



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

Week 7 Tuesday 29th August 2023

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It has been lovely to see the sun shining at long last! Almost forgotten what that yellow ball in the sky was! A very warm welcome to our newest 5 year old, Makuini and her whaanau, to Awhitu District School. We hope you enjoy your time here with us!

At last we have new blinds in the pavilion. The original curtains were very torn and tatty. The new blinds look great!

The school field is still a bit muddy. Please pop a change of clothes in your child's bag that they can change into in case they get muddy while playing. Thanks.

School assemblies are held every second Friday at 1.40pm. The next assembly is on Friday 8th September hosted by Te Whaanau Mokomoko.



Congratulations

At the 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 Takahe: Hawaiki
Te Whaanau Mokomoko: Georgie and Fern
Te Whaanau Honu: Stevie and Ezra
Te Whaanau Kiwi: Olivia and Lochlan
Te Whaanau Toroa: Holly

Class Awards

Te Whaanau Takahe: Kenneth and Tynell
Te Whaanau Mokokoko: Bonnie and Deeaz
Te Whaanau Honu: Stanley and Judah
Te Whaanau Kiwi: Melody and Trey Boy
Te Whaanau Toroa: Jasper and Denis

Principal Award

Oliver (Te Whaanau Takehe) and **Bella** (Te Whaanau Honu)

Congratulations

Nina P, Aidan B and Daniel M from Te Whaanau Toroa(Rm 6) are competing in the Auckland Cross Country Championships today. This is an amazing accomplishment for them. Good luck!

Well done to all our netball players for this season and congratulations for an awesome result for our Awhitu Stormers netball team. They won both the Grade 5 & 6 competitions for the season. Congratulations also to the Awhitu Bays Adult's team. They came runners-up in the Grade 2 competition!

The Yr 7 & 8's continue their "Passion Projects" each Thursday for the remainder of this term. Last week the movie, hot chips and a drink, was a great success. This Thursday an Arts & Crafts workshop will be run at lunchtime for the students. There is a charge of \$3 to cover the cost of the materials. Students will get to keep their creations.

A whip around the classrooms...

Te Whaanau Takahe (Rm 1)

Science

This term we have been learning about the Water Cycle. We have learned about evaporation, condensation, precipitation, accumulation and transpiration. We have been putting our scientist hats on and proving where water goes to when it evaporates, how and why water evaporates, proving there is water in the air around us all the time, and planting and growing seeds in terrariums to demonstrate the water cycle in action. We have learned about the three different states of water - solid, liquid and gas

We are going to learn about the melting point of ice, and whether different types of liquid (salt, sugar, juice, milk, etc) freeze and melt at different temperatures.



Te Whaanau Mokomoko (Rm 2)

Room 2 has been doing some interesting learning about space and our solar system. We have learnt what space is and what is found in space, what gravity is, an eclipse of the sun, red sunsets and what constellations are. We made a vessel out of clay that was very hard to tip over based on the idea that the lower the centre of gravity, the harder it is to tilt an object. The children loved designing these and enjoyed the process of making an object with clay. We made our own stargazers based on our zodiac constellations and looked a little into the history of these. They will be using the inquiry process and will be investigating parts of the space topic that they wish to explore further in more depth. They are looking forward to this and working with children that they don't usually work with.

Te Whaanau Honu (Rm 3)

An assortment of writing about Te Whaanau Hono events this term:

Thursday 3rd August

Yesterday Room Three and Four went to Rumpelstiltskin. It was soooo cool! My favourite part is when Bob said "Bob go chop chop". One time Bob interrupted the King and the King said to Bob "You can chop chop your own head off!"

By Stanley

On Grandparents Day my Nana, Papa and Koko came to school. Me and my nan made a photo frame. Then we coloured in a rocket. Then we did a message to Hiwa-i-te-rangi and Pohutukawa. Te Whanau Honu and Te Whanau Kiwi didn't have time to do Jump Jam so we did Karakia. The book fair was open. I found a book called Manga Art Class. The Grandparents went to the pavilion. They had tea and biscuits. At the very first part we read a story called 'The Darkest Dark.' He was scared of the dark. He always dreamed about being an astronaut. When he grew up, guess what he became? An astronaut! Then the Grandparents left to go home. The end.

By Imani

Today we had Grandparents Day. We made cool rockets and picture frames with photos of us in them. We played Matariki Memory Game and sang the song 'I Wish.' It was really fun.

By Ashyr

On Grandparents Day I brang Papa. It was awesomely fun. We built rockets and picture frames. We played cards but we didn't get enough time to play the last game.

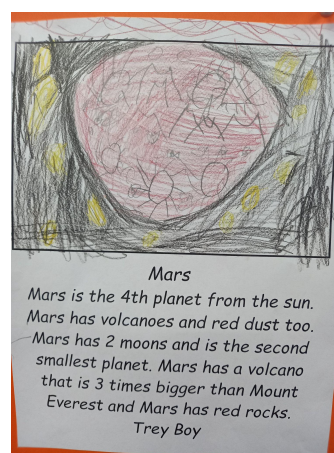
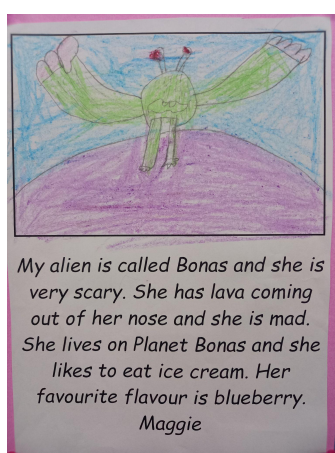
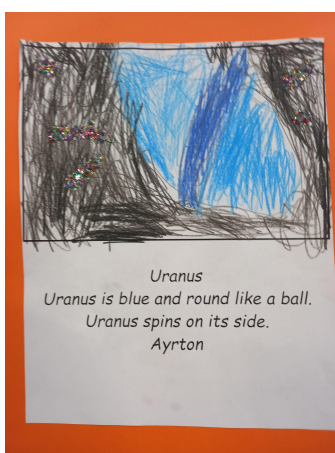
By Imani

On Tuesday we played netball and it was so much fun. We won all of our games but two. We played all of the schools and I got the first goal out of our whole team. My sister was the coach but my sister didn't coach one game, she coached all of the games that we played! I loved it so much and my mum was so tired when we got home because she was telling us when the games were ready and she was yelling so much.

By Billie

Te Whaanau Kiwi(Rm 4)

Te whanau kiwi has been learning about space this term . Here is a selection of their publishing



Te Whaanau Toroa(Rm 6)

Room 6 have been busy planning and preparing for their passion projects this term, kicking off with the movie room. They have focussed on ordering materials, budgeting for numbers and further improving their overall leadership and management of the projects.

In class, we have successfully progressed onto the next stage of prime maths and will be working on our narrative writing. We are encouraging our students to read as many fiction books as possible to enhance their creative mindset and descriptive language.



- **Although Awhitu District School does not have a uniform, a suitable standard of dress is expected. Please make sure your child/ren wear appropriate clothing that is suitable for the classroom and the playground. This also includes keeping any necklaces, rings, and other jewellery items at home. These items can become a safety issue at school when children are playing. Make-up is also inappropriate to wear to school.**
- **Often there are outbreaks of head lice at school. If your child has long hair please ensure it is tied up to prevent the transfer of these lice.**
- **Please notify the office each time your child/ren are absent from school.**
- **If there is a change to the usual way your child goes home in the afternoon, please contact the school office before 2pm, so this can be actioned. If the school is not informed, the student will be sent home as per usual.**

Remember to collect the “YUMMY” stickers and tokens that are on apples and send them into school please. The more we have, the more money we get to purchase PE sports gear for our students.

<i>Term 3 Dates To Remember</i>		
Remember the school bell rings at 8.20am each morning.		
Week 7	Senior Camp Meeting	Wednesday 30th August at 6pm in
Week 10	End of Term 3	Friday 22nd September at 2.25pm
Yr 7/8 Technology dates : Friday 1/9/23, Friday 15/9/23		

Term 4 starts on Monday 9th October, and Calf Club is on Saturday 14th October.

Nga mihi nui

The Team at Awhitu District School