



AWHITU
DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

No 5: Wk 10: Friday 12th April 2024

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It is the end of a busy first term for everyone. I'd like to extend a huge, warm welcome to our newest New Entrant, Joshua. Joshua has joined Mrs Andrews and Te whaanau Kiwi (Rm 4).



Congratulations

At the school assembly yesterday, 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 Whaanau Takahe R1: Aiden and Walter
Te Whaanau Mokomoko R2: Deeaz and Denis
Te Whaanau Honu R3 : Ryder and Boston
Te Whaanau Kiwi R4: Andre H-H and Bo
Te Whaanau Toroa R6: Taufa and Georjah

Class Awards

Te Whaanau Takahe R1: Cole and Keenan
Te Whaanau Mokokoko R2: Oscar and Isla
Te Whaanau Honu R3 : Layne and Robbie
Te Whaanau Kiwi R4: Joshua M and Cullen
Te Whaanau Toroa R6: Te Arepa and Marcus

Principal's Award

Oscar (Te Whaanau Mokomoko), **Marcus** (Te Whaanau Toroa)
Cooper (Te Whaanau Honu) and **Sequoia** (Te Whaanau Takahe)

The next whole school assembly is on Friday 10th May 2024 at 1.40pm

Great News! At the end of last year, parents/caregivers were asked if they were interested in their child/ren participating in STEAM learning lessons delivered by teachers from a company called **STEAM Academy by William and Stanley**. They have specialised technology teachers who will come out to our school, provide all the equipment and resources needed for delivering technology lessons to your child/ren. The programme is designed to make a positive impact within schools, running for a duration of six weeks each term. They have begun this initiative as many small rural schools, like Awhitu District School do not have the range of specialised technical equipment and expertise to deliver these lessons like they can. This is not funded by the Ministry of Education though, and parents/caregivers pay for the lessons. The team will be starting the lessons next term on Thursday May 2nd.

Please follow the link below to enrol your child/ren in this programme. This must be completed by parents, not the school. You can also enrol your child/ren by going to their website "William & Stanley Steam Academy" and clicking on "Steam in schools" and Awhitu District School will be there.

[https://williamandstanley.co.nz/products/awhitu-district-school-2024-steam-programme-select-a-payment-option-that-best-suits-you](https://williamandstanley.co.nz/products/awhиту-district-school-2024-steam-programme-select-a-payment-option-that-best-suits-you)



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STEAM classes for all levels

Now at our school - Enrol now

STEAM program is delivered for
6 Thursdays, during each term.

\$92 per term

Term 2 - Thursdays, 2 May - 6 JUN



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Students will learn

Coding, Robotics, Programming and design skills to develop systematic reasoning, problem-solving, and communication skills. Our experienced instructors are dedicated to providing a high-quality learning experience that will help your child develop the skills they need to succeed in the digital age.

Importance of STEAM

STEAM education is an absolute game-changer for students. It cultivates essential skills like critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration. By providing practical, hands-on experiences, it prepares students to tackle real-world challenges with innovative solutions. This approach not only opens the door to diverse career opportunities but also positions them competitively in an ever-evolving job market. In an increasingly complex world, STEAM education is the key to unlocking your child's full potential and ensuring their success.

What we teach

CODING, ELECTRONICS, ROBOTICS, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, PROGRAMMING

The STEAM Academy for kids powered by William and Stanley, empowers young minds to flourish and excel in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths.

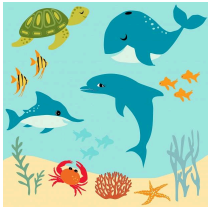
Our students learn a range of design thinking strategies using critical thinking, animation, gamification, the concept of artificial intelligence complimented through value-based learning, hands on testing, real world concepts and ethical applications.

STEAM Academy by William & Stanley

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Remember: School Holiday Programme in the Pavilion

Monday 15th April

The Waiuku Library is running another School Holiday programme these holidays. This will be on **Monday 15th April** from 10am to 12pm in the school pavilion. The theme is "Secrets in the Moana". It's great to have this free programme at school so you don't have to travel into Waiuku. So come along and support it to ensure that it continues. See the flyer below for more information.

Coming up next term so far...

Dates to remember		
Week 1	Monday 29th April	Term 2 Starts
Week 1 Week 3	Friday 3rd May Friday 1th May	Yr 6 TFS Planting Day Yr 6 TFS Planting Day
Week 2	Wednesday 8th May Tuesday 9th May	Yr 7/8 Orienteering Competition School Board Meeting
Week 3	Thursday 16th May	Pink Shirt Day School Support Staff Recognition Day
Week 4	Wednesday 22nd May Thursday 23rd May Friday 24th May	Yr 7/8 Soccer Tournament Yr 3/4 Soccer Tournament Yr 5/6 Soccer Tournament
Week 6	Monday 3rd June Tuesday 4th June	King's Birthday Weekend Franklin School's Teacher Only Day
Week 8	Friday 21st June	Matariki Kapa Haka Concert at Waiuku College
Week 9	Friday 28th June Tuesday 25th June	Matariki Public Holiday Yr 7/8 Waiuku Schools Rotary Speech Competition
Week 10	Friday 5th July	End of Term 2
Yr 7/8 Term 2 VRS Technology Dates: Friday 3rd May, Friday 17th May, Friday 31st May, Friday 14th June		

There are many more activities planned, such as a Wheels Day, a trip to Puketapu Pa site and to Tahuna Pa, a Matariki celebration hangi, school speeches, Book Fair, school reports and parent/student interviews. More information about these events will be sent home next term.

There is also a combined Teacher Only Day for the Tuakau, Franklin and Waiuku teachers on Tuesday 4th June. All schools will be closed for that day.

Next term, with the incredible support from Mrs Brylee Tashman, our students will have the opportunity to have some of their writing published in the Peninsularama each month. At the end of the year, all the published writing and art work will be compiled into an awesome book. This is an exciting opportunity for children to see their writing "in print" for others to read.



This November, is the 75th Anniversary of the opening of Awhitu District School in 1949. If any ex pupils or families in the community would like to help organise an event to mark this occasion please contact the school: 092351005.

Please have a great school holiday with your children and keep safe.

Nga mihi nui from the team at Awhitu District School

Community Notices

Waiuku
Steel 'n' Wheels Festival

**CARS · HOTRODS
 MUSIC · FOOD
 MARKETS!**

14TH APRIL
 10AM till 2PM
 \$5 ENTRY
 & GOLD COIN KIDS

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 Weekly lessons
 All ages

FULTON SWIM SCHOOL

Book online:
www.fultonswimschool.co.nz
 38 Patumahoe Road, Patumahoe
 357 Waiuku Road, Puni | PH: 09 238 1841

WAIUKU NETBALL CENTRE

Year 1 - 4 Future Ferns 2024

How to the Register

To register for our 2024 season please go to
<https://www.sporty.co.nz/waikunetballclub>

<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Year 1 & 2</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">Our Year 1&2 Programme will be run on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30pm to 5:15pm starting on 12th March 2024.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">They will do the Netball New Zealand Future Ferns 4v4 programme, this will go for 10 weeks. This years cost is \$30 per player.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Year 1&2 Future Ferns will be getting Waiuku Netball Centre branded water bottles, this cost is included in their fees.</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Year 3 & 4</h3> <p style="margin: 0;">Our Year 3&4 Programme will be run on Saturday mornings from 8am to 9am starting on 4th May 2024.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">They will do the Netball New Zealand Future Ferns 5v5 programme, this will go for 14 weeks. This years cost is \$60 per player.</p> <p style="margin: 0;">Year 3&4 Future Ferns will be getting Netball New Zealand Future Ferns t-shirts, this cost is included in their fees.</p>
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Contact Info

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Year 3 & 4