



AWHITU

DISTRICT SCHOOL



Tuesday 29 October 2019 Week 3 Term

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This Week at School

I hope everyone enjoyed a safe and restful Labour Day holiday. It was great to have some sunny, settled weather to enjoy the weekend with!

The Mobile Library bus will be at school on Wednesday. You are welcome to visit between 9.30-10am and 1.30- 2pm.

SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE - PARENT SURVEY

The Auckland Library Service is providing a Community Based Mobile Library Service for our school and they have asked for parent feedback in the form of an online survey. They wish to look at the 'Waka to Schools' programme and assess how it is going so they can start planning what they are going to do in 2020. The online address (URL) is: Parent survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B37ZLPW> (closes 11pm Friday 1 November 2019).

Just a reminder that casual travel into Waiuku on the bus is no longer possible due to overcrowding. Waipipi School students have first priority as it is their bus run. Our students can travel to Waipipi School, but will need to be picked up from there and taken into Waiuku. Out-of-Zone families pay \$40 for one student per term and \$60 for a family of 2 or more per term. One-off casuals that travel to Gordon Rd or Waipipi School, the bus fee is \$2 per student. All students will need a bus card from Lisa at the school office.

BUS BAYS - Please do not park in the Bus Bay Area when at school or at the Te Toro Hall where the school buses stop. These areas need to be free from cars to safely let children get on and off the bus. Thank you.



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: Walter Harris, Room 4 and Eibhlin Keenan, Room 1.

Pride Awards:

Rm 1: Susie Williams and Eibhlin Keenan	Rm 2: Holly Clifford and Caitlyn Piper
Rm 3: Hawaiki Goodwin	Rm 4: Keenan Bowden and Alexis de Lacey
Rm 6: Korrin Millet and Jacob McDonald	

Class Awards:

Rm 1: Lydia Allen and Dhylen Po	Rm 2: Sienna Allnatt and Maraea Heremaia
Rm 3: Tommy McGlynn and Oscar Pearce	Rm 4: Andre Tumahai-Odgear and Jett Atiga
Rm 6: Emma Cleave and Connor Watson	

Enviro Award: Ms Scott

Tidy Kiwi Award: Room 1

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

We would also like to welcome Andre Tumahaia.... Welcome to Awhitu District School.

At our School Assembly on Friday, **Te Whanau Honu, Room 3**, shared some interesting information about **Ancient Egypt**. They are learning about the celebrations and customs of that amazing ancient civilisation.



Te Whanau Mokomoko, Room 2 shared some poetry that the students have written:

The Basant Kite Festival

The kites fly above...whooshing



The people of Punjab say "come back "come back "!"
The people look up, they see the kites flying high in the moonlit night...
They drop their puddings and their spiced up rice, they run for their kites flying through the moonlit night.
The kites go faster... the fun... the freedom... they never give up.
The people stop... the kites turn back... they land gently on the land.
The people cheer, they joyously lift their kites into the air
The kites are controlled once again.
the festival was saved.... it carried on in the moonlit night...

by Evelyn Allnatt

Every morning I usually sleep in, but today is different. I jump out of bed and get myself ready in a mustard and red dress and then I wake up everybody else.

The Basant Kite Festival is happening in Punjab. It is the start of Spring.
One at a time we go up the ladder with our kites and we wait for the wind to come.



Flying Kites in Punjab

Suddenly *whoosh*... our kites go flying.

Flying kites is the tradition on Punjab day.
I can hear the sound of children laughing with joy as they happily play with their kites.
I see different kinds of patterns on the kites. They have polka dots, spirals and shapes and all sorts of other things.

This was the best day of my life.

by Sienna Allnatt



Reminders

- Technology for the Yr 7/8's is this Friday 1st November. **Remember that students need to wear shoes for technology.**
- ***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...

- Remaining Yr 7/8 Technology dates for Term 4: **1 November, 15 November, 29 November.**
- BOT Meeting: **Tuesday 29 October at 5.30pm**
- Awhitu School Athletics Day: **Tuesday 5 November**
- Book Fair: **Monday 11th - Friday 15th November**
- Yr 8 Social: **Thursday 12 December**

COMMUNITY NEWS

• **Waiuku Athletics Club**

Registrations for the 2019/2020 athletics season are now open. The first club night is on Monday 14 October. Fees for this season are: 2 - 6 year old - \$35; 7 - 14 year old - \$80; and 15 and over - \$100. To register, please click on

<https://memberdesq.onesporttechnology.com/3320>

There is an information evening from 5pm to 6pm on Monday 16 September at the Waiuku Netball Club rooms. The committee will be on hand to answer any queries you may have about the season, club nights, competitions, registrations or anything else you need to know about the club. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the club's President, Paul Gardiner on waiukuathletics@outlook.co.nz or phone/text 021 220 6450.

• **KIDSAFTERSCHOOL - KAS October Holiday Programme**

We are so excited to be offering a new look holiday programme with half day options now available and discounts when you book for a full week, 7am to 6pm. Kids After School celebrates its 21st birthday, so we are ending the holidays with a special party. Situated in six locations throughout Franklin, we are sure to have something for everyone. To see what other exciting activities we have to offer and to book, visit us at: www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Any questions please call our office on 09 236 4078 MSD Social Sector Level 3 Accreditation WINZ subsidies available for eligible families.

• **CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET - Perfect for presents**

Looking for Christmas present ideas? Wanting unique handmade gifts? See if there is something to tempt you at our very first Christmas Market! WHEN: Saturday 23 November 2019 TIME: 9.30am-12.30pm WHERE: Waiuku Library front carpark.

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