



AWHITU
DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

Week 1 Friday 28th April 2023

School Phones: 092351005 or txt: 0275247338

I hope all our families and whanau had an awesome Easter break and holiday. A huge thank you to Kiri Torpey for organising the Easter Auction for 2023 and getting together a great team to make it happen. Thank you all so much!

Congratulations: It is with great pleasure to announce the Student Leadership Team for 2023.

Head Girl: *Holly Clifford*

Head Boy: *Levi Field*

Paratutae Leader: *Renee De Lacey*

Turamarama Leader: *Sienna Allnatt*

Paorae Leader: *Aidan Blake*

Kaiwhare Leader: *Mavrick Drake*

Cultural Ambassador: *Maka Fetokai*

School assemblies are held every second Friday at 1.50pm. The next assembly is on 5th May.



Let's Celebrate

At our final School Assembly for Term 1, 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: Te Hira and Hawaiki
- Te Whaanau Mokomoko: Bonnie and Kiara
- Te Whaanau Honu: Juno and Carter
- Te Whaanau Kiwi: Arthur and Alex
- Te Whaanau Toroa: Aidan B and Annabelle

Class Awards

- Te Whaanau Takahe: Jacob L and Tynell
- Te Whaanau Mokokoko: Deeaz and Keenan
- Te Whaanau Honu: Henry and Cairo
- Te Whaanau Kiwi: Maisey and Trey Boy
- Te Whaanau Toroa: Renee and Ewan

AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL'S EASTER AUCTION UPDATE & THANKS

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the people and businesses who sponsored our Easter Auction Fundraiser. We were donated so many wonderful things from kids toys, Easter baskets and gourmet food to loads of metal and firewood, concert tickets and getaway accommodation vouchers, and everything in between.

Our local talented artists were as generous as usual, donating so many beautiful and artistic pieces that are now being enjoyed throughout Awhitu and the wider community. Thank you so much.

To our local community using this occasion multi-purposely as a time to clean out and declutter, and then donating to our school for fundraising. This is what makes our auction an amazing auction. Thank you.

Another thanks goes out to our local and wider community for coming along and supporting us and enjoying the day. Whether you purchased items or participated, we thank you all so very much for helping make our Easter Auction Day another very successful fundraiser.

This year we raised just over \$33k net which will go towards school supplies for our students, camps and trips, travel expenses and more. A final thanks to all the parents, caregivers and community members who helped organise and run the day. It could not have been done without you and your hard work and the time you donated is very much appreciated.

Ngā mihi Kiri Torpey and the Easter Auction Team Awhitu District School

Pataka Kai

A huge thank you to Whaea Elaine for organising many of our students to paint the Pataka Kai (community pantry). It looks amazing and is back up in place, ready for everyone in our community to use. You can give what you can, and take what you need.

School Photos: Get the hair brushes out as the school photos will be taken next week, on **Wednesday 3rd of May**.

Sports Events: Winter sports are starting for the season. It's great to have teams practicing at school for soccer and netball. Goodluck to all the teams in their games.

Also, Mr Humphrey is taking a group of 6 enthusiastic Yr 7/8 students to the Zone Orienteering Championship next Tuesday, and there is the annual Franklin School's Soccer Tournament happening in week 4 for Yr 3 - 8 students to participate in. Please return your permission slips as soon as possible if you want to participate.

- I'd like to welcome Matua T to Awhitu District School not only for continuing as the Kapahaka tutor, but also as a Teacher Aide for this term, to support some of our students in the classroom.
- Over the next few weeks, the students will be practicing our emergency procedures for fire, earthquake and lockdowns to ensure they are prepared for any emergency situation that arises.

Reminders

- Please make sure that your child/ren keep any **necklaces, rings, other jewelry items** at home. **These items can become a safety issue at school when children are playing.** Children will be asked to remove them if worn at school. If items are a special taonga, please write a letter to your child's teacher explaining this in order to gain an exemption.
- As the Ministry of Education is collecting data on school absences, please advise the office by phone, text or use the free school app if your child is going to be absent from school. If we aren't notified of an absence, the student will be marked as being truant.
- 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.

Dates To Remember		
Week 2	Orienteering Yr 7/8	Tuesday 2nd May
Week 2	School Photos	Wednesday 3rd May
Week 4	Soccer Tournament	Yr 5/6: Tuesday 16th May, Yr 3/4: Wednesday 17th May, Yr 7/8: Thursday 18th May
Week 10	End of Term 2	Friday 30th June
Yr 7/8 Technology dates : Friday 28/4/23, Friday 12/5/23, Friday 26/5/23, Friday 9/6/23, Friday 23/6/23		

Interested in Local Awhitu Peninsula history?

It's time to support the group that keeps records and photos for future generations to enjoy!
To find out more....

Come along to the Awhitu Peninsula Historical Society's A G M (to be followed by a regular meeting)

WHEN: Thursday 4 May @ 10am

WHERE: at the old Matakawau School / Scout Den (beside the Playcentre)

Contact: Gillian 2358810 / 0274435881

Community Messages

If you would like your child to learn guitar or ukulele, please contact Sue Coulston for more information on **0210321081** or email singularity.voice.coach@gmail.com Lessons are held at school on a Monday.

Awhitu Peninsula Landcare: Workshop opportunity



Keen to grow trees for your revegetation project like a pro?

Āwhitu Peninsula Landcare is offering a native tree seed sowing workshop. A great opportunity to learn tips and tricks.

When Saturday May 6 2023
Time 10am – 12 midday
Where Āwhitu Peninsula Nursery
Location 2610 Awhitu Road Matakawau
Tutors Landcare Propagators
Register today – email tekorowai@awhitu.org.nz

Spaces are limited. Thanks to funding from MPI (1 Billion Trees) there is no charge for this workshop.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Friday 19 May 2023

Gold Coin Donation

On Friday 19 May 2023, Aotearoa will become a sea of pink as schools, workplaces and communities join the **PINK SHIRT DAY movement. By taking part you will be helping to stamp out Bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion.**



WAIUKU NETBALL CENTRE

OPENING DAY

Saturday 29th April

8.00am - 9.00am
Future Ferns Year 3&4 Games

9.10am
Official Opening of the 2023 Season
Courts 3&4

Please be on Courts
3&4 AT 9AM FOR THE
Official Opening

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WELCOMING YOU ALL
TO OUR OFFICIAL
OPENING OF THE 2023
SEASON