



# 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 1 Term 4, 2017**

**19 October, 2017**

**Respect Whakautē - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki**

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,  
Welcome back to our final term of 2017, and the start of my third year at the helm of this awesome little school! We hope you had an enjoyable break and the kids got some well deserved r'n'r. They have certainly all come back in a great headspace and ready to continue learning and having fun!

As with all terms these days, this one promises to be super busy and packed full of amazing teaching, learning, trips and activities! Included in the third page of this newsletter is our school 'Long Term Plan' for this term, showing the learning that is going to take place, the EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) opportunities and the assessment schedule to complete end of year assessments, all jammed into a 9 week term. It's going to fly buy!

A reminder that rather than 'traditional' reports this year, your child's individual 'Learning as Inquiry' document shows a year's worth of progress towards learning goals, summative assessment results (including National Standards) along with examples, teacher / self feedback, and (hopefully) termly feedback from you as parents. In weeks 7 & 8 there will be an opportunity to meet classroom teachers to discuss your child's progress and achievement from the year. You can take home a hard copy of this document, or keep the digital one on file – whatever works for you.

In the next couple of weeks I will get out some community consultation about some of the changes we have made this year, and where we want to head in the future. Your feedback is highly valued as it helps us make changes, understand how you are finding our systems, and ensure we are heading in the right direction to serve our community. We look forward to your continued support in Term 4.

Arohanui, Matt Schmidt – Principal.



*Singing in Japanese to our visitors*

### Virtue of the week:

#### Kindness

Kindness comes from the heart. It is not self-serving, it is ignited through love, caring and compassion for others and expects nothing in return. When are kind to someone, your whole physiology changes.

*"If you light a lamp for someone else it will also brighten your path." – Buddha*

## SCHOOL NOTICES

### School Photos

A reminder that School Photos are being held next Wednesday morning, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Pre-printed order forms and information were sent home last term. PhotoLife will again be doing our photos this year.

### Family Photo Opportunity

Coming soon! Helen at Valley Studios is putting together a special Christmas Family Portrait opportunity for Awahou School families. This is likely to be a date in November and based here at school, where Awahou School immediate families will be invited to take advantage of this opportunity, with some proceeds also donated back to school. More details to come....

### Pet Day

Apologies for the incorrect date originally published for Pet Day. With so much happening this term, the first realistic opportunity for Pet Day is on Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>. This is a little later than previous years but will still be a great day nonetheless.

### Term 4 Happenings

As mentioned above, there is A LOT happening this term. Attached is our Long Term Plan for the year so you can see what is happening and plan in advance.

### FRIENDS OF AWAHOU – WE WANT YOU!

Next Wednesday at 7pm will be our first FoA meeting of the year, here at school. We want you there! This meeting we will be looking at Pet Day and looking ahead to events next year. The more parents we have helping, the less work for everybody involved, so we'd love to see you as a part of this fantastic group.

### Pallet Furniture

We have been lucky enough to secure a pretty substantial quantity of wooden pellets this term and are hoping to get creative with it and make some awesome pellet furniture in discovery times. There are a lot of great examples of what we could do online. If you're a bit of a handyman and are keen to come along and share your skills and expertise on a Friday, middle block (or any other time that works for you), let us know and let's see what we can create!

### Japanese Student Visit

If you haven't already, check out the great pictures and videos of our visit from the IPU students yesterday. What a great day it was! Thanks again Catherine Knight for getting this organised for us. It is great for our students to observe / learn about other cultures. Maybe a Japanese exchange one day?!....

## LOOKING AHEAD



**Monday October 23<sup>rd</sup> – Labour Day**

**Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> – School Photos**

**Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> – Thursday  
November 9<sup>th</sup> – Maharahara Camp**

**Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> – Pet Day**

**Monday November 21<sup>st</sup> / Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> –  
Life Education Trust Truck at school**

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Prizegiving**

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school  
year**



# AWAHOU 2017 TERM 4 LONG TERM PLAN

## MAHARAHARA / WHARITE / BOTH

	Week 1 16 - 20 Oct	Week 2 23-27th Oct	Week 3 30 Oct - 4 Nov	Week 4 6 Nov - 10 Nov	Week 5 13 Nov - 17 Nov	Week 6 20 Nov - 24 Nov	Week 7 27 Nov - 1 Dec	Week 8 4 Dec - 8 Dec	Week 9 11 Dec - 15 Dec
Literacy (Writing)	(Speeches -My Hero (Y4-6), Inspiring People to be Better (Y7/8) ) <b>EXPOSITION</b> (To persuade by arguing one side of an issue)			Camp	(Newsletters, Film/Book reviews, Advertising) <b>TRANSACTONAL PROCEDURE</b> (To provide instructions about how to make or do something)				
Literacy (Reading / Spelling / Oral Language)	Group rotations (guided) and Independent Reading Spelling programme, reading response work, reading 'to' events, mihi			Camp	Group rotations (guided) and Independent Reading. Spelling programme, reading response work, reading 'to' Oral Language - Circle time, sharing time, current events, mihi				
Maths	Number Time, Money & Data			Camp	Measurement and Time				
Inquiry	Finish class focuses linked to the concept of 'Change'			Camp	NZ Story Curiosity Kit				
PE	Athletics			Camp	Athletics				
Te Reo Maori				Camp					
Visual Arts	Calendar Art			Camp	Calendar Art				
Assessment	Learning as Inquiry individual learning and progress plans updated throughout term			Camp	Learning as Inquiry individual learning and progress plans updated throughout term, share Week 8.				
		* Schonell Spelling * Gloss	* Essential Spelling * Gloss * Writing Sample	Camp	* National Standards - final OTJs * Running Records (all)	* All data entered into Edge * National Standards - final OTJs	ILP's final sharing / completed	ILP's final sharing / completed * TAI Complete	
Events	Tech Toni - PCT2	Labour Day Kainui Speeches (Weds) School Photos (Weds)	BOT Meeting Tech Toni - PCT2	Camp	Tech Toni - PCT2  Pet Day - Friday	Life Ed in (Mon/Tues) School Athletics (Weds) Kainui Athletics (Friday)	Tech Toni - PCT2  ILP's final sharing / completed	Kainui Plant to Plate (Monday)  ILP's final sharing / completed  BOT Mtg	Tech Toni - PCT2
EOTC		Bush School		Maharahara Camp	Pet Day - Friday	Life Ed in (Mon/Tues)	Wharite sleepover Bush School	School Field Trip Kainui Plant to Plate (Monday)	Picnic / Waterfight (Weds) Prizegiving (Thurs)

### WEEKLY:

3.10 Staff Meeting - Mondays  
1.30 School meeting - Wednesday



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Cats for Sale

3 Female cats need new homes.  
All are desexed with lovely natures.  
Please call 06 353 8779 if interested.

## County Fayre AGM

Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

### Pohangina and Pohangina Area - Scheduled bulk rubbish collection

Residents at and near Pohangina are reminded that the Bulk rubbish collection day is scheduled for **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of November.**

Normal Council refuse charges apply. (See Council fees and charges page on Council web site)

Collection point is at Finnis Road Pohangina Recycling Centre.

Collection starts at 9am and ends at 11am

Regards

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	
Wheelie 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

**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:

**Ashhurst:**  
Thursday 2nd November 7pm-9:30pm.  
Ashhurst Playcentre, 118 Stanford Street.

\$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.

## Pohangina Hall

The Pohangina Hall is one of the best maintained Halls in the Manawatu District. This is mainly due to the work of past Hall Committee members as there are very few current members. With Ron and Nola Galyer moving to Feilding there are now only 2 Hall committee members and this is likely to reduce to 1 by December 2017. The Hall is an essential part of the community being used for meetings, wedding receptions, Community events etc.

A number of people have contacted Rawyene Hill regarding the Hall Committee. All are prepared to organise events at the Hall which is very encouraging. However we do need a minimum of 4 people to take up 'Official' positions on the Hall Committee such as Secretary and Treasurer. If you are willing to come onto the Hall Committee or want to discuss what's involved please:

Ring **Rawyene (3294739)**, leave a message and she will get back to you, or  
**Jim Barnett (3294715, email: barnettj@xtra.co.nz)**



**Come on! Get your dancing shoes on and boogie**

Lots of fun and music by  
**FunBus**

**Tickets only \$35**  
**Buy your tickets—no door sales**

Supper provided  
Bring your own drinks

Email Ami for tickets.  
**AmiCoughlan@outlook.com**  
or ring  
**Raywene 3294739**  
leave a message



**POHANGINA HALL BALL**  
**Saturday 28th October**  
**Start 7.30pm Theme: FUN!**