

## Wharite Investigations

Wharite students have been developing their creativity! Chloe, Hayley, Lennox, Mary and Vienna worked on an Autumn/Winter mural incorporating leaves and beautiful natural colours. Jake created a shape masterpiece, developing his knowledge of symmetry.



## Upcoming events this week

**Tuesday 21st May** - National Young Leaders Day (Year 5-8)

**Thursday 23rd May** - Year 8 technology

**Friday 24th May** - Board of Trustees nominations close

**Friday 24th May** - Sarah from Horizons is back to take the second tracking and trapping lessons.

**Wednesday 29th May** - Teachers' Strike. School will remain open for instruction (Trudi will be onsite for the day).

## School Cross-Country Races

We have decided to combine our school cross-country races with the Kainui cross country races. This means we only have to organise one event and takes some pressure off trying to get marshals on both days. This also means that the farm is only disrupted for one day as opposed to two. We will still record Awahou School's top three placings in each race.



## National Young Leaders Day **TOMORROW!**

Tim and Trudi will be taking the Year 5 to 8 students to the National Young Leaders day at The Regent in Palmerston North on Tuesday 21st May. Please ensure they wear their school uniform. We leave school at 8:30am at the latest and will return by 3pm. The students will be able to listen to inspiring and motivational messages from people such as Ronnie Taulafo, Kings, and Dr Lehan Stemmet. Toni will remain at school with the Year 0 to 4 students. If you do not wish for your child to attend this event please advise us as soon as possible.

Quality educators know that strong relationships with their students are the cornerstone of quality teaching and learning. Yet despite that we know this, teachers are often distracted and taken away from this most important aspect of their teaching. In Walker Learning we embrace relationships with the child using the method of 'Focus Students'. The idea is that each child must be a Focus Student at least once per fortnight. The teacher will connect with the Focus Students two to three times per day for a few extra minutes. Teachers must be in a state of mindfulness when connecting with their Focus Students to give them the following messages...

- I respect you
- I am here for you
- I am listening to you

The Focus Student method used in Walker Learning is based on neuroscience and emotional intelligence. It is evidence based practice. Teachers make observations on the Focus Students to add information to their Developmental Profiles (Reports), so that over time parents receive a chronological report outlining their child's learning and development throughout the year. These documents were given out in Term 1 with each students Literacy and Mathematics goals. They will be shared and sent home again in Week 10 of this term with a mid- year review of their goals, along with some written observations of their learning and development over the past two terms. If you have any further questions please feel free to ask.

## Sports News

Over the weekend lots of Awahou School students played sport. Gemma Passey and Belle Dykman played netball. Ruby Dykman, Tom Scott and Jed Jackson played hockey. Kade Beveridge and Hamish White played in a soccer tournament. Here's how they did...



Belle and Gemma played netball for the Hiwinui Year 6 team and won both games. Gemma was the Goal Shoot for the second game and scored the team goals that won the game against Riverdale. Ruby played hockey for the Ashhurst Year 7/8 team and they won their first game of the season 1-0 against Monrad Intermediate. Tom and Jed played hockey for the Ashhurst Arches and they won 4-1. Kade and Hamish played in a soccer tournament for the Ashhurst Pohangina team, sadly losing all of their games but had lots and lots of fun. Great job everyone ;-)  
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