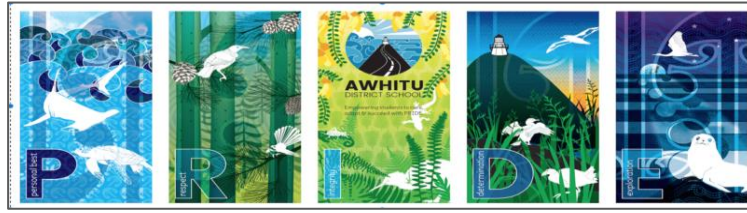




AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt & succeed with PRIDE

Week 7 Term 2, 14 June 2022

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Kia ora everyone

What a blustery and wintery day yesterday! Thank you to those parents who picked up their children early from school when we lost power. However, the power was restored earlier than we had anticipated. Hopefully the weather will improve as the week goes on!

Awhitu District School would like to extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families. Welcome to Annabelle(Toroa), Kourtney(Tui) and Everleigh(Kiwi) Austin. Also a warm welcome to Alex Badhan(Honu) and Ariel Williamson(Tui). We hope you enjoy your time at Awhitu District School.

Don't forget the Teacher Only Day on the 27th June. This is for professional development for the staff that is needed to implement the New Zealand Histories Curriculum in 2023. School will be closed to students for the day.

Teachers have noticed some 'unkind behaviour' in the playground lately. To support a more positive playground culture, we are implementing a programme called "Quality Circle Time". Quality Circle Time (QCT) is a very exciting, democratic and creative approach used to support teachers to work with pupils in managing issues that affect the whole learning community. Teaching staff, children, support staff, parents can all be actively involved. QCT has proved successful in promoting better relationships and helps with positive behaviour management, two of the most effective improvements to both learning and the smooth and harmonious running of a school. Quality Circle Time brings just the right blend of structure, enjoyment and learning!

We have the support of our Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB's). They have introduced this programme to the teachers, they have surveyed students and teachers and have modelled to the teachers how it is implemented in the classroom. The whole school will hold QCT at the same time every Monday.



Some senior students have volunteered their time on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes to support and supervise students in the "Kupe" Room (Room 1) playing board games, card games etc with them. If you have any board games, jigsaw puzzles etc that are complete, and you don't want them anymore, we'd be happy to take them off your hands and use them at school. Thanks so much!

Students are busy working and crafting their speeches in class at present. Speeches are done by all students, which gives them lots of practice and experience, so by the time they reach Yr 7 & 8, they are well prepared to compete in the annual Rotary Waiuku Schools' Speech Competition. Each school sends the winner of their Yr 7 & 8 Senior School Speech competition to compete in this competition. This year it is being held on Wednesday 29th June. Our Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 Speech Competition will be held at 10.15am in the pavilion on Wednesday 22nd June.

WAIUKU COLLEGE ENROLMENT OPEN EVENING - Wednesday 22nd June

- It will run from 4:30 to 6:30pm
- Parents/caregivers and prospective students will be given a map on arrival with the areas that will be open during the night
- There will be students around assisting those that need support
- At 6pm all will moved towards the Gym where the Principal will talk to everyone

School assemblies are usually held every second Friday at 1.50pm. Because of Matariki and Yr 7/8 technology, the next assembly is on Friday the 8th July.

Let's Celebrate



At our School Assembly last 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.

Pride Awards

Te Whanau Mokomoko: Zac and Walter
Te Whanau Honu: Kaitlin and Api
Te Whanau Kiwi: Joshua and Trey Boy
Te Whanau Tui : Bonnie, Eden and Kyah
Te Whanau Toroa: Maddix and Annabelle

Class Awards

Te Whanau Mokomoko: Te Hira and Sophie
Te Whanau Honu: Layne and Taufa
Te Whanau Kiwi: Boston and Carter
Te Whanau Tui: Kourtney and Ariel
Te Whanau Toroa: Kingston and Lexi

Each Monday morning we have a Karakia at 8.35am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday 22nd June	Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 Speech Competition
Friday 24th June	Matariki Day Public Holiday
Monday 27th June	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 29th June	Rotary Yr 7/8 Waiuku Schools' Speech Competition
Yr 7/8 Technology date	Friday 1st July
Friday 8th June	School reports will be issued.
End of Term 2	Friday 8th July at 2.30pm

Nga mihi nui
Megan Allen and the staff at Awhitu District School

Community Notices



**Āwhitu is going Batty! Community Event and Land care AGM
Saturday 18 June from 2.15pm in Awhitu School Pavilion, Matakawau**

Come and join us for an entertaining and informative afternoon

- 2.15 Tour of our native plant nursery and a brief introduction to the revegetation programme 'Te Korowai o Papatūānuku'
- 3.00 Listen to respected bat expert Ben Paris, aka 'Batman', speaking about Pekapeka, the native bat that not only won Forest & Bird 2022 Bird of the Year award but has recently been recorded on the Āwhitu Peninsula
- 4.00 Find out about an inspiring local revegetation project case study
- 4.15 Afternoon tea and a chance to catch up on the work of Āwhitu Land care over the past year. You can also pick up a free copy of Āwhitu Land care's recently published Ecology Report
- 4.45 Āwhitu Land care's Annual General Meeting. More members are always welcome for the committee or other volunteer opportunities