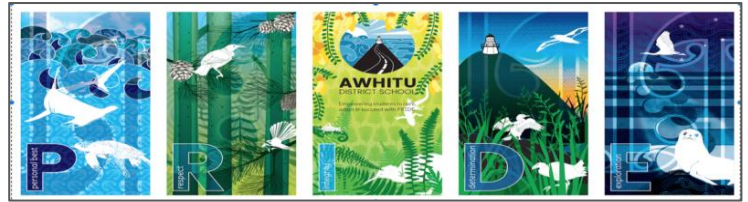




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Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

No 9: Wk 9 : Thursday 27th June 2024

School Phones: 092351005 or 0275247338

I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to Samantha Craig and her family to Awhitu District School. Samantha has joined Te Whaanau Kiwi (Rm 4) with Mrs Andrews. I hope you enjoy your time here!

We held our annual Senior School Speech Competition on Thursday 20th May. All the speeches were of an exceptionally high calibre and the judges had an extremely difficult time judging them.

Congratulations to:

Year 5 & 6

1st: Carter Chitty (Yr5) "Why we Shouldn't Keep Orca in Captivity"
2nd: Stanley Harris (Yr5) "Why Soccer is better than Rugby"
3rd: Majesty Kareko-Sanders (Yr6) "Cats and Dogs are Equals"
Highly Commended: Cole Bevins (Yr6), Lilly Poulter (Yr6), Isla Maffey (Yr6), Tommy McGlynn (Yr6)

Year 7 & 8

1st: Jasper Hickey (Yr8) "Why Growing up in Two Homes is Better than One"
2nd: Georgie Palmer (Yr7) "The Importance of Education"
3rd: Nina Palmer (Yr8) "Everyone should play Sport"
Highly Commended: Eden Torpey (Yr7), Walter Harris (Yr7), Bonnie Dodd (Yr7)

Jasper went on to represent Awhitu District School at the Waiuku Schools' Rotary Speech Competition on Wednesday 26th June. We were immensely proud of Jasper, who gained a highly commended in the competition. Congratulations and well done Jasper!

Between the speeches we were entertained by several junior students who delivered a speech or a poem. We were incredibly proud of Kaitlin Smyth, Caio Maffey, Aesha Bhana, Arthur Harris, Maggie Dodd, Lincoln Andrews and Arlo Chitty.

Last Friday was the Waiuku Schools' Combined Matariki Celebration Concert at Waiuku College. This was an amazing event and our Kapa Haka group was absolutely incredible. Everyone was so proud of them. Thank you to everyone who supported them and to Matua T for tutoring the group to such a high standard. *Can all students please return their kapa haka uniform to school before the end of the term.*



Coming up

- Whole school production of "The Wizard of Oz"
- School Cross Country: 6th August
- Franklin Netball Tournament: 13th - 15th August
- Calf Club Day: Term 4, Thursday 17th October

REMEMBER....

- **Reports come home today, Thursday 27th June.**
- **Parent interviews on Wednesday 3rd July, 3pm - 7pm.** Please book an interview time via the Skool Loop app or phone the school office 092351005.
- **Tomorrow, Friday 28th June, is a public holiday to celebrate Matariki, therefore school will be closed.**
- **Book Fair and a "Dress-up Book Character" day on Wednesday 3rd July.** Dress up as your favourite book character!
- **Hangi Day, Friday 5th July at 12pm. Please return your hangi slip with the number of adults attending.**

Great news...

Waiuku Library is holding a school holiday event "Ngaa Tamariki o Matariki, The Children of Matariki" in the Awhitu School pavilion for our children. This will run from 10am to 12pm on *Thursday 18th July*. **There is no cost for this event, but parents/caregivers are required to stay with their child/ren.**

Remaining dates for this term

Week 9	Thursday 27th June Friday 28th June	School Reports home Matariki Public Holiday (school closed)
Week 10	Wednesday 3rd July Wednesday 3rd July Thursday 6th July Friday 5th July	Book Character Dress-up Day Parent Interviews 3pm - 7pm Hangi Preparation Day Hangi lunch End of Term 2
Term 3: Monday 22nd July - Friday 27th September Term 4: Monday 14th October - Thursday 19th December		

AUCKLAND TRANSPORT VISIT TO AWHITU SCHOOL - Tuesday 25 June

Awhitu Road Remediation Repair Site

Awhitu Transport are working incredibly hard to get the slips on Awhitu Road repaired for us. They have been amazed and humbled with the support and the friendly waves they receive from the local community.

To show their appreciation, Steve Cooper and Shaun Hearden from Auckland Transport delivered an amazing presentation to the students and parents showing and describing how the Awhitu Road Slip Repairs are being executed. After the presentation the students were able to look over some of the machinery that they had brought to school for the students to see. Some students and parents were then taken to the repair site to see first hand how the repairs are being carried out. It is really interesting to see what they are doing e.g. driving nine metre "nails" into the bank under the road and cementing them in place.

A huge thank you to Auckland Transport for the great communication and support offered to our students.

Auckland Transport would also like to thank the wider community for their patience and support while these repairs are being done.



Nga mihi nui from the team at Awhitu District School

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