



**AWHITU**  
DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

Term 4 No 2 : Monday 24th November 2025

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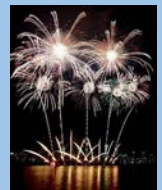
The term is passing by so incredibly fast! It's hard to believe that there are only 18 actual days left of school and only 30 more sleeps until Christmas day!

Awhitu District School extends the warmest welcome to Fox Dillon and his whaanau. Fox has joined Te Whaanau Kiwi (Rm 1) as our newest 5 year old.



## Congratulations

At our last assembly 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:** Fox D

**Te Whaanau Honu R2:** Journey K and Annabelle Y

**Te Whaanau Takahe R3:** Olivia V and Treyboy H

**Te Whaanau Tui R4:** Lilly P and Judah G

**Te Whaanau Toroa R6:** Khyah T and Kiara T

### Class Awards

**Te Whaanau Kiwi R1:** Adaline M

**Te Whaanau Honu R2:** Ayrton T and Lincoln A

**Te Whaanau Takahe R3:** Logan N, Layne J and Violet R

**Te Whaanau Tui R4:** Aesha B and Kenneth P

**Te Whaanau Toroa R6:** Oscar P and Cole B

### Principal's Award

**Jonah V** (Te Whaanau Honu) and **Finley M** (Te Whaanau Tui)

The next school assembly is on Friday 5th December at 1.40pm



It's already been such a busy term with Calf Club, the Book Fair, the Colour Fun Run, Senior Camp, Junior Sleep Over, Junior trip to Hamilton Zoo and of course our school Athletics, Group Day and Zone Day Athletics events! There were even some Golf Lessons thrown in the mix for some of our senior students. We were incredibly lucky for Tim Smyth organising sponsorship for the golf lessons at Awhitu Golf Club, with Blue Light providing the transport. It was a great opportunity for those students who participated.





## **CONGRATULATIONS**

to Aiden Monteith for qualifying for the Auckland Championship Athletics Day, to be held at Mt Smart Stadium this Thursday. Aiden came first in the 800metres and at the recent Franklin Zone Day Athletics.

Congratulations to Kyah T, Eden T, Ezra M, Indy C, Tommy M, Henry V, Elliot W, Alexis D, Mikaia T for also competing in the Franklin Zone Athletics Competition last Thursday 20th November. Kenneth P also qualified, but unfortunately was unable to attend on the day.

## **Camp Adair 2025**

On the 28th of October our school went on a school camp to Camp Adair, and it was an amazing experience full of adventure, teamwork, and learning. We stayed there for 3 nights and 4 days, and each day had exciting activities that challenged us and pushed us up to our limits.

When we first arrived at Camp Adair, everyone was excited and a little nervous. We all brought our bags into our cabins and sorted out where everyone was going to sleep. After we had settled into our cabins, we met our camp instructors and went over the rules and safety information. Then, we jumped straight into our first activity. Some groups went kayaking while others tried the high ropes course or air rifles . It was so much fun to try new things and encourage each other to keep going, even when it got difficult.

Each day at Camp Adair was packed with adventure. We did activities like kayaking, confidence courses, and team-building challenges that helped us learn how to communicate and work together. One of the highlights for many people was the confidence course. By the end, everyone was completely covered in mud but laughing and smiling.

One of the nights, we had campfires where we made smores, and had milos. And we talked to our friends about what activities we had done today. The food was good, and everyone enjoyed eating together in the dining hall.

By the end of camp, we were all tired but proud of ourselves. We had made new friends, learned new skills, and it was good to learn about how to work together without arguing. At the end of camp we were very tired but also excited to get home. We all had so much fun.

**Camp Report by Kyah Torpey**



On a rainy Saturday morning, the 17th November, our incredible Kapa Haka group performed several waiata to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Awhitu Regional Park. The park is enjoyed and valued by so many in our community and from far and wide as well. It is a beautiful asset for us. Selwyn Herewini(Ngati te Ata), Andy Baker(Auckland Council) and John Allen(Awhitu Regional Park Ranger) all gave a talk about different aspects of the park.

Members from Waiuku Museum attended and were in costume. Waiuku Museum has supplied period furniture for the Brook Homestead to capture a little of its history.



**END of YEAR:** *It's a very busy time for the Yr 8 students at the end of their final year at primary school. In week 10, the Year 8's have their combined school's Social Dance on Wednesday the 10th December, a "Big Day Out" on Thursday 11th December and their Leavers' Dinner on Friday 12th December!*

### **PRIZE GIVING:**

***This is on Monday 15th December at 6pm in the Matakawau Hall. Please return all trophies to school asap please.***



Awhitu District School was so lucky to have a collection of brand new sports balls donated to us from The John Walker "Find Your Field of Dreams" Foundation. This was amazing, as any sport equipment is so expensive for the school to purchase.

Please remember to keep collecting the **YUMMY STICKERS** off your fruit, as we get free sports gear when they are redeemed each October. This year we were able to order \$210.00 worth of equipment! Thank you for contributing to this. If you need another Yummy Sticker Sheet, please collect one from the office.

### **ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Term 3 Summary for Awhitu District School from the MoE**

In April 2024, the Government announced a regular attendance target of 80 percent of students to be present for more than 90% of the term by 2030.

- Awhitu District School only had 38% of our students attend school regularly 90% or more during Term 3 (this means missing fewer than 5 days across a term) compared to 48% in Term 3, 2024.
- 34% of students had irregular attendance which is being at school between 80% - 90% of time during Term 3 (this means absent for between 5 and 9 days across a term)
- 27% of students had unjustified or unexplained absences from school during Term 3 (this means absent for 10 days or more across a term)

## **Encouraging Respectful Behaviour and Language**

At Awhitu District School, we are proud of the caring, inclusive environment we foster and the positive PRIDE values we teach our tamariki every day. As part of our ongoing focus on respectful relationships, we need to ask for your support at home.

### **How you can help**

#### **Have a conversation with your child about:**

Using kind, respectful words with peers and staff.  
 Thinking before speaking, especially when feeling upset or frustrated.  
 How their words and actions affect others.  
 The importance of treating everyone with care and empathy.  
 That it is not helpful to retaliate with the same behaviours.

Learning these values takes time, and with your support, we can continue to build a safe and welcoming environment for all our students.

Please contact your child's teacher in the first instance if you have any queries or concerns. Email addresses are as follows:

<b>Mrs Tania Wheatley</b> <b>Mrs Shea Malloy</b> <b>Whaea Deb Torpey</b> <b>Mrs Deby Andrews</b> <b>Mr Paul Humphrey</b>	<b>KIWI Rm 1 (Yr 0/1)</b> <b>HONU Rm 2 (Yr 2/3/4)</b> <b>TAKAHE Rm 3 (Yr 4/5)</b> <b>TUI Rm 4 (Yr 5/6/7)</b> <b>TOROA Rm 6 (Yr 7/8)</b>	<b>taniaw@awhitu.school.nz</b> <b>sheam@awhitu.school.nz</b> <b>debrat@awhitu.school.nz</b> <b>debya@awhitu.school.nz</b> <b>paulh@awhitu.school.nz</b>
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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** There has been a recall of "Coloured Sand" products that have been found to be contaminated with asbestos. Some schools have been using these products. I'm relieved to say Awhitu District School has none of these products.

<b>Term 4    Monday 6th October 2025 - Wednesday 17th December 2025</b>		
Wk 8	Monday - Thursday Friday 28th November	New LED lighting to be installed Yr 7/8 Tech at view Road School
Wk 9	Tuesday 2nd December Saturday 6th December	ERO is visiting Waiuku Christmas Parade 4pm
Wk 10	Wednesday 10th December Thursday 11th December Friday 12th December	Year 8 Social Dance Yr 8's BIG DAY OUT Yr 8's Leavers' Dinner
Wk 11	Monday 15th December Wednesday 17th December	Prizegiving - 6pm Last day of school.
<b>Remaining Yr 7/8 Technology Days for Term 4:</b> Friday 28th November, Friday 12th December.		

First day of school for 2026 is on Monday 2nd February

*Until next time, drive carefully and keep safe*

***Ngā mihi nui***

***Megan Allen and the team at Awhitu District School.***

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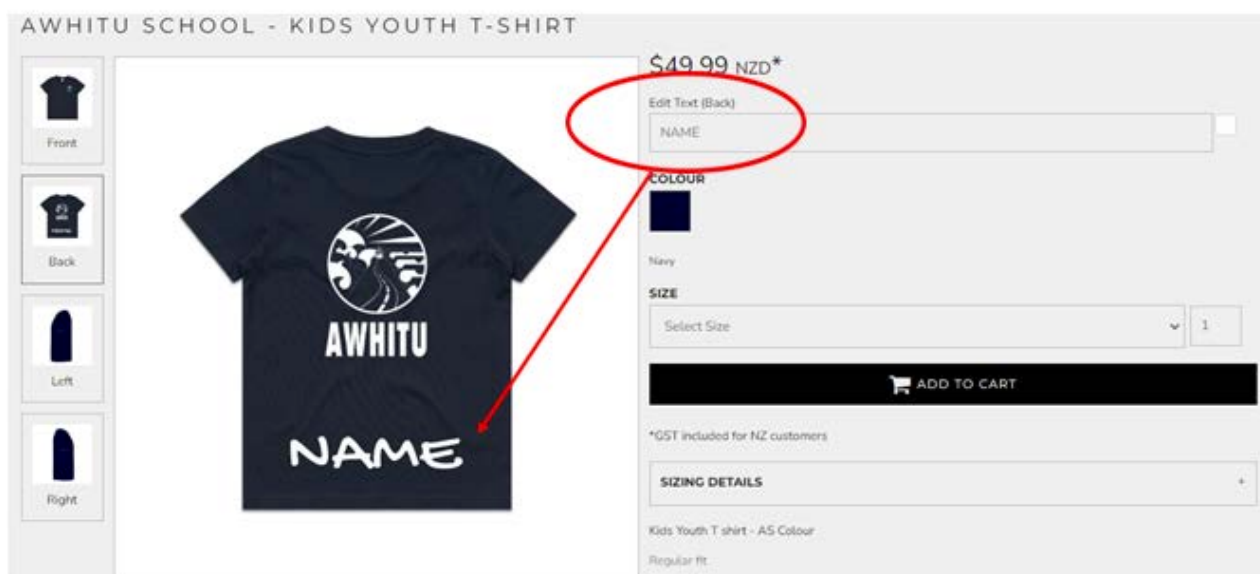
**AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL MERCHANDISE** is available. There are samples of these items displayed in the school office

**Sweatshirts, hoodies and t-shirts and bucket hats are now available with our school logo printed on them!** You can even have your name printed on the back, no more losing clothing at school! They will be great to wear to school everyday or to other combined school events, or just proudly representing our school while out and about! These are available in child/youth, women's, and men's sizes.

All the school merchandise is dark navy (with one grey marle option). Some of the pictures on the website may look black, but they are all navy.

**IMPORTANT:** When ordering, it is important to remember to change the 'NAME' to the name you want printed (shown below in red). If you don't want your name on the back of your merch, delete the word "NAME". (The company printing the merch has advised that they usually pick it up if it still says "NAME" and will contact the purchaser to double-check whether they missed changing it, but if they get busy, they can't guarantee it – and you won't get a refund if done wrong).

This is on-going fundraising for our school, as with each order the school receives a small monetary return.



**This is the link for the website to order your clothing:** <https://awhitudistrictschool.digitees.co.nz/>

Here is a link to show you the ordering process: [Click link here for video.](#)

Disclaimer: *If you have any issues with products, please contact Digitees direct, not the sch*