



AWAHOU SCHOOL

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“To meet the educational needs of the Pohangina Valley community by fostering individual excellence in a dynamic and caring environment.”

EXCELLENT LEARNING FOR A GLOBAL FUTURE

Week 1, Term 1, 2018

1 February, 2018

Respect Whakaute - Honesty Matatika - Effort Ngaki

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kia Ora Awahou Community,
Welcome back to what promises to be another exciting, progressive, fun filled and busy year. There's so much happening already I don't know where to start!
This year we have some excellent and innovative happenings to enhance our learning which you will hear more about soon. **Our bell times are the same as last year.** We will continue to start the day with 'Whanau Time' from 9am – 9.15am every day where we will start the day together as a whole school, to 'zone in' and get focused with our roll calls, important information and a different activity each day to switch us on. School meetings will still be Wednesdays, immediately after lunch, before a whole school cultural assembly and Te Reo Maori lessons. For this term Discovery Learning will continue on a Friday as per normal, with some exciting changes to Discovery scheduled for Term 2.....watch this space!
'Bush School' will (hopefully) be happening on 3 or 4 Friday mornings this term, all going to plan. More info to come on that as well. Next Wednesday will be our yearly 'State of the Union' address and meet the teacher social evening. See below for more details of this and other important aspects of our school year. So many cool things happening!!

Our number one priority for the beginning of the year, however, is getting our awesome students back into school life and remembering what a great place we have here, whilst getting to know new routines in a fun and enjoyable way in which everybody feels valued and respected. Our teachers have been working hard to plan out the year and there is a real positive, enthusiastic and warm vibe around the school already! It's going to be a huge year, with some new focuses that you'll hear about in coming weeks, but for now "Welcome Back" – it's great to be together again! **Matt Schmidt – Principal**



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SCHOOL NOTICES

Meet the Teacher Evening

Next Wednesday, February 7th will be our annual 'Meet the Teacher' evening and community BBQ and get together. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for details.

After School Programme

Also attached to this newsletter are the details of our After School Discovery Learning Programme, kicking off again this week. If you're interested in utilising this programme at all during the year (casual or regular), please fill in the form and return it to school asap.

Swimming

We are super fortunate to be a school with our own pool. Don't forget to bring your togs every day for swimming so we are utilising this amazing resource well. Each class will have a daily slot for aquatics education, as well as lunchtime swims often available. Watch this space for a possible announcement in this area too.....

Septic tank update

As you may have been aware, over the last couple of weeks we have had a new, state of the art septic system installed to ensure we no longer have the problem of 'poo corner' on the field. The MoE kindly agreed to pay for this and it should last us many years to come.

Working Bee

If possible, please keep Saturday, February 17th free for a working bee here at school. More information will come out soon. We will be looking to tidy up our grounds and some of the tress around the playground, give the roof and gutters a clean, sort out the PE shed and many other fun chores!

Community Consultation

Next week you will receive some consultation around what we are currently doing at school, where we are heading, and changes that may take place. We really appreciate and value your feedback to help us set the direction of the school, so would love you to return these. (Hopefully there will be a digital option as well). We will also be conducting some in-depth student consultation.

Bush School / Discovery

Friday mornings will again be dedicated to Discovery Learning and Bush School. We are hoping to hold Bush School on odd weeks of this term, starting Term 3. We will let you know finalised details when we have them. In Term 2, Discovery will look a little different where we are hoping to utilise local talents for running various groups such as gardening, photography, building, mechanics etc etc. If you have a skill set to share and are available from 11am – 12.30pm next term, let us know!

LOOKING AHEAD



Tuesday February 6th – Waitangi Day (School closed)

Wednesday February 7th – Meet the teacher evening at school. 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Thursday February 8th – Technology @ Monrad Intermediate (Y7/8 students)

Wednesday March 1st – HPV vaccinations (Year 8 students)

Friday Feb 16th / March 9th / March 23rd / Bush School

Thursday March 3rd – Awahou Swimming Sports

Wednesday March 7th – Junior Tabloids (Mt Biggs)

Friday March 16th – Kainui Senior Swimming Sports (Lido)

Tuesday March 20th – Weetbix Tryathlon

Friday March 30th – Good Friday

Monday April 2nd – Easter Monday

Tuesday April 3rd – Easter Tuesday

Friday April 13th – Last day of term

AWAHOU SCHOOL PLAYGROUP!

Don't forget we have an awesome playgroup that operates here at school on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am – 12pm. All pre-schoolers are welcome!



- * School hats, sunblock and water bottles!
- * Bring your togs every day
- * Stationery if not already purchased
- * Meet the Teacher / Community Get Together next Wednesday
- * No school on Tuesday (Waitangi Day)
We ARE open Monday

2017 CLASS NAMES AND STAFF LIST

PRINCIPAL – Mr Schmidt

WHARITE – Years 1-3. Teacher: Miss Barr

MAHARAHARA – Years 4-8. Teachers: Mrs Young & Mr Schmidt (Fridays)

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION –Victoria Sage (Mon/Weds/Fri – 9am – 12.30pm)

CLEANER / GROUNDSPERSON – Louise Bowe

AFTER SCHOOL DISCOVERY LEARNING –Louise Bowe & Caroline Hawkins

POOL MAINTENANCE – Billie Rountree

SCHOOL LIBRARY / TEACHER AIDE –Peta Spackman

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – Alistair Beveridge (Chair), Billie Rountree, Todd White, Monique Ehkdahl

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STATIONERY LISTS



Awahou School Stationery List 2018

Wharite: **Years 1 - 2.** Miss Barr

YEAR 1/2

2X CLEVER KIWI ACTIVITY BOOK
1X 'How to Write' - Clever Kiwi Book
2X Clever Kiwi Writing Book 1
1X LBW Learn to Write
2X 1F4 Exercise Books
1X Clever Kiwi Reading workbook
1X Fun Doing Maths 1
2X 1A8 Exercise Book
R.E.A.D.I.T Home Reading Junior Book (Yellow)
Document Wallet OR Clear file

Pooled Resources –

Please do not name

1X Blue pen 1X Red pen
4X HB Pencils
1X Pink Highlighter 1X Green Highlighter
1X Eraser
2X White board markers
3X Glue Sticks (Large Amos preferred)
1X Small pack of Jovi's/crayons or colouring in pencils
1X Box of Tissues

Please Name

Ruler
Book Bag
Set of headphones or ear buds for personal use

Pooled resources - Items will be pooled together for quick access. Any unused items will be returned home at the end of the year. If children wish to bring their own pencil cases with special pens or colouring in pencils etc. they are welcome to. These will be kept in their tote trays, but for general classroom tasks pooled items will be used.



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Wharite: **Years 3** Miss Barr

YEAR 3/4

2X CLEVER KIWI ACTIVITY BOOK
1X 'How to Write' - Clever Kiwi Book
2X Clever Kiwi Writing Book 2
2X 1F4 Exercise Books
1X 1I5 Exercise Books
1X Clever Kiwi Reading workbook
1X 1H5 Maths Book
2X 1A8 Exercise Book
R.E.A.D.I.T Home Reading Junior Book (Green)
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Maharaha: **Years 4 - 8.** Mrs Young

3 x 1B5 Exercise Books
1 x 1E5 Maths Book
3 x Glue Sticks
3 x Blue Pens
2 x Red Pens
2 x Pencils
3 x highlighters (Green, Pink, Yellow)
Ruler
Rubber
Coloured Pencil Set
1 x Scrapbook (not newsprint)
1x box of tissues
1x Clearfile: 20 page.

