



# AWHITU

## DISTRICT SCHOOL



Tuesday 7th May 2019 Week 2 Term 2

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### School News

The Board of Trustees Triennial Elections are coming up. For your information, there is a letter from the board outlining the election process going home with this letter today. Any questions or queries please contact Sally Clegg, Board Chairperson mobile 0272724866.

If your child is interested in joining the Waiuku Primary School's combined Kapa Haka group there is a practice every Wednesday at the Waiuku College Whare from 3.30pm-4.30pm. Talk with Whaea Ariana if you need more information.



It is Bullying-Free NZ week next week. The theme this year is 'Whakanuia Tōu Āhua Ake! Celebrating Being Us!' We are having a "Pink Shirt Day" on Friday 17 May to celebrate this. Pink Shirt day is a global day that celebrates diversity and creates environments where all people can feel safe, valued and respected. Students are encouraged to wear something pink on this day. With those values in mind, we are starting each day with a karakia and

waiata. We are learning this process together, as the karakia and waiata acknowledge the environment, natural elements and each other. It is a respectful and inclusive practice. The intention is to enhance and enrich our learning and understanding of Te Ao Maori or Maori worldview. We appreciate your support and aroha.

Also this week, on Thursday 16 May, it is International Support Staff Personnel Day. Support staff are so valuable and do an incredibly, amazing job at schools everywhere. They support teachers, students and schools in so many ways. We appreciate them everyday, but it's always good to make a special day just to celebrate them! Next time you see Nona, Lisa, Tania, Jacqui, Anau or Wanida tell them how much we appreciate them! Everybody is welcome to attend our first school assembly for Term 2 this Friday at 1.45pm.

**A PUM (paid union meeting) for Primary School Teachers and Principals is scheduled for this Wednesday 8th May at 1.30pm in Waiuku. Teachers who belong to the NZEI, will be attending this meeting, therefore normal teaching and learning programmes will happen in the morning until lunch break. In the afternoon 1.30-2.30pm, students will be supervised by the remaining staff. School will not be closed and buses will run as normal. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.**



### Reminders

- The **SCHOOL POOL** was officially closed on 1st May so could you please return your Pool Tag this week for a \$10 refund. Thanks.
- **SCHOOL LUNCHES** are available on Monday and Friday each week. Please send the lunch order to the school office before school on these days.



### **What's Coming Up:**

- Yr 7/8 Technology dates: Fri 17 May / Fri 31 May / Fri 14 June / Fri 28 June
- Mother's Day Sunday 12 May
- Pink Shirt Day 17 May
- Queen's Birthday holiday Monday 3 June
- Rotary Speech Competitions Wednesday 3 July
- Last day of Term 2 Friday 5 July
- Term 3 starts Monday 22 July

- The Yummy Sticker promotion has kicked off again for this year, so a good time to remind everyone to collect Yummy stickers and bag cut-outs. Stickers are due in at the end of Term 3 (Friday 27 September). Meanwhile crunch on some Yummy apples. Collect your 'Sticker Collection Sheets' from the school office.
- The school has also entered the Anchor Milk Bottle Top competition. Please bring in all your clean Anchor Milk bottle tops. Ask family to save their Anchor bottle tops for Awhitu School. This competition runs until the 10th June. There are great prizes up for grabs, so drink as much Anchor milk as you can!

**Nga mihi nui**

**Have a great week and take care. From the Team at Awhitu District School**

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## **COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**

### **FRANKLIN BASKETBALL**

#### **Hoopsters Beginner Program-Waiuku - Tuesday's starting 7<sup>th</sup> May**

- Years 1-8 at School
- 4:00-5:00pm
- Aka Aka School Hall
- \$92 per term, includes basketball & T-shirt

#### **Hoopsters Beginner Program-Pukekohe - Monday's starting 6<sup>th</sup> May**

- Yrs 1-4 from 4:00-5:00pm
- Yrs 5-8 from 5:00-6:00pm
- Franklin Pool & Leisure
- \$92 per term, includes basketball & T-shirt

#### **Free Girls Only Program - Wednesday's starting 8<sup>th</sup> May**

- School Yrs 4-8
- 4:00-5:30pm approx (number dependent)
- Franklin Pool & Leisure
- For more information or to register please check out [www.franklinbasketball.org.nz](http://www.franklinbasketball.org.nz)

**SUPAKIDS** for children in years 1-6 is held in the school library after school between 2.30-4.00pm - a six week programme starting on May 13<sup>th</sup>, with games, activities and Bible. This term's focus is on EXCELLENCE, with stories from the adventures of the Apostle Paul.

**SURGE** for students in years 6-8 is held in the Pavilion after school between 2.30-4.00pm – six Mondays per term, starting May 13<sup>th</sup> with action packed games, Bible and life application discussions. This term's focus is on RESPECT and COURAGE, following the inspiring story of Queen Esther of Persia.

We acknowledge that families work hard to bring up children to be kind, thoughtful and to make good decisions. The **SUPAKIDS and SURGE After School Clubs** at Awhitu School aim to support mums and dads in bringing up awesome kids. Kids don't need to be church goers to benefit from the positive impact that these clubs have. There is no cost. However, the children need to bring along a permission slip from the school office. Parents are welcome to come along too and check out the games, activities and teaching. The leaders for these clubs are endorsed by Scripture Union and are members of local and Waiuku churches. For more information please contact **Suzy Kirkaldy on 021 833873**.