



AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

No 3: Monday 11th March 2024

School Phones: 092351005 or txt: 0275247338

At the assembly on Friday, we were treated to an amazing performance from Phoebe Hewitt. Phoebe is a violin teacher. She played several pieces of music on her violin and captivated our students, parents and teachers with her talent. Phoebe is offering private lessons for students and she is going to bring in some violins for our students to have "a go" at playing on Monday morning, 18th March. At the end of this newsletter are her details.

The following students from Yr 5 - 8, participated in the Waiuku Group Day Swimming Competition last Thursday 7th March at the Whiteside Pools in Waiuku.

Freestyle

Billie, Jacob, Carter, Nika, Juno, Isla, Krishan, Tommy, Flynn, Stan, Wyatt, Georgie, Kyah, Fern, Keenan, Aiden, Lainey, Nina, Daniel, Jasper.

Breaststroke

Billie, Carter, Jacob, Stan, Cole, Isla, Tommy, Krishan, Georgie, Bonnie, Alexis, Aiden, Keenan, Lainey, Nina, Daniel, Jasper.

Backstroke

Billie, Carter, Nika, Juno, Raddon, Isla, Tommy, Krishan, Fern, Georgie, Bonnie, Aiden, Keenan, Nina, Lainey, Daniel, Jasper.

Butterfly

Bonnie, Georgie, Nina.

All the students were amazing and represented our school with PRIDE. Congratulations to Tommy and Billie, who have made it to the next competition, the Franklin Zone Day Swimming Competitions, on Friday 15th March. Well done and the best of luck for Friday.



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 R1: Lainey and Hawaiki

Te Whaanau Mokokoko R2: Isla and Flynn

Te Whaanau Honu R3 : Nala and Koda

Te Whaanau Kiwi R4: Cullen

Te Whaanau Toroa R6: Juniper and Kayson

Class Awards

Te Whaanau Takahe R1: Tynell and Georgie

Te Whaanau Mokokoko R2: Alena and Alexis

Te Whaanau Honu R3 : Vaneel and Olivia

Te Whaanau Kiwi R4: Makuini

Te Whaanau Toroa R6: Kaitlin and Stevie

Principal's Award

Stanley (Te Whaanau Toroa), **Nina, Lilli J, Deeaz** (Te Whaanau Mokokoko) and **Lainey** (Te Whaanau Takahe)

The next whole school assembly is on Friday 22nd March at 1.40pm.

Our school communication app is:

The Skool Loop App.

It is important to download this to be kept informed of school information and events. Please make sure you turn the app on when you download it onto your phone.



Don't forget... 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. Please do not email a notification of change after 1pm, as the email may not be read in time. If the school is not informed, the student will be sent home as normal.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office by phone, txt or use the free school app. If we aren't notified of an absence, the student is marked as being truant by the Ministry of Education.

Coming up this week...



**Junior School Swimming Sports tomorrow
Tuesday 12th March.
Starts at 12.30pm
Come along and support your child/ren.**

On Wednesday, Awhitu District School is hosting a Powhiri for AT (Auckland Transport) to mark the beginning of repairing the roads that were damaged last year as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle. Great news!!

Next week: On Monday 18th March, there are nationwide Paid Union Meetings (PUMS) for primary school teachers. This will mean the afternoon session at school will be run differently, and classes will be combined as the teachers head into Waiuku for their meeting at 1pm.

The school will remain open, but you are welcome to collect your child early from school at 1pm that day. Buses will be running as usual in the afternoon. Thanks for your understanding.

Dates to remember		
Week 6	Tuesday 12th March	Junior School Swimming Sports Day
Week 7	Monday 18th March	Paid Union Meetings for teachers
Week 8	Tuesday 26th March	Yr 7/8 Sullivan's Sports Tournament
Week 8	Friday 29th March	Good Friday
Week 10	Tuesday 9th April	Room 6(Toroa) visit to the Manukau Symphony Orchestra
	Saturday 30th March	EASTER AUCTION
Week 9/10	Monday 1st April and Tuesday 2nd April	Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday holidays
Week 10	Friday 12th April	End of Term 1
Week 1 (Term 2)	Monday 29th April	Term 2 Starts
Yr 7/8 Term 1 Technology Dates		Friday: 15/3/23, 12/4/24

AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL MERCHANDISE *is now available.*

<https://awhitudistrictschool.digitees.co.nz/>

Sweatshirts, hoodies and t-shirts 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 school.*

If you need to contact the office, please phone Nona on 092351005, txt 0275247338 or email: admin@awhitu.school.nz Please inform the school of any changes to your emergency contact number, email address and home address.



The Annual Easter Auction is coming up fast. It's still not too late to offer your help. Please contact Chéney : 021 0780606. See the attached newsletter for more details.

Things all families are asked to do:

- 1. Bring in donations for raffles.***
- 2. Baking to sell in the Café.***
- 3. Save any shopping bags for the Toy, Clothing and Bric-a-brac rooms.***
- 4. Collect banana boxes for our Boxed Goods area.***

We also have a FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/AwhituSchoolFundraising/> - check it out and stay up-to-date!

And lastly, you are welcome to donate goods to our auction for reselling, auctioning or the raffles. All donations are very much appreciated.

Nga mihi nui from the team at Awhitu District School

Violin lessons



Could your child be interested in learning violin? Did they used to learn and would like to pick it up again?

FREE trial lesson w/c 18th March (violin supplied).

Phoebe is a violinist and music tutor who has recently moved to Awhitu from the UK. Phoebe is very passionate about violin and music tuition, has a BMus Music degree and experience teaching all ages and abilities, from beginner to Grade 8. She also tutors music theory.

If your child would like to have a trial lesson (during school time) or you would like to find out more please get in touch:

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To all our school Mums, Dads and caregivers – Awhitu School Easter Auction needs your help!

Every year a group of parents organises and runs the Annual Easter Auction. The proceeds from the Auction goes straight back to the school to help pay for things for your kids. It pays for things like school camps, new bark for our playgrounds, extra provisions for the teachers in their classrooms and bus travel for the kids so they can attend events in and around the Peninsula and the adjoining local areas.

Its success requires the ongoing support and help of our amazing families of the school!

We don't require any long-term commitment, just your help in getting things ready for the day and if you can help on the day, that would be great too! EVEN JUST 2 HOURS on each or either day would be very helpful.

We provide food for both days to helpers.

Please read and either fill in the form below and return to the school office, or txt Chéney on 021 0780606 when and what area you can help in.

Areas we need help:

- Friday sorting (going through and distributing donations to designated their places)
- Day security for Friday and/or Saturday
- Kids play area on Saturday
- Boxed Goods area Friday and/or Saturday
- Café on Friday
- Art Auction on Saturday
- Cake baking (about 4 for Thank you cakes to give auctioneers etc.)
- Setting up tents on Friday
- Packing up on Saturday



Name	Phone No.	Area you want to help in	What day? Friday, Saturday or Both	What time & how many hours

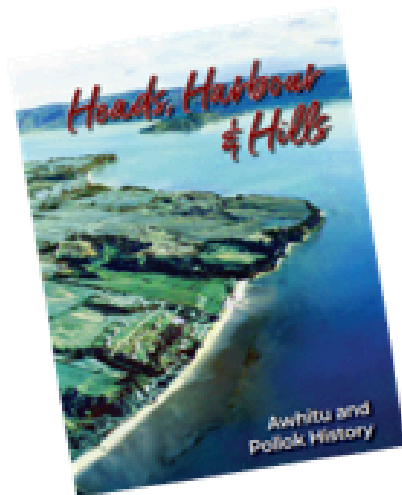
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2. Baking to sell in the Café.
3. Save any shopping bags for the Toy, Clothing and Bric-a-brac rooms.
4. Collect banana boxes for our Boxed Goods area.
5. Collect or lend us any wooden pallets for the furniture area to keep everything off the grass.

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Book Launch of
Heads, Harbour & Hills
Awhitu and Pollok History



Sunday 7 April 2024

10.00 a.m.

Pollok Hall

We welcome all descendants of early settlers, and all those interested in the history of our community, to celebrate the launch of the new updated edition of this book – which now includes Pollok.

Copies will be available and can be prepaid

Book orders and enquiries to:

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