



Awahou School

Ngā kaitiaki o tō tātou wāhi - Guardians of our place

Monday 9th March 2020, Term 1 - Week 6

Reports

Thanks to those parents & caregivers who came along to one of our information sessions about school reports last week. If you were unable to attend and would like to see how it all works please come along on Wednesday afternoon this week. I will run sessions every fifteen minutes starting at 3pm and ending at 5pm. If you are unable to come along to any of those sessions please let me know. You will need to be able to login to Hero to access your child's report.



Swimming Sports

We have our annual whole school swimming sports this Wednesday at 1:30pm here in our school pool. Please feel free to come along to support our swimmers of all ages! There will be some fun races for the little ones and some championship races for the older students.



Upcoming events...

- Wednesday 11th March - Swim Squad trials
- Wednesday 11th March - School Swimming Sports, 1:30pm
- Saturday 14th March - Raumai Clean-up
- Tuesday 17th March - Manawatu Netball Skills Session 1
- Tuesday 17th March - Maharahara visit to Te Manawa 12:30pm
- Wednesday 18th March - Swim Squad training
- Thursday 19th March - Kainui Swimming Sports, Year 5-8, at the Lido
- Tuesday 24th March - Sarah from Horizons Regional Council, Stream Study
- Monday 30th March - Teacher Only Day
- Tuesday 31st March - Manawatu Netball Skills Session 2
- Tuesday 7th April - Manawatu Netball Skills Session 3
- Thursday 9th April - Last day of Term 1

Community Notices...



Ashhurst Pohangina Football Club Incorporated

Online Registrations through COMET for the 2020 season open on Saturday 29th February.

Past Players have received an email from Central Body.

Registrations will also be held at Ashhurst School
In Room 15 on

Friday 6th March from 3:15pm-4:15pm

Saturday 7th March from 10am-11am

Old and New Players welcome at Registration

Any enquiries please email ashhurstjuniorfc@gmail.com

Or Like and message us on facebook

**Raumai Reserve Clean-up is
this Saturday, 10am to
12pm**

Coronavirus Update

Kia ora Awahou School community,

Many of you will be aware that three of the five cases of COVID-19 confirmed in New Zealand have had links to four school communities. I appreciate this could be unsettling for some of you so I wanted to provide you with an update.

It was very reassuring to read the information from the Auckland Regional Public Health Service that the children in these families are not showing any symptoms of COVID-19 and are doing well. Because the children continue to not show any symptoms, they were not infectious when they were at school and the Ministry of Health is confident there is no risk for the students and staff in those schools.

You will also be interested to know that research published by the World Health Organisation notes that children and young people under 18 account for only 2.4% of all reported cases of COVID-19. This means we are unlikely to see widespread cases in schools and early learning services in New Zealand.

The Ministry of Health's current advice is that with continued vigilance, the chance of widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low. So we all have a role here to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

Our school staff remain well prepared for the possibility there might be a case in our community. If that were to occur we are confident we can put our plans in place and know we will be supported by regional health authorities and the Ministry of Education.

I am sure you are all keen to do what you can to prevent the risk of infection. The best preventative steps are:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments
- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish
- get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.

It is so important we continue to care for and support all members of our wonderful school community, especially those who may be impacted by COVID-19 in some way.

If you want to know more about COVID-19 please make sure that any reading you are doing is from a reliable source. The Ministry of Health is the best source of information for New Zealand and they update this information regularly -

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

A reminder that anyone who is ill should not be attending school.

The COVID-19 symptoms are a fever, coughing and difficulty breathing. If anyone has these symptoms and has recently been to a [country or area of concern](#), or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please encourage them to contact Healthline (for free) on [0800 358 5453](#) (or [+64 9 358 5453](#) for international SIMs) or their doctor immediately.

We continue to be provided with updates from the Ministry of Education via the Ministry of Health on a daily basis and will endeavour to keep you all updated on a regular basis.

Ngā mihi, Trudi



