

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

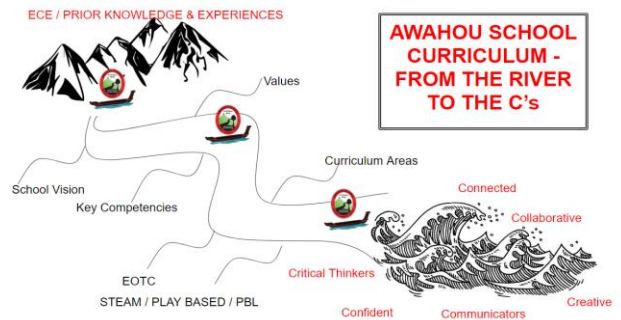
Week 2, Term 2, 2018

10 May, 2018

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,
Ko te amorangi ki mua, ko te hāpāi ō ki muri – The leader in the front the food bearers follow. What an amazing start to the term we have had, and what a great job our 'food bearers' are doing for the students of Awahou School. After our great community celebration / information evening last week I have again been reflecting on the journey Awahou School has been on over the last couple of years. As a staff, a BOT, a community, a group of parents, and students, I couldn't ask for better people to be sharing this journey with and I want to share my gratitude with every single one of you for being a part of it. I have had a vision for a long time of what the 'perfect' school would look like for me and it has dawned on me in the past week that we are nearly there! Talking with a staff member the other day I likened us to a pretty big machine with lots of moving parts, and for the machine to work properly, every part has to be doing its job and working in unison. Right now, I am **extremely** proud of what we are achieving as a school and it isn't a fluke – this is the end product of plenty of planning, execution, tweaking, input, re-design, tweak some more etc etc from all of us together – staff (teachers, admin, support staff, cleaners included), parents, wider community, BOT, FoA and of course, students. With our current focus on Play-Based Learning, Problem Based Learning and STEAM leading our curriculum delivery, we have modelled the design process we are trying to instill into our students perfectly! It hasn't been smooth sailing the whole way, but I truly believe the current 'end product' is high quality and leading the way in education. So what now? I think we're ready to show the world what we're made of! So we want you to spread the word for us! Tell people to come and check out what we're doing. Let them see for themselves the amazing things we're doing. We want people put aside their preconceptions of our school and **see** the changes we've made, not just take our word for it. *Kāore te kumara e korero mō tōna ake reka – The kumara does not speak of his own sweetness.* **Matt Schmidt,**
Principal



Our localised curriculum concept – The River to the Cs

THOUGHTS OF THE WEEK:

Give the pupils something to do, not something to learn; and the doing is of such a nature as to demand thinking; learning naturally results.

John Dewey

Children who are allowed time to think for themselves, learn to have faith in their own problem solving abilities.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Enrolment News

This term we will be welcoming a number of new students to Awahou School, starting with Cole and Annabelle who will join us in Maharahara from this coming Monday. We look forward to growing our role and welcoming new families to our community. If we can maintain our current role only losing Year 8s at the end of each year, with our projected enrolments (and of course ones we don't know about yet), we are on track to reach the magical number for a third teacher in the next two years. Crucial to this happening is retention of our Year 7/8 students. If you're thinking of not staying for us for these years, we'd love to talk to you at school. I can convince you otherwise!

Community Celebration/ Information Evening

What a great turnout and awesome evening! Many thanks to those parents who came along to share in your child's learning, hear about the great things happening in and our school, and take part in a STEAM challenge yourself. Keep tuned for the next celebration evening later this term.

School Donations

A reminder that if you choose to pay your school donations, these can be paid to the office now. Our cost is \$20 per term, or \$80 for the year. We look forward to 2019 onwards when the government will cover these costs so we don't have to ask you.

Maharahara Camp

Maharahara parents should have received their first camp information notice in the first week of term. A reminder that parent helper forms are due back this week. We are committed to ensuring no child will miss a camp due to financial reasons, so if there are any concerns here please drop me an email or pop in for a chat. Our timetable for the week has been set and we will share this with you soon. It's going to be great fun!

Cross Country

A reminder please that each child needs running shoes and clothes suitable for running in, **every day** this term please.

Kainui Concert

Our biennial Kainui Concert is set for Tuesday 26th of June this year, at the Regent on Broadway. More details to come home soon. Our theme for our performance this year – "Awahou's Got Talent".....

Electives Programme

From next Friday, May 18th we will be running a weekly 'Awahou Electives' programme in the middle block from 11.30-12.30pm. Students will opt into their learning area for the term from a range of choices. So far we have: Japanese, Spanish, Sewing, Kitchen Skills, Graphic Art, and Gardening. If you have a specific area of expertise and would like to take a weekly group, let me know asap!

LOOKING AHEAD



Thursday May 17th – FoA meeting 3.30pm

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Friday May 18th – Awahou Weekly Electives Programme begins (11.30am – 12.30am)

Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th May – Matt at Rural Principals Conference (Hamilton)

Monday June 4th – Queen's Birthday

Wednesday June 6th – School Cross Country

Friday June 8th – Kainui Cross Country

Tuesday June 19th – Jump Jam Competition (Regent on Broadway – 6pm)

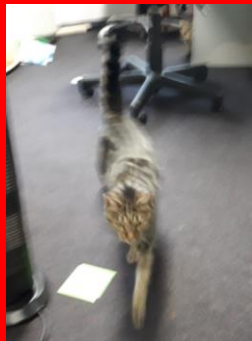
Thursday June 21st – BOT meeting

Tuesday June 26th – Kainui Concert (Regent theatre)

Friday July 6th – End of Term 2



WELCOME TO AWAHOU SCHOOL!



ABBY



SHEEBA

Welcome to our newest members of Awahou School, Abby & Sheeba! We are sure they will be a great addition to a school and serve a number of purposes for us. Please be aware around our doors at present!



- * **Cross Country gear every day!**
- * **Clean plastic 2 litre milk bottles for Maharahara please**
- * **Loose parts / old appliances to pull apart? We'll have them!**
- * **School donations are now payable for those wishing to make this contribution**

FRIENDS OF AWAHOU

Our next FoA meeting is next Thursday, May 17th at school from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. This term is when all the action starts to happen with Kainui Cross Country and preparation for the Wild Food Fest early in Term 3. We'd love to see you at our meeting to help support the school, all are welcome!

We are also recruiting champions for the following aspects of the Wild Food Feast (everyone welcome):

- Someone to co-ordinate the catering operation
- Someone to co-ordinate auction prizes
- Someone with Bar Management experience
- Anyone with a flair for decoration, extracting free goods from businesses for prizes/raffles – many hands make light work!

If you can help in any of these areas, or can help with anything else, please either come along to the meeting or let us know at school so we can include you in our planning.

SPORTS / COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Check out our new look website –

www.awahou.school.nz

Sunday May 20th
Victoria Esplanade
Palmerston North
Enter www.ibike4kids.co.nz

iBIKE 4 KIDS

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

NOTICE

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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

QUIZ NIGHT

Pohangina Hall Fundraiser
Saturday 9th June

Doors Open at 6pm
Quiz starts at 7pm Sharp!

Team Registration "Open Now"
Be Quick as numbers are Limited!
\$45 per team (Max no. of 6 pers)
Contact: Helen 022 637 4170

Sponsorship is greatly appreciated
and helps to make this night a success
Contact: Simo 06 3294 800
Supper provided. BVO Drinks
Spot Prizes and Raffles



Your Quizmaster...

Simo

Is back by Popular Demand!

A very big shout out to Jill Bainger of Jillybud florist who has been the brainchild behind the idea of FOA taking locally harvested foliage to market and has trained us in how to harvest and prep foliage for delivery to the flower auction (United Flower Growers) in Wellington. She's quality controlled our initial harvests and packed and arranged the shipping for us. Do pop past her very funky shop in George Street, Palmy and buy your flowers there to support her in return (hardworking mums always need flowers). Do mention you are connected to Awahou School if you do. You can find her at <https://www.jillybud.com/> and see her lovely work on Insty at <https://www.instagram.com/jillybudflorist/> (and you can see how some of our greenery is being used!!)"

MoneyMates is a new peer-led support programme and is based around the concept of sharing and learning together as a group. MoneyMates sessions are free and the facilitator comes to you.

It is anticipated 4 sessions of approximately 1-2 hours would be required to deliver the course material.

It is aimed at people who may be experiencing financial hardship, or who simply want to learn good financial management and budgeting skills. Peer-led sessions encourage a group of participants to talk openly about money and finances. Participants can:

- learn more about budgeting money, debt, financial products, loans and growing their resources
- learn from other people who are in similar situations to them, share their own insights and knowledge with others, and build support networks with people going through the same experiences
- access other information and support such as online forums.
- build up their networks with whānau and their community.

If you would like any more information regarding this programme, I can be contacted at maureen@mhss.org.nz or 06 3237191 / 027 231 3900

Regards

Maureen

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"Mt Biggs Ladies Night Out"
Bring neighbours, friends and work mates.
Tuesday 15th May - 7pm
Mt Biggs School Hall
with Obligation Free Demonstrations & Information from

THE SCRUB COLLAB
Stephanie Bucheridge from 'The Scrub Collab.'
Steph is one of the brains behind The Scrub Collab.
- a collaborative approach to beauty, nature and affordability working collectively to bring you beauty products that do what they say. Steph's journey will inspire you.

THE REC ROOM
Stephanie McKenzie from 'The Rec Room'
The NEWEST gym in Feilding! Stephanie will be educating you about the opportunities to be fit in this state of the art gym, plus build confidence, resilience and make new friends.

AON
Desiree Silk from 'Aon Insurance'
Insurance can be confusing on rental and rural properties. Desiree will take the confusion out of insurance and what to be aware of on these insurances plus answer any questions on any and all insurances.

YOU
Ros Chapman & Leah Morresey from 'YOU Travel'
222,000 cruise ship passengers visited New Zealand in the year ending June 2017.
Cruising New Zealand and around the world has become very popular and is on the increase.
Ros and Leah will fill you in on the highs and lows of cruising and answer any questions on cruise travel.

OWN YOUR DREAM
Johnelle Hoshing "Motivation & Empowerment Coach"
Johnelle motivates & inspires people to find their passion, feel empowered & own their life! She works with youth, young professionals & those who have lost their drive for life to get them back on track, thriving, full of ambition & action to get them to where they want to be in life, through speaking, workshops & coaching.

\$10 entry
includes a glass of juice or wine on arrival, nibbles with tea or coffee and 2 raffle tickets (raffle drawn on the night)
Any inquiries please ring Louise at Mt Biggs school office on 329 3446 or email the office@mountbiggs.school.nz or texting to 0210627952
This 'Ladies Night' is obligation free.... Just come along (bring a friend or two) watch the demonstrations and enjoy meeting your community neighbours.