



# Awahou School

Ngā kaitiaki o tō tātou wāhi - Guardians of our place

Week beginning: Monday 24th 2021, Term 2 - Week 4

## Tough Guy & Gal



The Junior Tough Guy/Gal Challenge for the Year 4 to 8 students is being held at the Massey University Recreation Centre in Palmerston North on Monday, 31st May 2021. The following students have signed up to participate - Gemma, Belle, Temperance, Abaden, Jake, Vienna, Madison and Xavier. We will be travelling to and from the event in the school van. The event starts at 10am and finishes by 12pm.

The participants will need to bring...

- A change of warm clothing, including shoes and socks, for after the race as they will be cold, wet and muddy
- A towel and bag for wet/muddy clothing
- A pair of running shoes that are ok to get wet and muddy (I will bring some tape, so shoes don't get lost in the mud)
- A good lunch and water bottle

## Upcoming Events

- Mondays 31st May & 14th June - Hockey Manawatu sessions for all students 2pm-3pm
- Monday 31st May - Tough Guy & Gal Challenge for Year 4 -8 students
- Friday 4th June - Kainui Cluster Cross Country
- Monday 7th June - Queen's Birthday (SCHOOL CLOSED)
- Friday 9th July - Last day of Term 2

## Board of Trustees

The Awahou School Board of Trustees (BOT) met on Thursday, 20 May. The board meets twice a term, in weeks 3 and week 8.

The topics covered in our meeting were:

1. Trudi provided an update on:
  - Student achievement
  - The new teaching approach introduced this term
  - School finances
  - Recent and upcoming events
  - Development of the 10-year property plan
  - Repairs and painting/decorating of the school house
2. Renting the school house – an update on advertising, level of interest, viewings, checks to be undertaken, letting process
3. Signed-off on the 2020 audit
4. Election of BOT chair for 2021. After almost 5 years in the role Alistair Beveridge stepped down. Thank you Alistair for all your hardwork and dedication to the Board chair role. Monique Ekdahl (Temperance's mum) was elected to the role. Congratulations Monique, and thank you for taking on this important role.

If you have any questions about the BOT, its role, or the work it does please have a chat with one of the members – Monique, Alistair, Nicole Stuart, Paul (Scooter) Geange. Trudi and Rochelle are the teacher reps on the board.

# Awahou Author

This week's Awahou Author is Temperance, aged 10 years.

## The Dawn Raids (1974-1976)

In 1973, when a blind eye was turned to visa restrictions, New Zealand police were instructed by the government to enter and raid peoples homes, stop people on the street and ask for visas, passports, - anything that proved you had the right to be in the country. Police would enter your house in the middle of the night, completely uninvited, and demand you get out of bed and prove your right to be in the country. But that's not even the worst part. This new law was almost only applied to Pacific islanders and Maori, even though they weren't the majority of overstayers.

*"The dawn raids were shameful, because in essence they set out to pick up anybody who didn't look like a Pākehā or palangi New Zealander. They swooped on people who were Māori, they swooped on many Pasifika people who had absolutely lawful residence in New Zealand, may even have been born here..."*  
-Helen Clark, NZ Prime Minister.

While New Zealand gladly welcomed migrants when we needed workers, we were quick to get them out of the country when the work was done.

Thankfully, in the 1980s a better pacific community was formed, as around 64 percent of the population was pacific. This allowed for the first pacific church in New Zealand (Newtown Church), which formed into a popular gathering place for pacific people in auckland.

*'It is through immigration policies that the philosophy of white superiority and the desire for a white-only nation can be seen.'*  
-Donna Awatere, activist for Maori.

Here are some of the main reasons of the ending to the dawn raids;



Popular radio stations and tv shows talked about how horrible and disgraceful the dawn raids were on our community, and people started to figure out what was really going on.

As well as the church, new anti-racist organisations were formed, such as the Auckland Committee on Racism and Discrimination (Acord) and the Citizens Association for Racial Equality (Care).

These groups made anti-racist drawings and cartoons about things such as the dawn raids.

Sharon Liava argues that these groups did little in finally putting an end to the Dawn Raids.

Instead, she says that it was Robert Muldoon (the 31st prime minister of New Zealand), realizing that things had gone too far that ended the Dawn Raids for good.

*'What distinguished the 1976 raids from the 1974 raids was increasingly widespread public support for the police tactics.'*  
-Melani ana.

Not long after the Dawn Raids, even more pacific groups were formed, such as the Polynesian Panthers (a movement towards pacific and maori racism), and PACIFICA (Pacific Allied Council Inspires Faith in Ideals Concerning All).

Thankfully, in 1977 the Immigration Department changed how they dealt with overstayers, so that the Raids would not happen again.

One of the reasons the Dawn Raids went on for so long is that people wouldn't speak up; the reason this happened was because of the government... so what would they do about it?