



AWHITU

DISTRICT SCHOOL



Monday 20th May 2019 Week 4 Term 2

Ph: 09 2351005

School News



Thank you for supporting "Pink Shirt" day on Friday. It was great to see so many children wearing pink!

Good luck to those children who are participating in the Franklin Zone Football days this week. There is one Yr 3/4 team, one Yr 5/6 team and 2 Yr 7/8 teams. Good luck to all of you.



What's Coming Up:

- Yr 7/8 Technology dates: Fri 31 May / Fri 14 June / Fri 28 June
- 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!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On Wednesday 29th May there is a proposed strike by the primary school teachers, secondary school teachers and principals. This means that the school will be closed for instruction on that day. I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern and we simply do not have enough teaching staff to open the school safely. I will confirm if the strike is definitely on as soon as possible, but it is important to give you plenty of notice for you to make alternative arrangements for your child/ren on that day. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Calf Club Update

We have been given the go ahead to hold calf club again this year. The confirmed date will be out next week. All calves must have come from a local farmers properties.

Under no circumstances will they be allowed to attend if purchased from the sale yards. Nat tag numbers and movement control forms will be required with entry forms.

M Bovis seems like a distant issue, someone else's problem. Well it's not. It is up to us to protect our farming community. Several years ago our farm contracted TB after a Waiuku farmer didn't follow protocol. Different disease but the same result. I can not begin to describe what it is like to watch your seemly healthy animals get slaughtered, to have to start all over again financially, to endure more government red tape humanly possible and to have your neighbours treat you like lepers. My concern for this community does not come from media hype or from being ill informed, it comes from brutal experience. I will monitor the red flagged farms and keep up to date with how the issue is processing in our area.

Early Calf 1.6-15.7

Late calf 16.7-31.8

Early lamb 1.7-12.8

Late lamb 13.8-23.9

Chicken order forms will come home soon.

Regards

Charlotte Kelly



Reminders

- If your child is going to be absent from school please contact the school office 09 2351005, txt 0278042608 or email admin@awhitu.school.nz. This can all be done through Awhitu District School Skool Loop App. Download this free app now.
- If we aren't notified of an absence, the student is marked as being truant by the Ministry of Education.
- **SCHOOL LUNCHES** are available on Monday and Friday each week. Please send the lunch order to the school office before school on these days.

It is really disappointing that there has been a few acts of vandalism happening around school lately. Please report any suspicious behaviours you may come across to the school and/or the Police USE 105 non-emergency or go online to [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.105.police.govt.nz), so we can keep our school safe. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Nga mihi nui. Have a great week and take care. From the Team at Awhitu District School