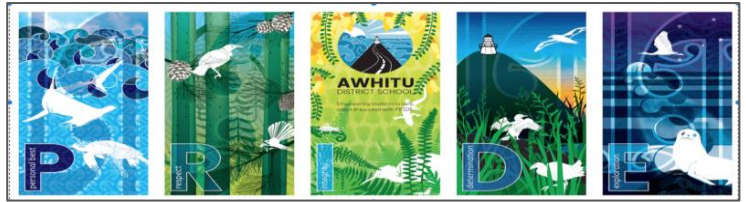




AWHITU
DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

No 8: Wk 5: Friday 31st May 2024

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Thank you to all the parent helpers that transported our students to and from the soccer tournaments last week and helped to umpire the games. Your help is so very much appreciated. Thank you again. Our teams did so well, displaying excellent sportsmanship from all our teams. Year 7/8 mixed team - 2nd; Y7 girls team - 3rd; Year 3&4 boys team - 2nd; Year 6 boys team - 2nd.



Don't Forget...

Next week, Monday 3rd June is King's Birthday Weekend Holiday. Tuesday 4th June SCHOOL IS CLOSED for a combined Waiuku-Franklin-Tuakau Teacher Only Day, being held 'at the Due Drop Events Centre at Manukau.

Teacher Only Day 4th June

All the Waiuku, Franklin and Tuakau Primary Schools are having a combined Teacher Only Day on Tuesday 4th June. This has been given to schools by the MOE (Ministry of Education) for professional development of the new curriculums that are currently being refreshed and rolled out to schools. Te Mātaiaho, the refreshed curriculum, will support every aakonga (learner) to experience success in their learning. It will give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and will be inclusive, clear about the learning that matters, and easy to use from Year 0 to Year 13. The refreshed curriculum content is being developed and released in phases, and schools and kura will have until the beginning of 2027 to start using the fully refreshed curriculum.



Pyjama Day... The school leaders are organising a Pyjama Day on Friday 7th June. Wear your snuggly pyjamas, dressing gowns, oodles and slippers and join in the fun.



"Little Labs"

Laura Torpey continued with her "Little Labs" science lessons. This week the students were learning about sharks and examined a Great White shark's jawbone...so many razor-sharp teeth, and a Bronze Whaler jawbone! Some of the students in Te Whaanau Honu (Rm 3) have been making sea creatures as well!





Matua Wynn told some awesome stories about the waka and kaihautu (leaders) that first came to Aotearoa by careful and intentional navigating. There were many waka, more than just the seven that left from Rarotonga.

Whaea Jasmine has been working with the junior school studying the Matariki Stars; Waiti and Waita and their connection to living things in and around freshwater and saltwater.

It's that time of the year for school speeches! There are some very interesting topics that students have chosen this year. **The Senior School (Yr 5 - 8) Speech Finals are on Thursday 20th June at 10.30am in the pavilion.** The winner of the Yr 7 - 8 competition will then go on to represent our school at the Waiuku Rotary Combined Schools Speech Competition on Tuesday the 25th June.

Coming up this term so far... Please check the dates below for any changes and/or updates.

Term 2 Dates		
Week 6	Monday 3rd June Tuesday 4th June Friday 7th June	King's Birthday Weekend Franklin, Waiuku and Tuakau School's Teacher Only Day Pyjama Day and School Assembly at 1.40pm
Week 8	Thursday 20th June Friday 21st June	Senior School (Yr 5 - 8) Speech Finals Matariki Kapa Haka Concert at Waiuku College (4pm - 7.40pm)
Week 9	Tuesday 25th June Thursday 27th June Friday 28th June	Yr 7/8 Waiuku Schools Rotary Speech Competition School Reports home Matariki Public Holiday
Week 10	Wednesday 7th June Thursday 6th July Friday 5th July	Book Character Dress-up Day Parent Interviews 2.45pm - 7pm Hangi Preparation Day Hangi lunch End of Term 2
Yr 7/8 Term 2 VRS Technology Dates: Friday 31st May, Friday 14th June		
Term 3: Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September Term 4: Monday 14th October - Thursday 19th December		

Nga mihi nui from the team at Awhitu District School

A HUGE THANK YOU to **Trina and Pete Newing** and **James Kitcher**

who recently donated many loaves of bread to school to be made into toasted sandwiches for our students.



AWHITU SCHOOL HEROES OF THE WEEK

Awhitu Fire Force

THANK YOU – Chanelle, Josh, John.



"Congratulations to **Marcus Hodges-Kautai** for winning the 6-10year old age category in the **Waiuku Mitre 10 school holiday colouring competition**. Marcus received a range of gifts from Mitre 10 and was very excited about the experience".



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2024

Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation
Proudly Presented to

Maximum Electrical Limited

Awhitu District School would like to express our greatest appreciation of your extremely generous gesture and supporting the school by waiving the costs for the recent electrical work that was carried out at the school house. We sincerely, thank you so much.



Cross Country Run Training

At Awhitu School or
Awhitu Regional Park
Mondays, 3 - 3.45pm
\$10 per child.
Fun training for all ages and abilities

Carl Read - 021 732 8111 - www.carlread.com
Run and Triathlon Coach - Elite Ultra Runner - Triathlon Coach

Term 2 2024 Family Quiz Night Registration

Family Quiz Night- A Waiuku College Foundation Fundraiser
Join us for our students' benefit!

6.00pm
Friday 14th June 2024
Waiuku College Hall

Tickets just \$120 per team (maximum of six adults)
Food platters available- \$40 per team
Cash bar on the night (non-alcoholic drinks available)
Spot prizes, auctions, and best-dressed awards!