



# AWHITU

## DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt & succeed with PRIDE

Week 1 Term 3 25th July 2022

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Kia ora everyone

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone managed to enjoy some great times with your children over the school holiday break. It certainly is a bit wet today though!

**Mask wearing in schools across Aotearoa:** Yesterday a letter was sent home from the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health strongly in support of students and teachers from Yr 4 up to wear masks in all indoor settings at school. **This is not a mandate.** If you do not wish your chil/ren to wear a mask at school, that is absolutely fine.

School assemblies are held every second Friday at 1.50pm. **The next assembly is on Friday the 15th August.**

### Let's Celebrate



At our School Assembly on the last Friday of Term 2, 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: Zoe and Sequoia

Te Whanau Honu: Olivia and Layne

Te Whanau Kiwi: Aesha and Koda

Te Whanau Tui : Aiden and Samuel

Te Whanau Toroa: Litisha and Renee

### Class Awards

Te Whanau Mokomoko: Zac and Walter

Te Whanau Honu: Judah and Te Arepa

Te Whanau Kiwi: Trey W and Briar

Te Whanau Tui : Fern and Georgie

Te Whanau Toroa: Alexa and Holly

Each Monday morning we have a Karakia at 8.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Our students are still enjoying lots of kiwifruit at break times. These have been kindly donated by Punchbowl Kiwifruit Services from Glenbrook. **To show our gratitude and to help out families who are finding things challenging at the moment, there will be a collection of canned and non-perishable foods. These foods will be distributed by the organisation on our behalf. So please bring in these items by next Monday 1st August. Please donate any canned or bottled foods, packets of dried pasta etc. Thank you.**

[Watch "Term 2" on YouTube - by Kirstie Maclaine](#)

<https://youtu.be/0oy7u19QrKE>

**HOUSE SOCCER COMPETITION** was held in the last week of Term 2. All games were very close with the highest score being 1-0. The winning house team was Whanau Paratutae (Green).



## Reminders

***Don't forget the 3 Way Conferences this week on Thursday the 28th July.*** This is a time for you and your child to discuss their learning with their teacher. The booking sheet is on Skool loop and the website. Thank you to those parents that have already booked their conference time. You can ring the school office to make your booking for a 3-way conference with your child/rens teacher as well. School closes at the usual time and buses will run as normal. Students will be in Room 1 to wait for the bus or to be collected for their interview.

## What's Coming Up?

### Friday the 5th August

Our students will see a presentation: "NED's Mindset Mission".

#### About the Show:

NED's Mindset Mission is an interactive live streaming virtual, 45-minute all-school performance. We use storytelling, yoyo tricks, humour and audience participation to simplify big ideas about behaviour and character, presenting them in a way children understand and remember. Our performer will take your students on an adventure with NED, emphasising good choices and having a positive attitude along the way. Throughout his adventures, NED comes to realise there's a Champion in everyone!

NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for **Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best**. NED is simple, relatable and kid-focused.

### Netball Tournament



In Week 3, there is a Pukekohe Netball Tournament at the Pukekohe Netball Centre.

Wednesday 10th August:  
Yr 5/6

Thursday 11th August: Yr 7/8

More information about this from Mr Humphrey and Whaea Deb will be coming very soon!

### School Cross Country



It's that time of year for our annual Cross Country race. Students will be practising each day to get their fitness and endurance up! Please make sure children have suitable shoes

and a change of clothes if needed.

Our school event is on Tuesday 16th August, with the rain day on Thursday 18th August.

Mr Humphrey will be sending out more information and requests for parent help soon.

Group Day: Tuesday 23rd August (rain day Thursday 25th August)

### Calf Club Day

A big thanks to Kiri Torpey who is organising things again for Calf Club on Friday 30th September. It starts at 9am where the children get to bring their pets to school, participate in competitions and showcase their art and garden work. Parents, Grandparents and the Awhitu community are all welcome to pop in to check out the variety of pets and artwork while enjoying an early lunch from our café or BBQ tent. Raffles will be available and we may even have a cake raffle to raise funds for a class camp/day trip. It will be a great day for our school and the local community to reconnect after the lengthy lockdowns and separations of recent years. We look forward to seeing you!

Trophies Needed: If you are interested in helping Awhitu School out in some way, we are in need of a few Calf Club trophies to award the kids with for their efforts and dedication. Please contact Kiri Torpey Ph. 027 251 0004 for more information. Your help would be very much appreciated.

Remember to contact your child/ren's teacher in the first instance if you have any questions or concerns for any reason regarding your child/ren. Class newsletters will be coming home this week.

Miss Sweeney: Mokomoko (Rm 2): [jessicas@awhиту.school.nz](mailto:jessicas@awhиту.school.nz)

Mrs Dodd and Mrs Dillon: Honu (Rm 3): [sharded@awhиту.school.nz](mailto:sharded@awhиту.school.nz) and [lexid@awhиту.school.nz](mailto:lexid@awhиту.school.nz)

Mrs Andrews: Kiwi (Rm 4): [debya@awhиту.school.nz](mailto:debya@awhиту.school.nz)

Whaea Deb Torpey: Tui (Rm 5): [debrat@awhиту.school.nz](mailto:debrat@awhиту.school.nz)

Mrs Williams: Toroa (Rm 6): [jennyw@awhиту.school.nz](mailto:jennyw@awhиту.school.nz)

The safety of students on the School Bus is paramount. Dave, the bus driver, came and talked to the bus students at the end of last term to remind them of what is appropriate behaviour on the bus while he is driving. He explained that he needs to be able to drive safely and keep focused on



the roads at all times. He has had to stop the bus at times to tell the students to be quieter. Any inappropriate behaviour on the bus or at bus stops is unacceptable. Students get three warnings for minor incidents, but will be removed immediately from the bus for major incidents. This also includes our Yr 7/8 students travelling to and from View Road School for Technology. A reminder that phones, food and drinks need to be kept in school bags while students are on the school bus.

- Please inform the office if your child/ren will be absent from school or if their bus travelling arrangements change.
- Bringing toys to school to play with is discouraged, as is wearing jewellery that could get caught on playground structures and equipment.
- Please keep collecting the “Yummy” stickers and tokens from your apples and send them along to school. The more we get, the more money we receive to buy sports equipment for our children.
- Please look after school library books when they come home. You will be required to pay for damaged books.

### Dates to Remember

Yr 7/8 Technology Dates for Term 3	29/7/22, 12/8/22, 26/8/22, 9/9/22, 23/9/22
Thursday 28th July	3 Way Conferences from 2.45pm
Friday 12th August	Tui (Rm 5) Trees For Survival Planting Day
Tuesday 16th August	Awhitu District School Cross Country at Awhitu Regional Park
Thursday 18th August	Saving Cross Country Day for Awhitu School @ Regional Park
Tuesday 23rd August	Group Day Cross Country at Awhitu Regional Park
Sunday 25th September	Daylight Saving starts
Friday 30th September	Calf Club End of Term 3

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

### Community Notices

**From Auckland Transport:** This is to let you know that **Pukekohe Station** will be closed for upgrades **from 13 Aug 2022 until late 2024**. The station and rail line will be redeveloped to allow for electric trains to travel between Pukekohe and Papakura. There will be a **free (with an AT HOP card) replacement bus, service number 394**, for travel between Pukekohe, Paerata Rise and Papakura.

More information look on AT’s website: <https://at.govt.nz/pukekohetrains>



# Get the word out!

Let everyone know about your upcoming NED assembly and/or NED's Resource Library via your school website! Simply copy and paste the below text or html codes into the body of your school web page. It's a great way to promote NED to staff and families.

**Web Banners** Embed a NED Banner that links to each assembly's program page



**COPY AND PASTE THIS CODE**

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assembly.html">
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5d9bad1a0f5387ac1bf074f0_mindset-mission-big-button.png" alt="NED's Mindset Mission Assembly Program" height="207" width="330" border="0" />
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**Additional Banners** Embed a NED banner that links to the corresponding web page



Links to NED's Resource Library

**COPY AND PASTE THIS CODE**

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<a href="http://www.thenedshows.com/#resources"></a>
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5d9bad1a630fbe337066ea7f_the-ned-shows-free-resources-big-button.png" alt="NED's Resource Library" height="159" width="330" border="0" />
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Friday

Day

5th August

Date

9am - 9.45am

Time