

**Mr Schmidt – Rebecca Port** for great determination and perseverance in Mathematics.



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

**\* Kainui Cross Country on Friday**

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

## THE WILD FOOD FEAST

Ticket are on sale **NOW!...**special guest and MC - Te Radar. Hosted by the Friends of Awahou School at Camp Rangī Woods, Pohangina on Saturday 5 August 2017. Get in fast – tickets are going to fly out the door. Check out our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/The-Wild-Food-Feast>





# COMMUNITY & SPORT NOTICES

## SPORT

### Hockey

Our Hockey team had a super exciting game on the weekend, going down by an agonising 1 goal to College Street. Player of the Day was Jessica Port

### 5-aside Soccer

We're in the final next week! Our 5-aside soccer team won their semi-final against Colyton 6-3, booking a spot in the final next week! Player of the day was Harley. Good luck in the final team!!

### Netball

**Y7/8** – The Y8 Awahou/Colyton team had a great win on Monday, beating St Peters 14-4.

**Y5/6** – McKenzie's Y5/6 Colyton/Awahou team had a great win 15 – 0 over North Street in the Feilding Saturday morning competition.

**Y3/4** – Our Y3/4 Awahou/Hiwinui team had a great game last Thursday. This Thursday is their last game of the season, with a tournament in Palmerston North on Sunday as well.

**Y1/2** - Our Y1/2 Hiwinui / Awahou girls continue to have a great time learning the basic skills of the game. On Saturday, Vienna Dykman was named the player of the day.

### Rugby

Not exactly related to our students, but just a sneaky reminder that the mighty Chiefs pulled a great win against the Hurricanes at the Cake Tin last Friday night – their second win of the season against them, making it 2-0 for 2017. Just in case you had forgotten..... ;-)

### 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.



## 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)

