



AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL



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Week 8 Term 2, 21st June 2022

School Phones: 092351005 or mobile: 0275247338

Kia ora everyone

Remember this Friday 24th June is the first Matariki public holiday and school will be closed.

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

There are a lot of particularly nasty winter bugs circulating in school at the moment and there are many children away sick. Yesterday there were 58 children absent. Thank you for keeping your children home if they are unwell but please remember to notify the school and let us know if they are going to be absent from school each day. Text our school mobile 0275247338 or fill out the Absence on Skool Loop and submit or phone the school office 09 2351005 and/or leave a message on the answerphone. If the school is not notified of an absence, the student is marked as being truant by the Ministry of Education and will be followed up by the Franklin Attendance Service officers. The MOE collects attendance data from the school on a weekly basis.

Also, several students across the school and one teacher have Covid-19. Please remember that if your child is a household contact and hasn't already had Covid-19, they are required to self isolate for 7 days to stop the spread of the virus. If they test negative on Day 7, and are symptom free, they can return to school on Day 8. If you are unsure, please contact Healthline for advice on 0800 358 5453.

Schools across Auckland have been hit particularly hard with these illnesses and many have had to close classes and/or split classes across the school as there are no relievers to teach classes when teachers are away. We have been very lucky so far to keep all classes open, but at times, only just!

Our school app is available at any time to download and very user friendly as well.

[The Skool Loop App](#)

- **The Skool Loop App is fully functional and absolutely free to schools. Please make sure you turn the app on when you download it onto your phone.**

Reminder - AFTER SCHOOL BUS CHANGE

If after school travel arrangements change for your child/ren, could you please notify the school by 2pm for bus messages as the end of school bell rings at 2.25pm and teachers mark their bus lists at this time. Thank you.

YUMMY STICKERS Don't forget to keep collecting the "Yummy" stickers from your fruit and send them in. The more we get, the more PE sports gear for your children.

Calf Club 2022: A notice went home yesterday asking for support for the annual Awhitu District School Calf Club event. If you didn't receive one, there are copies in the school office. If your child was away sick, they can pick one up on their return to school. The notice is on the Skool Loop app as well. The date has not yet been set, but is usually around the last week of Term 3. If you can help please contact Kiri Torpey on 027 251 0004. Thank you.

From the PTA : Special General Meeting on Tuesday 5 th July @ 7pm to discuss the future of the School PTA.



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!

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 for Yr 8 whanau- 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

Dates to Remember	
Wednesday 22nd June	Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 Speech Competition
Wednesday 22nd June	Waiuku College Enrolment Open Evening
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
Tuesday 5th July	PTA Special General Meeting
Friday 8th July	School Assembly and End of Term 2. School reports will be issued.

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

Awhitu District School Calf Club

Dear Parents,

It's time to start thinking about Calf Club 2022 and whether your children would like to raise and train an animal or pet. This is a really fun day for our kids and their families and results in the kids learning a lot of important skills like caring for and training animals, growing plants and using their creativity and imagination in the art sections. They also learn the importance of everyone coming together and helping in different ways to make the day special and enjoyable. So let's make this day happen!

With just a little help from everyone, we can make this an awesome day for our kids, our families, and our community.

Here's how you can help:

We need to get a Calf Club Team together. I'd love some people to help me with the organising of our Calf Club. There are six key sections that need to be organised. We will need a couple of people to oversee each section:

1. Farm Animals & dogs
2. Small Pets & Chickens
3. Art & Plants
4. Café
5. BBQ
6. Raffles

If you would like to help, please fill in the form below and send into the office ASAP. If you have any questions please txt or call me on 027 251 0004. I will be in touch once I receive your slips from the office.



KIRI TORPEY & Awhitu District School

Area	Name	Phone No.
Farm Animals & Dogs		
Small Pets & chickens		
Art & Plants		
Café		
BBQ		
Raffles		