AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

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Term 4 No. 4: Week 7 Monday 23rd November 2027

It has been an action-packed few weeks with numerous EOTC trips underway and more scheduled over the next fortnight. This Tuesday, our Year 3 students in Te Whaanau RURU are visiting Wero Water Park. On Wednesday, Years 6–8 will head to Kariotahi Beach for hands-on instruction from Surf Lifesavers, covering vital water safety skills such as identifying rips, avoiding hazards, and knowing what to do if caught in a current. Living on the peninsula, our students are constantly surrounded by the sea, making this practical knowledge essential for their safety and confidence. In light of recent events at Kariotahi, empowering our students with these lifesaving skills is more important than ever. The recent Rahui is now lifted.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY This was a fantastic success, with 40 of our talented students qualifying for the Waiuku Schools' Group Day Athletics competition.

CONGRATULATIONS to Henry, Sosefo, Maggie, Kaitlin, Beau, Arlo and Ezra for moving on to represent the school at the Franklin Zone Athletics Competition held on Tuesday, November 17th. Kaitlin came an impressive 2nd in the 200m event. Well done to all these amazing athletes.
We also want to give a special shout-out to ***Henry***, who qualified for the Yr 7 & 8 Auckland Championship Athletics Day in the 800m and 1500m events held this Thursday, November 26th, at the Go Media Stadium, Awesome effort, Henry!

"CRUISE TO THE HEADS" The inaugural car show was an absolute blast! A big thank-you goes out to Ali Engi and Mark Reeve for organizing such a brilliant event, as well as our fantastic PTA for all their support. Visitors enjoyed an impressive range of vehicles—from classic hot rods and modern muscle cars to beautifully restored vintage rides and motorbikes. With live music, an awesome demonstration from the KidsBeats drumming group, and delicious food trucks, it was a fun-filled day that brought our wider community together. A huge thank you to all the sponsors that supported this event, it was truly amazing and generous which led to its success!

COLOUR FUN RUN

Join us for this exciting event on Friday, 27th November at 12.30pm! We warmly invite everyone to come along, join in the fun, and cheer on our students. Please remember to provide a change of clothes for your children for after the run! Don't forget to SLIP, SLOP, SLAP and WRAP! A special thank-you to Mel Tautalanoa, who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to organise this event for our students and to help raise funds to complete our Netball Courts Resurfacing project. We are so close to reaching our goal—thank you for your continued support!

Please check your SKOOL LOOP & FB daily posts for updates about the FUN RUN. Let's make it another successful school event!!

Our school app is : *The Skool Loop App.* It is important to download this to be kept informed of school information and events.

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- Streamlines all of your school communications to your school community.
- send newsletters, instant messages, notices, school events etc to the school parents in one quick convenient, easy way!
- The Skool Loop App is fully functional and absolutely free to schools. Please make sure you turn the app on when you download it onto your phone.

School newsletters and notices are published on the school website and on the Skool Loop App. A hard copy is not usually sent home, however if you do require a hard copy all the time, please inform Lisa. Copies are also available in the school office.

ASSEMBLY: There will be a school assembly this Thursday at 1.30pm.

What's Coming Up in Term 4?

Last day of Term 4: *Tuesday 15th December 2026*

Term 4 Dates so far:

Yr 6 - 8 Beach Education Day: *Wednesday 25th November*
Colour Fun Run: *Friday 27th November*
Yr 8 Social Dance: *Tuesday 8th December*
Yr 8 Leavers' Dinner: *Thursday 10th December*
Last day of Term 4: *Tuesday 15th December*
School Prize Giving: *Monday 14th December @6pm*

Last Yr 7/8 Technology Date: *Friday 4th December*

End of Year Class EOTC Activities

Class	Event	Date
RURU (RM 2)	Wero Water Park	Tuesday 24th November
TAKAHE (Rm 3) & Yr 7's	Extreme Edge Climb Zone	Wednesday 2nd December
Yr 8's	"Big Day Out"	Monday 9th December

Swimming

Our school caretaker, Craig Hardie, is hard at work getting the pool ready for upcoming class swimming sessions. Please remember to clearly name all towels, swimwear, and clothing—our lost property bin quickly fills up with unclaimed gear!

The pool will also be open for community use over the summer holidays. Keys can be purchased from the school office between December 7th and 14th. Feel free to pop in or call the office on 092351005 to secure yours. Keys are the same price as last year $80.00 for the season.

Nga mihi nui and take care
From the team at Awhitu District School

Grahams Beach Hall
School Holiday Programme

3 Days of Fun, Creativity & New Skills!

Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 December
10am – 2pm each day

Wednesday 16 December
TENNIS COACHING
with Dave Bell

Learn tennis skills, play games and have fun on the courts!



Thursday 17 December
MOSAIC MAKING
with Anne Egan

Get creative with colour, pattern and glass beads to make your own mosaic artwork to take home.



Friday 18 December
CLAY WORK & ECO-DYING
with Lois Templeton & Kerry Collins

Have fun working with clay and discover the amazing colours and patterns that can be created using natural materials.



$10 per student per day

$15 for two or more students from the same family

Come for one day or join us for all three!

Grahams Beach Hall

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Contact Anne at GBSAhall@gmail.com for more details and to register.