



AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering our students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

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Welcome back

Happy new year everyone. I hope everyone in our school community had a great holiday break and were able to enjoy time with friends and family.

Here at Awhitu District School we are excited for a new “settled” year and we are all ready to go for the new 2021 school year. We have two new teaches to introduce to you this year and some of the same awesome and dedicated staff as last year:

Teaching Staff 2020

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| Megan Allen | Principal |
| Elaine Kauta'i | Deputy Principal (Room 2 Year 3/4) |
| Anne Egan/Paul Humphrey | R5 Teacher (Year 5/6) |
| Jessica Sweeney | R3 Teacher (Year 0/1) |
| Deby Andrews | R4 Teacher (Year 2/3) |
| Jenny Williams | R6 Teacher (Year 7/8) |

Anne Egan is relieving for Sharon Scott. Sharon Scott has decided to take a year's leave so she can be with her children and grandchildren in Australia. Anne is working 4 days a week and Paul Humphrey is back to work one day a week. We are excited for Sharon and wish her well and look forward to having her back again next year. Deby Andrews is joining the staff and will be teaching the Year 2 and 3's in Room 4. Again, we are privileged to have Mrs Nona King as our Office Manager, Mrs Lisa Pritchard as our Accounts Administrator and Teacher Aide, Tania Torpey returning as our Librarian and Teacher Aide, Jacqui Waldegrave as the School Sports Coach and Lyn Smith keeping our resources in order. Our grounds and buildings are being kept in great shape by our Caretaker, Anau Kauta'i and everything is kept spic and span by our cleaner, Wanida Khiawsing.

The Awhitu District School Board of Trustees for 2020:

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| Chairperson: | Cheney McGlynn |
| Principal: | Megan Allen |
| Staff Rep: | New Appointment |
| Members: | Kerry Torpey, Andrew Johnston, Leigh Maffey |

The BOT would like to advise school families that Awhitu District School has opted into the School Donations Scheme again for 2021. This means the school will not be asking for school fees this year.

Over the summer holidays we have had an “Outdoor Learning Area” developed between the school library and Room 4. It is looking amazing and has incorporated features of the Manukau Harbour in it's design. Shade sails over the area will provide shelter from the sun and make it perfect for working outside.

We hope everyone is still enjoying using the school pool in the hot weather. Thank you to everyone who has been ensuring the changing rooms are left clean and tidy and there is no rubbish left around the pool area.

Please make sure your child has a hat to wear each day. The bucket hats give children the best protection from the sun during these hot summer days. It would also be appreciated if you could ***name your child's clothing*** to minimise the mountain of lost property that collects at the end of each week!

School starts on Thursday 4th February. Students will meet in the Pavilion at 8.30am.

Ngā mihi nui from the team at Awhitu District School