



AWHITU

DISTRICT SCHOOL



Monday 13 May 2019 Week 3 Term 2

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This week is Bullying-Free NZ 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 environment where all people can feel safe, valued and respected.

As a result from the PUMs (paid union meetings) that were held around the country last week, a Mega Teacher Strike day involving both primary and secondary teachers has been proposed for the 29th May. More information will be sent out to you if this does go ahead.



Let's Celebrate:

At our School Assembly on Friday, the following students were awarded certificates for a variety of achievements such as showing leadership, always making an outstanding effort, for hard work and demonstrating our PRIDE values.

Principal's Award: Eibhlin K, Rm 1 and Lainey V, Rm 4.

Pride Awards: **Rm 1:** Dhylan P and Kaziya S, **Rm 2:** Maesin C and Ewan Leeson, **Rm 3:** , **Rm 4:** Zoe Cullen and Xavier P, **Rm 6:** Evan L and Ellie H.

Class Awards: **Rm 1:** Cash E and Toby P, **Rm 2:** Holly C and Kiera A, **Rm 3:** , **Rm 4:** Samuel B and Eva J, **Rm 6:** Joel T and Aria W.

Enviro Award: Tommy H

Tidy Kiwi Award: Room 1

Well done to those students. Keep up the good work!

We welcomed Cole Beavins and Oliver Coleman and their families to Awhitu District School. Both boys started in Room 3 with Miss Sweeney. Welcome aboard!

Also at assembly on Friday Alexandra (Rm 1) created a visual recount using google slides about her holiday. Alex and her whanau travelled to Anaura Bay on Hinemoa, a traditional sailing wananga. It was awesome, thank you for sharing it with us! Follow on from that, Shane and Iona Warren came and shared their knowledge and experiences of traditional navigation when sailing Waka Hourua with Rooms 1 and 6 today. They were shown the star compass and learned about the compass points in a waiata.

Also, Charlie R (Rm 1) shared an impressive stop-motion presentation that he had made based around an ANZAC theme. It took 1456 pictures and the scenery was made from papier mache. Stop-motion is a cinematographic technique whereby the camera is repeatedly stopped and started, for example to give animated figures the impression of movement. Thanks Charlie!

**Reminders:**

- Technology for the Yr 7/8's is this Friday 17th May. Remember that students need to wear shoes for technology.
- Pink Shirt Day is on Friday 17th May so please encourage your child/ren to wear something pink!
- 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.
- If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the school office by phone, txt or the school app. If we aren't notified of an absence, the student is marked as being truant by the Ministry of Education.

**What's Coming Up...**

- BOT elections. Nomination forms were mailed out last week to all families. Nominations close on the 24th May.
- PTA Meeting at 6.30pm tonight, 13th May, in the staffroom.
- BOT Meeting at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th May at school.
- Franklin Zone Football Days for Yrs 3-8 are scheduled for next week. If your child is involved in this, they will receive a letter home from Whaea Sandy.

Have a great week and take care. Join us for a karakia and waiata each Monday morning in the Pavilion at 8.25am.

**Nga mihi nui
From the team at Awhitu District School**

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD**NIGHT BADMINTON -OPENING NIGHT**

MAY 14th TUESDAY NIGHTS 7-9 PM @ MATAKAWAU HALL
YEAR 8 AND OVER. ALL WELCOME.
RACKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM BADMINTON CLUB FOR BEGINNERS
COME ALONG WITH THE FAMILY