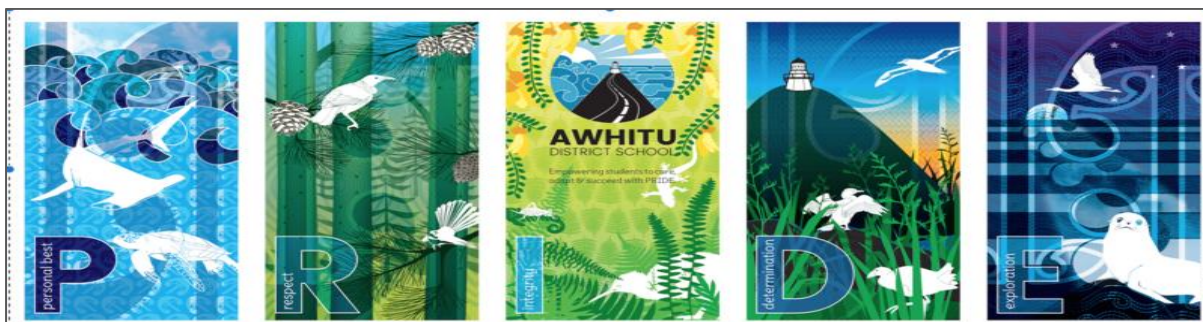




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Monday 9th December 2019 Week 9 Term 4

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I can't believe this is the final newsletter for the 2019 school year and the last week of School and Christmas is just around the corner! I hope you are better prepared for it than I am! Where has the year gone?

We had an amazing Yr 8 Graduation Dinner last Friday night. It was a night of celebration and everyone was incredibly proud to see our Yr 8 students present memories of their time here at Awhitu District School. Our future is in very good hands with students of such a high calibre growing up to be our leaders. Thank you to Jenny, Kiri, Sigrid, Lisa, Maria, Sarah, Charlotte and Tracey. On the night we were so lucky to have Dean and Tracey prepare a most delicious meal. They were assisted by Megan, Laura, Leah and Lulu. Thanks also to

Fiona MacDonald for the beautiful flowers from her garden. It was a special evening, we owe them a huge thank you as we couldn't have done it without you.

The Yr 8's have two more events coming up to mark the end of their primary school days. These include a "Big Night In" where they will have a sleep-over at school and the Yr 8 Social Dance at Waiuku College on Thursday 12th December.



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! We will have some fun activities for the children as well on Tuesday. Bring your togs!

The optional Christmas Story is at 1pm on Tuesday afternoon for the children who have returned permission slips to school.

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.

The **Yr 6's will be going into View Road School on Friday 13th December for their Technology orientation lessons.** They will leave school by bus at 8.30am and return at 11am. Please make sure you have returned your permission slip to Ms Scott.

Every year it is a Ministry of Education requirement to hold a consultation with our school community about the Health and P.E. Curriculum. Last week there was a survey for you to fill out and return. There are spare copies at the office if you would like one. Thanks.

The children finish on Friday 13th at 12pm and school buses will be there then. There will not be any school lunch orders that day though.

We start back at school on Monday 3rd February. The 2020 term dates are as follows:

Term 1: Monday 3rd February - Thursday 9th April

Term 2: Tuesday 28th April - Friday 3rd July

Term 3: Monday 20th July - Friday 25th September

Term 4: Monday 12th October - Tuesday 15th December (TBC)

We are lucky to have the same staff next year. Mrs Williams will be teaching Yr 7 & Yr 8's, Ms Scott will be teaching Yr 5 & Yr 6's, Whaea Sandy will be teaching Yr 3 & Yr 4's, Whaea Elaine will be teaching Yr 2's and Miss Sweeney will be teaching the NE/Yr 1 class.

I'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of our amazing students and parents of the school and members of our community. Thank you to all of the people that have volunteered their time and effort to make our school so successful and a better place. It is appreciated so much.

Thank you to our amazing PTA members for your amazing energy, all of your fundraising efforts, and your continued support. What a wonderful, talented team of people you are. Thank you.

Thank you also to our wonderful BOT: Cheney McGlynn, Kerry Torpey, Leigh Maffey, Andrew Johnston and Sharon Scott. You continually hold the children in the heart of all of your decision making. Thank you for your time, effort, and coming in at the drop of a hat to fix pumps, drains and anything else that is needed!

Thank you to our amazing hard working and caring staff: Jenny Williams, Jessica Sweeney, Elaine Kauta'i, Sharon Scott, Sandy Newman, Nona King, Lisa Pritchard, Tania Torpey, Lynn Smith, Jacqui Waldegrave, Wanida Khwaising and Anau Kauta'i. You are an amazing team. Thanks for another great year.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our graduating students and those students and families that are leaving us this year, all the very best for the future. Please come and visit!

THE SCHOOL POOL has finally been checked and is now open to the wider community. \$70 with \$10 refund when pool tag is returned by 1 May 2020. Some pool tags were not returned last year, if it is lost, you will need to pay \$20 for that and get a new pool tag issued @ \$70. Please read and sign the Swimming Pool Contract.



What's Coming Up...

- Yr 8 "Big Night In": **Monday night, 9 December**
- PTA BBQ lunch: **Tuesday 10 December at 12pm**
- Optional Christmas Story: **Tuesday 10 December at 1pm**
- 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**
- School begins: **Monday 3rd February 2020**

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

WHERE: POLLOK HALL WHEN: THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER TIME: 7PM. ALL VERY WELCOME. Come and sing along with the St. Andrews Choir followed by tea and coffee, a biscuit and a chat. *Gold coin donation for the Food Bank.*

Finally, we all would like to wish all our school families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

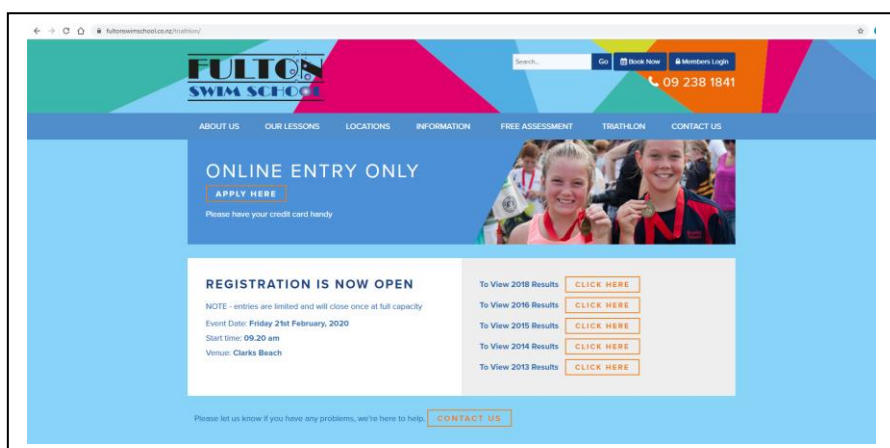
Nga mihi nui - From the team at Awhitu District School



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 W.