



AWHITU
DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

No 5: Monday 7th April 2025

School Phones: 092351005 or txt: 0275247338

How welcome it was to have had rain last Thursday night and all day Friday, to fill those water tanks and put some moisture back in the paddocks!

It's hard to believe this is the last week of the term, however it will be a busy week next week in preparation for the Easter Auction.

Term Two starts on Monday the 28th April. It is a 9 week term, ending on Friday the 27th June.



Congratulations

At assembly last Friday, 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 Kiwi R1: Jack

Te Whaanau Honu R2: Neva & Ayrton

Te Whaanau Takahe R3: Vaneel & Nala

Te Whaanau Tui R4: Isla & Lilly

Te Whaanau Toroa R6: Kyah & Aiden

Class Awards

Te Whaanau Kiwi R1: Cleo

Te Whaanau Honu R2: Te Taonga-Ta Leah & Lincoln

Te Whaanau Takahe R3: Cairo & Trey W

Te Whaanau Tui R4: Kenneth & Raddon

Te Whaanau Toroa R6: Fern & Flynn

Principal's Award

Te Arepa Goodwin Takahe (Rm 3)

The final school assembly for Term 1, is our ANZAC assembly on **Thursday 10th April at 10.30am**

Important Notice:

*In Term Two, on the **3rd June 2025**, there will be a Ministry of Education approved **Teacher Only Day** and the school will be closed for instruction.*

All the Waiuku school teacher will be attending this day of professional development focussed on the new Mathematics Curriculum. This professional development opportunity will be held at Glenbrook School.

75th Awhitu District School Celebration Day

This was held on Friday 21st March. It was such an awesome day, both with the weather and in spirit! Our wonderful 45 plus guests, and many apologies from past pupils who were unable to attend, were welcomed back to their school with a powhiri and then they shared, with the students, so many amazing, humorous and interesting stories and memories from their time at Awhitu District School. It was an honour and privilege for our staff and students to host this memorable day. A huge thank you to everyone who attended.

What's Been Happening...

The Yr 7 & 8's competed in the Waiuku Schools' Sullivans Tournament and had a great time. Thanks to Whaea Deb for organising this event and to Mr Humphrey for being with the students at Waiuku College for the day.

Many students participated in some more orienteering activities at the Brighthouse Farm. Mr Paul Humphrey and Whaea Deb Torpey are passionate about this sport and encouraged all the students to give it a go!

The Yr 4 - 8 students went to Puketapu Maunga, a very sacred mountain for Ngāti Te Ata Waiohū and is one of the most historic sites on the peninsula. Matua Wynn Goodwin led the trip and shared knowledge about the significance of this site with our students. We are extremely grateful to Antonia and David Graig for welcoming our students onto their property and allowing us to visit Puketapu. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who supported the trip.

A group of 22 students participated in the Franklin Multi-Cultural Festival at Pukekohe on Saturday 29th March and were able to showcase their passion for Kapa Haka. They were amazing. A huge thank you to Matua T, Tilly Ter beek and Matua Wynn and the wonderful parents and whānau who supported our students on the day.

On Sunday, 30th March, Jacqui Waldegrave and Lexi Dillon organised a triathlon event at Awhitu Regional Park. The weather was glorious and the students who participated, challenged themselves, and had an awesome time. Hopefully this will become a regular event for our students.



School ANZAC Assembly

The last event at school for Term 1, is an ANZAC Assembly. This will be held on Thursday 10th April at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome. The school leaders will be hosting this assembly.

Poppies are available at the school office for a gold coin donation.

Just a reminder, that the school pool closes on the 11th April. If you purchased a pool key, please return it to school before the end of term. Thank you.



AWHITU SCHOOL EASTER AUCTION

Good Friday, 18th April, will be a very busy day at school with preparation for the Easter Auction on Saturday 19th. It's still not too late to offer your help. It will be really appreciated. Please contact Cheney McGlynn: 0210780606.

We are still collecting items for the raffles, so please can you send in the appropriate items as listed below. Thank you so much!

Easter Auction Raffle Items

The Easter Auction as you know is the main fundraising event for our school. The money raised contributes so much extra funding to allow your children many additional learning opportunities throughout the year. Your support for the auction is really appreciated. Below is a guide for you, but any items will be greatly received. Thank you!

Rm 1 & 2 collecting: Easter Eggs in all shapes and forms & stationery items.

Rm 3 collecting: New Toys suitable for raffle prizes

Rm 4 collecting: Household items e.g a tea-towel, cooking utensil, mug etc

Rm 6 collecting: Health & beauty items e.g. hand lotion, facial creme, shower gel etc.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

If you need to contact the office, please phone Lisa on 092351005, txt 0275247338 or email:

admin@awhиту.school.nz

If there is a change to the usual way your child goes home in the afternoon, **please contact the school office before 2pm, by phone or text only. Email messages can be missed.**

Dates for this term...Please check the dates below for any changes and/or updates

WEEK	DATE	EVENT
Wk 10	This week	Please return your pool key to the office
Wk 10	Wednesday 16th April	School Board Meeting
Wk 10	Thursday 10th April	ANZAC Assembly at 10.30am
Wk 10	Friday 11th April	Last Day of Term 1. School finishes at 2.25pm as usual.
Remaining Yr 7/8 Technology Day for Term 1: Friday 11th April		

Until next time, keep safe out there and continue to put aside items to donate to the Easter Auction!

Ngā mihi nui

Megan Allen and the team at Awhitu District School.

Community Notice from Auckland Council



BYE-BYE BAGS, HELLO BINS

From 30 June 2025, you will need to put out rubbish in bins, not bags in Franklin.

Bins will be delivered to Franklin households during June. The default size is 120L.

Go to aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/byebyebags to change your bin size, and for more information.

If you live on a rural property and you would like to continue using bags, please email ruralrefusebags@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz with your address.

Awhitu Peninsula Historical Society

On Thursday 1st May at 10am, the Awhitu Peninsula Historical Society will be having its AGM at the old Matakawau School which is behind the Playcentre, next to Awhitu School.

Everyone is welcome to attend and new members are very welcome.

Phone Gillian 027 443 5881.

