



# 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 8, Term 2, 2017**

**21 June, 2017**

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

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,

As promised, last week we were blessed with two great days for our two cross country events, with no rain, just lots of glorious mud! It was also yet another amazing show of support and help from our school community, with a lot of parents helping marshal, work food stalls and cheer our kids on. As well being a fantastic event for our children, it was also a highly successful fundraising event from our hard working Friends of Awahou team, also helped out this year by the great group of volunteers from Dairy NZ. Thanks everybody! On the fundraising theme, don't forget our Glad Rag Grab this Saturday. There's a pretty impressive collection of a lot of nice clothes here ready to be snapped by bargain hunters on the weekend.

As mentioned last week, your student's mid year judgments against the National Standards have now been added to their Learning as Inquiry document if you are interested in checking them out. Don't forget, **there are no mid-year standards**, or standardised indicators for how students are achieving in relation to National Standards at the mid year point. The National Standards are an **end of year** standard, so by being required to report against them at this time of year doesn't make a lot of sense as we still have 6 months to achieve them, and a lot can happen with a student's learning progress in 6 months! Interestingly, in 2010 the then Government introduced National Standards under the proviso that 1 in 5 students were 'failing' and we had to do something about it. Last month they quietly lowered their national targets from 85% of all children achieving at or above 'standard', to 80%. Last time I checked, 80% is the same as 4 out of 5! So, in our 8th year of 'National Standards', the government's target is for achievement to be exactly the same as when they were introduced. Makes you wonder the purpose of them? Food for thought..... *Matt Schmidt, Principal*



*Wacky Wig / Hair Day!*

### Virtue of the week:

#### Moderation

Moderation is creating balance in your life between work and play, rest and exercise. It is having or doing enough of something – not too much, not too little, but what's just right for you. Moderation is being in charge of your time and using self-discipline to keep from doing too much or too little.

*"If one oversteps the bounds of moderation, the greatest pleasures cease to please." - Epictetus, Ancient Greek Philosopher*

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### 3 Way Learning Discussions

Thanks to those who have booked in already, there's still plenty of slots left if you want an appointment.

### 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. Don't forget to add your parent feedback when you get a chance. 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.

### Kainui Hockey Tournament

Unfortunately the Kainui Hocket tournament planned for next Friday has been cancellend due to a lack of teams avaialable. Next term there are plans for Kainui Netball, Soccer and Basketball – so plenty of sports opportunities to come!

### Glad Rag Grab

Don't forget the Glad Rag Grab is on this Saturday. There are a lot of awesome clothes here – come and grab a bargain!

**Awahou School**

# GLAD RAG GRAB

**Saturday**  
**24.June 2017**  
**at 2pm**



Come along for an exciting Saturday afternoon at the Awahou School and fill a Bag with different kind of clothes, shoes, bags, accessories... We love to see you there.

Tickets for Sale from  
1.June 2017  
at Awahou School

**\$20 a ticket**



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## LOOKING AHEAD



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

**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



**Madison Cameron** – Alex Osto, for reading and phonics.  
**Madison Cameron**, for fabulous writing and effort with your 'sh' story  
**Ryan Coughlan-Potburt**, for an exceptional attitude to learning!

**Mrs Young** – **Nathan McGeorge-Drury**, for genuine and well thought out self-reflections on his learning goals

**Mr Schmidt** – **Morgan Cameron**, for being a thoughtful, caring and compassionate student.

**Alfie Price**, for great determination and commitment, and being a shining role model for Awahou School students.



- \* **Check the lost property container when you have a chance!**
- \* **Glad Rag Grab – This Saturday!**
- \* **School finishes for the Term on Friday, July 7.**

## 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 lost an entertaining game vs Whakarongo, 7-2. Player of the Day was Jed.

### 5-aside Soccer

On Tuesday night our soccer team won their semi-final 5-1, putting them through to the final, also that evening. In a thriller, with scores tied at 0-0 at full time, we lost in golden goal extra time 1-0. What an awesome performance from our team!

### Netball

**Y7/8** – The Y8 Awahou/Colyton team had a great win on Monday, beating Ashhurst 18-8  
**Y5/6** – McKenzie's Y5/6 Colyton/Awahou team had a close loss on Saturday, losing 3-2 to Newbury.  
The Awahou/Hiwinui mixed team lost 19-1.

### Awahou Cross Country

What a great day our school cross country was! I was amazed by the speed at which our kids completed the course. Top 3 (when there were 3 running!) for each year group were:

**Y1 Girls** – Amelia; Boys – Jake, Devarney  
**Y2** – Girls – Vienna; Boys – Kade, Alex  
**Y3** – Girls – Jessica; Boys – Alfie, Damien, Hamish  
**Y4** – Girls – Belle, Rebecca, Gemma; Boys – Carter  
**Y5** – Girls – Jayde, Charlie, Kaelyn; Boys – Nathan, Logan, Samuel  
**Y6** – Girls – Ruby, Saffron, Narnia; Boys – Dylan, Ben, Harley  
**Y8** – Girls – Zoe, Chelsea, Evie

### Kainui Cross Country

The following Awahou students earned top 10 finishes at the Kainui Cross Country:

**Y1 Boys** – Jake Stuart – 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Y2 Boys** – Kade Beveridge – 7<sup>th</sup>  
**Y3 Boys** – Alfie Price – 1<sup>st</sup>, Damien Parker – 9<sup>th</sup>  
**Y3 Girls** – Jessica Port – 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Y4 Boys** – Carter Madge – 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Y4 Girls** – Belle Dykman – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rebecca Port – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gemma Passey – 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Y5 Boys** – Nathan McGeorge-Drury – 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Y5 Girls** – Jayde Swanson – 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sarah White – 4<sup>th</sup>, Charlie Scott – 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Y6 Boys** – Ben Hocken (5<sup>th</sup>)  
**Y6 Girls** – Ruby Dykman – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Narnia Williams – 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Y8 Girls** – Chelsea Hocken – 1<sup>st</sup>, Zoe Miller – 2<sup>nd</sup>, Evie Price – 6<sup>th</sup>



## 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)



**EVERYONE ACTIVE EVERYDAY**

**SPORT MANAWATU**

**GIVE SPORT A GO**

EVER WANTED TO TRY BADMINTON, BASKETBALL AND FUTSAL?  
'GIVE SPORT A GO' is back

**KEY INFORMATION**

- All ages welcome
- Under 12s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- All equipment provided
- Gold coin donation

**DATE:** 25 June 2017  
**TIME:** 2:00 - 4:00 pm  
**VENUE:** ARENA 3 - Pascal Street

**YOUR CHANCE TO TRY SPORT IN A FUN AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT!**

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