



# 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 4 Term 3, 2017**

**17 August, 2017**

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

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,  
Is it just me, or is this term flying past quicker than ever?! I can't believe it's almost the end of Week 4 already. Our kids have continued to be super focused in class this term and there is some amazing learning happening and progress being made. With next week being halfway through the term, I have been looking ahead to our staffing in Term 4 with Miss Barr returning from maternity leave and thinking about an opportunity that has presented itself to highlight the quality of our teaching and learning programmes and enhance students progress even more. In Term 4 we will keep Ms Edmond in Wharite for five days a week as has been happening this term, to continue the amazing progress our junior children have been making. In Maharahara we are very excited to announce we are going to take a 'team teaching approach' to the classroom programme, where Miss Barr will be back fulltime and Mrs Young will also be in the class three days a week, and Mr Schmidt once a week. This is a great initiative with HUGE potential for our children and the teacher: learner ratios in this class. Effectively, for four days of the week there will be a ratio of 1:12 in the senior class. This means not only can we focus in on group teaching at learner's individual levels, there will also be more time available for smaller group teaching throughout the day, any whole class teaching can have a teacher 'floating' for children who need extra help, and we have more opportunities to utilise the specific strengths of individual teachers. A lot of schools around the country are taking this approach with two teachers per 60 or more students, so two teachers for 24 students is fantastic! Our dream is to grow our roll to be able to do this permanently with Ministry of Education staffing funding. An extra 8-10 students could make this a reality – spread the word!



### Virtue of the week:

#### Gratitude

*Gratitude is the virtue that makes us aware of the gifts we receive each day and appreciative of the generosity of the giver. It moves our will to respond to these gifts by developing them, using them well, and putting them at the service of others.*

*"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it." - Anon*

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Term 4 Staffing

As mentioned above, there are some exciting new developments for Term 4 staffing:

#### Wharite :

Ms Edmond Monday-Friday

#### Maharahara:

Miss Barr – Monday-Friday

Mrs Young – Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

Mr Schmidt - Tuesday

### Get well soon Ms Edmond

Wharite parents may have noticed Ms Edmond has been away for the best part of a week.

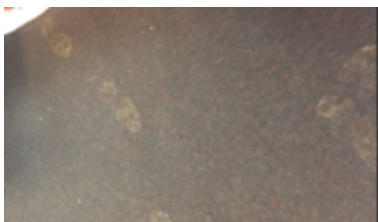
Unfortunately Ms Edmond had a nasty asthma attack late last week and is under strict orders to rest while her medication does its thing. We wish you a speedy recovery Ms Edmond and look forward to seeing you back on board soon!

### Technology Free Days

As mentioned last newsletter, this term we will be having one tech free day per fortnight. Our next tech-free days will be Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup>, and Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>. Let's see how creative our children can be entertaining themselves / learning without technology.

### Muddy shoes!

Please help us in reminding your children about the importance of removing muddy footwear when entering the school (or any building). We have reminded the kids a lot of late but there have been numerous occasions where the carpet has taken a bit of a pounding.



### Maharahara Camp

Student medical forms, gear lists etc will be coming home next week, with a parent evening to go over the camp details to be held the week after. A reminder that camp costs can be paid to the office now. Please feel free to get in touch with us if you need to discuss this.

## LOOKING AHEAD



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

**Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mr Schmidt & Mrs Young at Digital Technologies Curriculum Course**

**Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> – Visit from Anne Elliot – Musical Plants (2pm-3pm)**

**Monday August 28<sup>th</sup> – Kainui Soccer (tbc)**

**Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> – Kainui Jump Jam (Wharite)**

**Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> – BOT meeting, 79m @ school**

**Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> – Kainui Basketball**

**Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> – Science Roadshow @ North Street School (Whole School)**

**Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term**





## STUDENT ACHIEVERS



Congratulations to our HUGE group of student achievers this fortnight!

**Remember!**

\* Maharahara Camp fees now payable to the office

\* Daffodil Day is next Friday – we will be having a Yellow Day with some activities planned. Please bring a gold coin donation

## THE WILD FOOD FEAST 2017!

Wow, what an amazing evening it was! From the legend that is Te Radar (one of the most genuine, intelligent and hilarious people I have ever met), to the super generous support from our amazing community and beyond, to the tireless work behind the scenes from our Friends of Awahou group, to our sensation team of volunteers and helpers from our parents, staff and wider community, to Arthur our auctioneer extraordinaire - just a fantastic evening!

THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts for supporting our amazing little school. Our kids, who are the heart of everything we do, will benefit so much from your generosity and we are eternally grateful.

**Missing:** We are missing a steel K Sabatier knife that is approximately 150- 160mm long belonging to Billie and a carving fork with a Black handle, silver rivets & two prongs belonging to Highland Home from the evening. Has anybody picked these up by accident?



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## 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
<b>Refuse Bag Charges</b>	
Official refuse bags if purchased from Council	\$ 1.60
Non-Council rubbish bags - 60 litre volume or weight limit 10 kg	\$ 3.00
<b>Refuse Transfer Stations and bulk collection charges</b>	
General Refuse	
Wheeler 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.



**2018 Ballymore Farm Environment Awards**  
Entries now open!  
[www.bfea.org.nz](http://www.bfea.org.nz)

The Ballymore Farm Environment Awards promote farming and growing practices that protect and enhance the farm environment.

The 2017 Ballymore Farm Environment Awards are now open.

Enter online at <http://www.nzfeatrust.org.nz/enter-awards> or contact Stella Rackham at [horizons@bfea.org.nz](mailto:horizons@bfea.org.nz)

## HIGHLAND HOME SPRING CAMP

### October Kids Camp 9 to 12 years

Theme - Spring Time

Sunday 1 October to Friday 6 October 17

Arrive 5pm (including tea) Depart Friday 11am

Early Bird price \$185 – after 18 Sept \$205 OSCAR funding available

Contact Eloise 027 5378144

or [kidscamp@highlandhome.co.nz](mailto:kidscamp@highlandhome.co.nz)

(See poster opposite)

**HELEN KING**  
GRANTS ADVISOR  
AND EDUCATOR

## GRANT WORKSHOPS

### Getting to Grips with Grant Applications.

**A great workshop for:**  
Organisations in the not-for-profit sector including early childhood education providers, schools, sports clubs and other community organisations.

This introductory workshop will give those new to the process a good grounding and offer 'old hands' a fresh perspective.

#### Focuses on:

- Getting the procedures and documents you need in place to make great applications.
- Local funders and how to pick the right ones for your needs.
- Writing effective covering letters and filling in forms.
- Increasing confidence in the funding application process.

### Upcoming Dates, Times and Venues:

**Palmerston North:**  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 10am-12:30pm.  
PNPC, 30 Walterarua St.

**Takapu:**  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12:30pm.  
Johnston Park Bowling Club, 1 Drake St.

**Ashhurst:**  
Tuesday 2nd November 7pm-9:30pm.  
Venue TBC

**\$25 per person including materials.**



Supporting **Manawatu, Tararua and Horowhenua** based community organisations in making successful grant applications through education, consultation and grant writing services.

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Please email or call for workshop enrolments.



**OCT KIDS CAMP**  
IT'S SPRING TIME!  
**HIGHLAND HOME Christian Camp**

**\$185**  
EARLY BIRD  
(Before 18 Sept)

**When?**  
1ST - 6TH OCTOBER 2017

**Who?**  
9-12 YEARS OLD

**Keen?**  
REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[www.highlandhome.co.nz](http://www.highlandhome.co.nz)  
OR CALL JAN ON  
(06) 329-4716

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