



Monday 9 September 2019 Week 8 Term 3

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This Week at School

We have 7 students in our school choir that will be performing in the Franklin School's Choir Festival. The festival is on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th September at the Pukekohe Town Hall at 6pm. If you would like to go to this performance, tickets are on sale and can be purchased until Wednesday morning, from the school office. They are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 16 years.

Once again we have contractors in the school for the next few weeks and during the school holidays. This time they are refurbishing Room's 1,2,3,4 and 5. These classrooms are getting new wall coverings, flooring and a paint. The toilets are also having a bit of an upgrade as well! Unfortunately it will cause some disruption as classes will have to vacate their rooms while the work is being done. On the upside, they'll have lovely fresh, new rooms to move back into! The fire alarm system is being upgraded over the holidays as well. It's all go!

Over the next two weeks, all the classes will be having some training delivered by St John about injury prevention. The key to injury prevention is becoming aware of potential hazards in the environment. It doesn't mean that students can't take risks, or shouldn't be able to go anywhere. It is about students being able to judge the level of risk and take steps to minimize the risk and therefore prevent injury. The aim of this module is for students to conclude that most injuries are preventable, and to identify methods for assessing and managing risk. We always hope that our students won't be injured. However, there are likely to be times during their lives when they are exposed to a potentially harmful situation, and they need to be able to think about prevention strategies for themselves and others, as well as ways to prevent further injury happening should an accident occur.

The Auckland Mobile Libraries Bus to Schools is visiting us again on Wednesdays 18th September; 30th October and 27th November. If students could bring their borrowed books back to return on these visitations. Also the bus is open to the public from 9.30-10am and again from 12.45-2pm. Books can be returned to the Waiuku Library or any Auckland Library as well as the bus.

On Friday 13 September, the Yr 5-8 students will be having puberty talks delivered by specialist teachers from NEST Consulting. A reminder letter is going home today about the Parent Evening that they hold on the Thursday night. This is a really valuable session with lots of parenting tips to guide you through the changing adolescent child. Please return the slip so I can let them know how many people will be attending. It starts at 6.30pm. Thanks.

We have mountains of lost property accumulating at school, despite being regularly put out for students to claim. At the end of the term, Whaea Elaine will take any lost property to a charity shop.

Unfortunately there will be no school assembly this week due to the St John's programme on Thursday and Friday's puberty talks for the Yr 5-8 classes..

For the Agricultural Day this year, each class will be creating some indoor exhibits at school. These will be on display at the Agricultural Day for you to have a look on Saturday 28 September. Your child's teacher will be sending home an information letter about what their class will be making.
Entry forms back to school asap. Thank you.

YUMMY APPLE STICKERS - Can you send your yummy apple stickers to school by **Wednesday 25th September** please, they have to be sent in to the Yummy Fruit Company Promotion by Friday 27th September. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER is on school website www.awhitu.school.nz and Awhitu District School 'Skool Loop'.



Reminders

- If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office by phone, text or use of the free school app. If we aren't notified of an absence, the student is marked as being truant by the Ministry of Education.

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What's Coming Up...

- Last Yr 7/8 Technology date for this term: **Friday 20 September**
- Franklin Choir Festival: **Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 September**
- Yr 5-8 NEST Consulting Parent Information Evening: **Thursday 12 September at 6.30pm**
- MathEx: **Thursday 19 September**
- End of Term 3: **Friday 27 September**
- Agricultural Day: **Saturday 28 September**

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