



AWAHOU SCHOOL

POHANGINA VALLEY.

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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 2, Term 3, 2017

2 August, 2017

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,
As mentioned in the brief newsletter on the first day of term, our newsletter will now be coming out fortnightly, in even weeks. Any urgent information that may need to come home between this will be sent home in individual flyers.

We have been blown away with just how focused and 'straight back into learning' our students have been this term! There continues to be a real positive, hard working vibe throughout the school despite the constant drab weather leading us to being stuck inside a lot of the time. I thought being halfway through the school year it would be timely to have a brief refresh on who works when and where, school procedures, and expectations; so have outlined these in the newsletter below.

I am very excited about this Saturday night's Wild Food Feast and am yet again in awe of just how hard working our Friends of Awahou group are behind the scenes setting this event up. We have an amazing group of dedicated volunteers in the lead up to the event, on the night, and after the event is finished – too many to list here – but I want to say a big thanks now for all of the work you put into our school. Our children definitely benefit from your hard work and we are very grateful for it. If you're one of our new families and want to get involved with the FoA group drop us an email or let us know and we'll get you along to a meeting! Finally, welcome to our newest student, Temperance and congratulations to the two new mums in our school community since my last newsletter – Nicole and Amy. Maybe some nappy changing lessons at school soon? Real life learning! *Matt Schmidt, Principal*



Panning for gold!

Virtue of the week:

Generosity

Generosity is giving and sharing. You share freely, not with the idea of receiving something in return. You find ways to give others happiness, and give just for the joy of giving. Generosity is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

"The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." - Pablo Picasso

SCHOOL NOTICES

Staff

A reminder of our current staffing below:

Matt Schmidt – Principal, Maharahara teacher (Tuesdays)

Connie Edmond – Wharite Teacher (Mon-Fri)

Naomi Young – Maharahara teacher (Mon, Weds-Fri)

Victoria Sage – Office Administrator (Mon, Weds, Fri – 9am-12pm)

Louise Bowe – Cleaner (evenings) and After School Programme (Mon-Weds, Fri)

Sally Hocken – Groundsperson

Caroline Pribil – After School Programme (Thurs)

Peta Spackman – Librarian, Teacher Aide

All teaching staff have email addresses consisting of their first name and surname all in lower case, followed by @awahou.school.nz

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The office can be contacted at awahouoffice@awahou.school.nz

Concerns / Complaints

If you have a concern, issue or query regarding your child or the classroom programme, please discuss this with the classroom teacher first and foremost. If your concern remains, please then feel free to contact the office or myself, to make an appointment for a discussion. The first question I will ask you is if you have talked with the classroom teacher.

For concerns of a serious nature not related to the classroom, please make a time to come and see me.

Absences

If your child is away for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible. This can be through a phone call, an email or submitting an absence via our school website. We **do not** have an answer phone service as with the office unmanned during the afternoons and two days a week, this can lead to important messages such as bus messages and after school care being missed.

Returning information

If you are returning a school form or permission slip, please remind your children to **hand it directly** to their teacher or the office if Victoria is working. Just leaving a note on a teacher or Principal's desk is not a wise move if you want it found! ;-)

Technology Free Days

This term we will be having one tech free day per fortnight...watch this space! Let's learn to be bored and entertain ourselves again!

LOOKING AHEAD



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

Friday August 4th – Tough Guy / Gal Challenge at Linton Army Camp

Saturday August 5th – Wild Food Feast

Monday August 7th – Kainui Netball

Thursday August 10th – BOT meeting, 7pm at school

Monday August 28th – Kainui Soccer

Wednesday September 13th – Kainui Jump Jam (Wharite)

Monday September 18th – Kainui Basketball

Tuesday September 19th – Science Roadshow @ North Street School (Whole School)

Friday September 29th – Last day of Term



STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Congratulations Mary, Ben, Alfie, Sarah, Zoe, Alex, and Rebecca. And welcome to Awahou School Temperance!



* Wild Food Feast this Saturday!

* Vege peelers and choppers meet at school tomorrow at 8.45 if you can spare a couple of hours at Highland Home prepping veges.

* Tough Guy / Gal Challenge this Friday. We are leaving school at 8.10am.

Don't forget your warm, dry change of clothes, plastic bag and fairy wings / tutu!

After School Programme

Our After School Discovery Programme is continuing to be very successful and popular, and is open to all students of Awahou School. An outline / reminder of the system is below.

- Children can be enrolled on a permanent basis or casually, you just need to **ring or email** the school to let us know.
- Please advise the school before 2.45pm on the day if you wish to have your child/children enrolled in the Awahou After School Discovery Learning programme at short notice. This is no problem!
- Parents will be charged to the closest half hour after children are picked up (eg if picked up at 4.45, you will be charged until 5 o'clock.) Please remember to **sign out** when you pick your child up. This is for both Health & Safety reasons and for the purpose of invoicing.
- Students will be provided with some food and drink during the time.
- This is not just a time for children to do homework, however if children wish to continue on with schoolwork that needs completing, they may.
- Children are to meet in the multi purpose room. Any children still on school site at 3.20pm will be signed in.
- There are no government subsidies for parents/caregivers for this service.
- If you have a permanent booking and need to miss a session, please inform the school asap.
- Parents will be invoiced fortnightly with the costs for their students. (see cost schedule below)

Starting at 3.15	1 Child	2 Children	3 Children
Until 4.00pm	\$8.00	\$14.00	\$18.00
4.30pm	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
5.00pm	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
5.30pm	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
After 5.30 the price will increase \$5.00 per ½ hour per child No charge for and extra children i.e. if you have 4 children the 4th will be free.			

COMMUNITY & SPORT NOTICES

HOCKEY

Well done to our Hockey team, who had an awesome win over Tiritea Thunderbirds 5-1. Player of the day was Hamish White for his awesome all around play.

NETBALL

The Y7/8 Awahou / Colyton team had a close fought game with PNINS, eventually going down by 5 goals.

The Y5/6 Awahou / Colyton team had a good win over Mt Biggs, 13-2.

The Y6 Awahou / Hiwinui team also had a good win, beating Milson Storm.

RUGBY

Dylan's Feilding Hurricanes team had a huge win, 85-0 over Ashhurst.

Alfie's Feilding Counties had a great win over Feilding Waikato on Saturday, and his Under 9s rep team beat Dannevirke 13-3.

Pohangina Bulk Refuse Collection

Please be advised that the Pohangina bulk rural rubbish collection is scheduled for 19/08/2017.

Cost: Normal Council refuse charges apply. See list of charges below or check the Council website.

Time: Collection starts at 9am and finishes at 11am

Location: Collection is from the Finnis Road Depot.

Fee Description	2017/18
Refuse Bag Charges	
Official refuse bags if purchased from Council	\$ 1.60
Non-Council rubbish bags - 60 litre volume or weight limit 10 kg	\$ 3.00
Refuse Transfer Stations and bulk collection charges	
General Refuse	
Wheellie Bin	\$ 13.00
Small load (car boot)	\$ 37.00
Medium load - ute or trailer load (up to 350 kg)	\$ 61.00
Large load (351 to 500 kg)	\$ 87.00
Trucks and loads over 500 kg (per tonne)	\$ 175.00
Concrete with no reinforcing steel - per tonne	\$ 40.00

SHEEP MANURE!

If you want some fresh, bagged sheep manure there is A LOT ready to go at Shane's woolsheds at the top of No 2 Line. Give Selena a call on 0278296807 to arrange a time and get some instructions on where it is,



Pohangina Methodist Church &
St Bartholomew's Church, Komako
would like to know.....

Do you want a Sunday School in Pohangina Valley?

Pohangina and Komako churches would be interested in jointly running a Sunday School in the Valley for children of school age (initially new entrants to Yr 8 but high school age most welcome)

The children would be part of the service before joining as a group to learn about Jesus in a fun way. The Sunday School would be at the church holding service that day, so would move between the two churches. Rest assured there would be a coherent teaching program.

Before this can happen we need to know if there are children (and parents) who would like this to happen and willing to attend. Once the churches know this they can start planning a Sunday School.

To register your interest, please contact Barbara Hyde by 31st August with your details and how many children you would like to bring or to ask any questions.

Email: barbhyde@gmail.com

Telephone: 06 329 4129 (after 6pm please)