



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 11, Term 1, 2018

12 April, 2018

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,
Our last newsletter of the term already! What a great term it has been too, especially with setting up our learning for the rest of the year and preparing for an even more exciting and learning filled Term 2. Last week we were privileged to enroll two new students, Hayley and Caitlyn, into Wharite and yesterday we also met Cole and Annabelle, who will be joining us in Maharahara in Term 2. Welcome to Awahou School!
Next term there will be a few more subtle (and some not so subtle) changes to the way we deliver our curriculum at Awahou School. On Friday, each class will be sending home an update regarding some of these changes. We will also be holding a parent evening in Week 1 of the term (Thursday, May 3rd) to give you an opportunity to view your child's Hāpai Matauranga Learning Journey document and leave some feedback, have an opportunity for your children to share their learning and thinking for the year so far with you, and deliver a presentation around what teaching and learning is looking like at Awahou School after recent changes to legislation; and the ongoing development of our own, localised curriculum. As I always state, I strongly believe we are leading the way in education in our little school and while some other schools are now starting to cotton on to approaches we have been implementing over the last couple of years, we are ready to take it to the next level. Both Toni and Naomi have been engaged in A LOT of Professional Development opportunities, self-led learning, and readings to prepare us for this next stage. The changes to come are well evidenced and researched to support the decisions being made. *"Without change there is no innovation, creativity, or incentive for improvement. Those who initiate change will have a better opportunity to manage the change that is inevitable."* – William Pollard. Have a great term break! **Matt Schmidt, Principal**



Welcome to Awahou Hayley & Caitlyn!

THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK:

PLAY
is the highest form of
research
Albert Einstein

"Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning."
—Mr. Rogers

SCHOOL NOTICES

Community Information Evening

As mentioned above, please mark Thursday, May 3rd in your calendars for a learning celebration and information evening at school. A detailed flyer will come out on the first day of term, but likely timeframe will be 5.30pm – 8pm.

Learning Conversations

Thank you to all parents for taking the time to attend learning conversations with their children. These were very valuable and a great chance to set goals for learning this year. Don't forget to log on to your child's Hāpai Matauranga (Learning Journey) document to check in and leave some feedback once or twice a term. We will be providing an opportunity to do this at our celebration and information evening mentioned above.

Head Lice

There's still a few of these nasty critters around. Please take the time to check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

Maharahara Camp

Over the term break Mrs Young and Mr Schmidt will be looking to finalise details for Maharahara camp in term four. We are very aware of the number of sets of siblings in Maharahara this year, and the financial impact this can have on families, so we are working on some possible solutions to this. Our plan is to have this information available within the first two weeks of the term to give you plenty of notice of what is happening.

Milk Bottles please

Maharahara have a huge favour to ask please. We would love to have all of your (cleaned) empty 1 and 2 litre plastic milk bottles for a project we are taking on please.

Information Updates

Yesterday's lightning strike at school was a great opportunity to find out where any gaps were in our phone tree for emergency situations. It revealed there were a number of parents with changed phone numbers or contact details who had not informed us of this. If you change phone number, work contact, email address, physical address etc **please** send this information in to us so Victoria can update our records.

Swimming Pool Keys

We request that **all keys** be returned before the end of the term, so we can do a stocktake of keys as there have been a couple of lock changes over the last couple of years and we will likely change locks again for Term 4.

Loose parts

Do you have any 'loose parts' lying around you don't have a use for? Could be buttons, screws, nuts & bolts, straws, old utensils, springs, wood.....anything that could be used creatively and innovatively to create 'stuff'. Wharite and Maharahara would both love some of this.

LOOKING AHEAD



Friday April 13th – Last day of Term 1

Monday April 30th – Start of Term 2

Thursday May 3rd – School celebration / information evening

Thursday May 17th – BOT meeting

Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th May – Matt at Rural Principals Conference (Hamilton)

Wednesday June 6th – School Cross Country

Friday June 8th – Kainui Cross Country

Thursday June 21st – BOT meeting

Tuesday June 26th – Kainui Concert (Regent theatre)

Friday July 6th – End of Term 2



THANKS FOR A GREAT TERM 1!



AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY MRS
YOUNG!



* Please return Swimming Pool keys

* Celebration / information evening –
Thursday, May 3rd (Week 1)

* Term 2 begins Monday, April 30th

* School donations are now payable for
those wishing to make this contribution

FRIENDS OF AWAHOU

The Friends of Awahou group (FOA) is our super important fund-raising team whose efforts ensure all our students get to enjoy a quality education and lots of extracurricular activities.

This year the FOA has been asked to raise \$15,000, which is a huge amount for a small school like ours, and equates to just under \$500 per student. The funds will go towards:

- extra teaching hours for Ms Young (the government never gives us enough!)
- a school camp subsidy
- athletics / typing tournament
- teacher aide hours, and
- ukulele lessons for all students

To raise this money the FOA will be running various activities/events this year, such as firewood, cross-country, pet day, and the Wild Food Feast. Running these events takes considerable effort, so the FOA needs extra volunteers to lend a hand. There are two ways you can assist:

- Join the FOA committee, and take on helping running the events
- Become a helper in one or more of the events

An event calendar will be out soon. Let us know which events you can help out with. Nearer the time someone will be in touch to sort out details. No specialist skills are required, although if you have a particular super-power let us know so we can make best use of it.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Kim Marcus - FOA Coordinator

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www.awahou.school.nz



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*mateship * fitness *

emphasis on playing for each other

+ team numbers are capped

Contact: Asa (0272706365) or

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Information sought:

Pohangina's resident environmental historian, Dr Catherine Knight, is working on a new book (that Valley-based boutique publisher, Haunui Press will publish later in the year) on the unique photography of another much earlier Pohangina Village resident, Charles E Wildbore. Excavating the layers of history has thrown up a few questions Catherine would love to find the answers to (see an article in the Manawatu Standard on Thursday 29 March). Have you any connections or memories of the Wildbore family? Any stories you'd like to share? For example, she's keen to find out how Wildbore travelled around the Valley when he did his photography, especially considering that he had a lot of heavy equipment to carry. Contact Catherine via her email: envirohistorynz@gmail.com

NOTICE

-a fun event for kids who just love being out on their bikes

Sunday May 20th, 2018. Victoria Esplanade, Palmerston North

Enter Online - www.ibike4kids.co.nz OPEN NOW

COST Only \$15.00! All participants get a medal and a goody bag too!

Events Start at 9:45 am

All ages up to 15 years. If you can ride a bike, you can enter. Easy, medium and long courses and a 'Balance bike/16in wheels for 3-5 year olds' section on a shorter course, for only \$10 (and they get a medal and goody bag too).

T-SHIRTS and BEANIES available to order at time of entry

Loads of cool spot prizes up for grabs.

Schools participation prizes up for grabs

More info at www.ibike4kids.co.nz or www.facebook.com/IBike4kids

Manawatu Rural Support Service Workshops



You are invited to:

St Bartholomew's Church, Komako,

Pohangina Valley East Road, 29 May 2018

or

Community Hall, Makoura Road, Apiti, 24 July 2018

10.30am	Introductions/House keeping
10.35am	Heart Foundation
11.05am	Mental Health Promotion
11.25am	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Manawatu
11.45am	Morning Tea
12noon	Easie Living
12.45pm	Feedback/Evaluation/Thank you

A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

Please RSVP before 18 May 2018 by –

Phoning MRSS on 06 323 7191

Texting Aevryl 021 0823 4809 or Tima 027 422 3544

Emailing mrssincrcw1@gmail.com or mrssincrcw2@gmail.com

