

## Pet Day!

Thankfully the weather was kind to us and Pet Day was a great success! The students did an awesome job with their Crafty Creations and made it very difficult for our judges (Karen George, Marjory Marks, Sam Sturley and Christine Cameron) to make their decisions. The judges wanted to commend all the students on their efforts. The pets were very well behaved on the night and all won a prize of some sort.

Huge thank yous to:

- Our excellent judges - Shane Carroll, Karen George, Yvonne Forlong, Leanne Houston, Marjory Marks, Sam Sturley and Christine Cameron
- Our awesome Friends of Awahou team for their great food and drink!
- Our fantastic staff and parents who have worked hard over the past few weeks and on the night
- Our wonderful parents, students and community who came and supported the event
- Yvonne Forlong, from Property Brokers, who sponsored the bouncy castle
- Ashhurst Engineering & Construction for donating the Mountain bike and helmet
- Judy Swanney for donating her beautiful pots and beeswax wrap kit for auction
- Billie Rountree for donating the cool drink bottles for auction
- ANZCO Foods for donating the two meats packs



*If anyone has photos taken on the night please send them through to me and I will post them on our school Facebook page - [principal@awahou.school.nz](mailto:principal@awahou.school.nz)*



# The Great Wheelbarrow Race!

The Great Wheelbarrow Race was the highlight of the night! Well done to Sam & Lilly Taylor for the win and to Jack and Andrew Swanney for winning best dressed!



## Swimming Pool Keys

If you have a swimming pool key from last year, could you please send it back to school? We will be sending out info regarding the pool opening and key purchasing soon.

## Future of Awahou School Survey Feedback

From the parent survey we received feedback in regards to things we could improve at Awahou School. This is very important to us, as we value the opinions of our parent community. Here is a summary of the feedback...

### What we could do better or differently at Awahou School...

- Involve the community more to promote the school, thus boosting future enrolments
- Retain more of the older students (Year 7 & 8)
- Host assemblies at the end of each term to promote the community feel and increase parental involvement
- Project work in the senior room
- More PE & Sports Events
- Implement a structured/monitored eating time
- Involve family more in children's learning
- Better communication with bus and answer phone messages
- Ensure the students te reo Māori pronunciation is correct

*We will provide you with updates in regards to this feedback over the next few newsletters.*



## Kaitiakitanga Kura

Each Friday (weather permitting) until the end of term we will be going on short trips to explore more of our wonderful local area. Odd weeks will involve Maharahara and even weeks will involve Wharite. These trips will involve short bush walks to explore the native wildlife, as well as some rubbish collection, tracking and trapping of pests, fungi hunts and more. As the weather gets warmer the senior students (Maharahara) will also explore the rivers and streams, so a change of clothing and/or togs and towels may be required. An email will be sent each week to outline where we will be going and what they will require. We would welcome anyone with knowledge of our local area, native plants and animals etc who would like to come along. If you do not wish your child to attend any of these trips please let us know prior to the day.



## Athletics



We will be beginning athletics practice next week each afternoon. If you are available to help out it would be much appreciated. Please remind your child/ren to wear appropriate clothing for running, jumping and throwing. Our school athletics day is scheduled for Wednesday 11th November.



Register your spot here –

<https://events.humanitix.com/halloween-boo-boots-awahou-school-2020>