



AWHITU

DISTRICT SCHOOL

Empowering our students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE



Monday 2nd December 2019 Week 8 Term 4

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Just two weeks left of school! All the students are still busy with their learning and enjoying the warm weather as they swim in the pool each day. Jacqui will continue to take our students for swimming lessons next year. We are so lucky to have her expertise to ensure all our students learn to swim, develop confidence and safety in the water.



Next week, on Tuesday 10th December, the PTA are putting on a lunch-time sausage sizzle for all the children, free of charge. Thank you so much!

The Yr 8's have several events coming up to mark the end of their primary school days. These include a "Big Day In" where they will have a sleep-over at school, the Graduation Dinner this Friday night and the Social Dance at Waiuku College on Thursday 12th December. Thanks to Mrs Williams and many parents who are busy organising these special events.

Thank you to all the families who sent in "Yummy" stickers off their bags of fruit. The school has benefitted by \$225.00 and we have bought some more tennis and hand balls and elastics for the PE shed. Great work. Keep collecting them for next year!

Remember that our School Prize-giving is on Wednesday 11 December, starting at 6pm. Please be there by 5.45pm so we can organise the children and be ready for a 6pm start. Thank you.

Every year it is a Ministry of Education requirement to hold a consultation with our school community about the Health and P.E. Curriculum. Attached is a survey for you to fill out and return please. Thank you.

As the school year draws to a close and the hot, humid weather prevails, children tend to get tired and scratchy, so please talk to your children about the school PRIDE values and general acceptable behaviour, so we can have a really positive end to the term. Also at this time of year, there is much more traffic around, so please talk to your children about road safety and looking out for traffic, especially as they cross roads and get off the school buses.

Attached is also a note from Jacqui Waldegrave regarding the Fulton Swim School Triathlon and swimming lessons.

CHRISTMAS TREES - you can order at the school office, locally grown Christmas Trees. The Cost is \$30.00 and the school receives \$5 for each tree sold. Collection of your tree is this Sunday coming the 8th December at 10am from the Awhitu School Bus Bay.

NEWSLETTER is on school website www.awhиту.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.

The Skool Loop App

- The free school app you will love! Communicate immediately and effectively with your school smartphone app.
- Streamlines all of your school communications to your school community.
- send newsletters, instant messages, notices, school events etc to the school parents in one quick convenient, easy way!
- The Skool Loop App is fully functional and absolutely free to schools.



What's Coming Up...

- Yr 8 "Big Day In": **Monday night, 9 December**
- Optional Christmas Story: **Tuesday 10 December at 1.30pm**
- School Prize Giving: **Wednesday 11 December at 6pm in the Matakawau Hall**
- Reports home: **Thursday 12 December**
- Yr 8 Social Dance: **Thursday 12 December at 7.30pm in the Waiuku College Hall**
- Yr 6 Technology Orientation Day: **Friday 13 December 9-10.30am at View Road School**
- Last day of school: **Friday 13 December at 12pm**

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

Matakawau Boating Club Inc. c/- 7 Duncan Road RD4, Awhitu 2684. We are holding our annual Family Fishing Competition in early January 2020, and we would love to invite the children at school to help us out with some advertising posters!

Calling all kid artists! We would like your help! We are looking for some cool posters to help advertise the event in local businesses in and around Franklin, and on our Facebook page. Posters need to be A3 or A4 size, and able to be scanned and colour copied, and say 'Matakawau Boat Club Family Fishing Competition 2020!'. A space of 10cm x 10cm needs to be left on it somewhere for us to add some details. All the rest is up to you to be creative!!

Posters will be needed by the 7th December, and can be dropped off at Bhanas Foodmarket, or straight to us at 7 Duncan Road, Matakawau. Don't forget to put your name and contact details on the back! We will have a free sausage and drink for all the artists on the fishing day).

Interested? Be in touch with us at matakawauboaclub@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook!



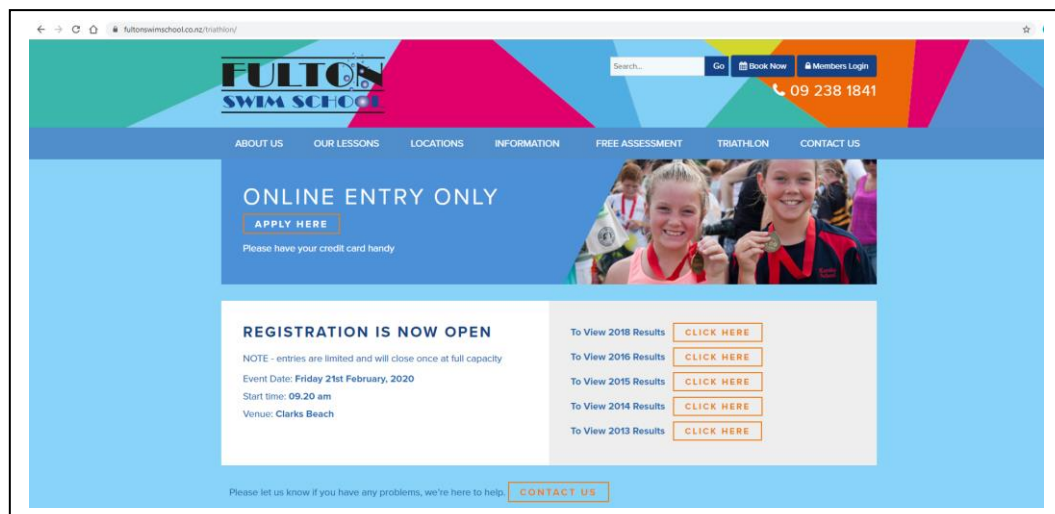
AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL

Tuesday 3 December 2019

Dear Parents and caregivers,

Just to let you know that Fulton Swim School Triathlon date is Friday 21st February 2020.

To register you will need to go online www.fultonswimschool.co.nz



It's an amazing event and in the past Awhitu School has had an average of 20 students attend this event. Students who are keen should do some training over the holidays.

When school starts in February 2020, students will train during lunchtimes. I also hope to have students do some training at the ARC Park Brook Rd, this will involve parents help with transport etc.

Students need to swim, bike and run and of course any parents may join in too.

Here is my Summer Swimming Lessons

- A block week (Monday 13 January through to Friday 17 January 2020) at the School Swimming Pool Complex. Each swimming session is (half hour) 30 minutes @ \$10 per lesson.
- After School Swimming Lessons. Probably on Mondays immediately after school.

Any queries please contact Jacqui Waldegrave 02102379566.

Kind regards

Jacqui Waldegrave