



AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

Tuesday 7th February 2023

School Phones: 092351005 or txt: 0275247338

Kia ora and welcome back after the summer break. It has certainly been a challenging time with the recent severe weather events. I hope everyone managed to keep themselves safe.

Our team here at Awhitu District School is feeling refreshed and are ready for an exciting 2023 year with your children.

2023 Teaching Staff

Megan Allen	Principal principal@awhitu.school.nz
Elaine Kauta'i	Deputy Principal (full time classroom release for 2023) elainek@awhitu.school.nz
Debra Torpey	Room 1, Takahe (Year 5 teacher) debrat@awhitu.school.nz
Paul Humphrey	Teacher Release in Room 1 (one day per fortnight)
Jessica Sweeney	Room 2, Mokomoko (Year 6 teacher) jessicas@awhitu.school.nz
Jenny Williams	Room 3, Honu (Year 3/4 teacher) jennyw@awhitu.school.nz
Deby Andrews	Room 4, Kiwi (Year 0 - 2 teacher) debya@awhitu.school.nz
Kirstie Maclaine	Room 6, Toroa (Year 7/8 teacher) kirstiem@awhitu.school.nz

Please contact your child's teacher on the above email addresses if you have any questions or concerns or want to meet with them.

The 2023 Awhitu District School Board

Chairperson:	Cheney McGlynn
Principal:	Megan Allen
Staff Rep:	Lisa Pritchard
Members:	Kerry Torpey, Michael Oldfield, Leigh Maffey

Support Staff:

Nona King:	Admin Manager
Lisa Pritchard:	Accounts Manager/Teacher-Aide
Tania Torpey:	Teacher-Aide/ Librarian
Anau Kauta'i:	Caretaker
Wanida Khiawsing:	Cleaner

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. Very important to let the school know of any changes with allergic reactions your child may have. Thank you.

Your child will bring home a newsletter today regarding the Orpheus Commemoration Day on this Saturday, 11th February. Please read it and send back the return slip to the office as soon as possible. Thanks.

Hats: In Term 1 and 4, all students are required to wear hats when outside. If your child doesn't have one, they will stay on the deck in the shade during break times.

Technology classes for the Yr 7 & 8's begin this Friday. Please read the letter sent home with your child today. Mrs Maclaine will accompany them to Technology for their first session.

Great news! We are very lucky to have Jacqui Waldegrave, who is volunteering her time, to come in every Tuesday to take all the classes for swimming lessons. It is so important for students to learn to swim. There were 93 drownings last year, which has been described as a "national disaster". Jacqui will also take private swimming lessons on Tuesday afternoons as well. If you would like your child/ren to have lessons with Jacqui on Tuesday afternoons, please phone or txt her on 02102379566. *The school pool will therefore be closed on Tuesday afternoons until 4pm, while Jacqui takes her swimming lessons. Thank you for your understanding.*

School Lunches:

Big Pies - Mince, Steak, M/Cheese, S/Cheese \$3.30
Small Pies - Mince, Steak, M/Cheese, S/Cheese, Bacon & Egg \$2.50
Mouse Trap - Spaghetti, Ham, Cheese \$2.00
Ham Salad Bun - \$4.50
Chicken Salad Bun - \$4.80
Large Cookie \$3.20
Small Cookie \$1.80
Snack Pack \$4.00
Fruit \$1.00
Yoghurt / Dairy Food \$1.20

FRIDAY LUNCH ONLY - Fish & Chips \$5.00, Nuggets & Chips \$4.00, Hot Dog \$3.00, Hot Chips \$3.00, Lasagne Topper \$3.20, Chicken Burger - \$4.50.

Thank you to everyone who has purchased their children's stationery so far this year. That's great and it allows teachers to get classroom programmes underway promptly.



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 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.

Our school app is : The Skool Loop App. Please download this.

- The free school app you will love! Communicate immediately and effectively with your school smartphone app.
- Streamlines all of your school communications to your school community.
- send newsletters, instant messages, notices, school events etc to the school parents in one quick convenient, easy way!
- The Skool Loop App is fully functional and absolutely free to schools. Please make sure you turn the app on when you download it onto your phone.

School newsletters and notices are published on the school website and on the Skool Loop App every fortnight. A hard copy is not usually sent home, however a hard copy of this newsletter will be sent home with the eldest child of each school family. If you do require a hard copy all the time, please inform Nona. Copies are also available in the school office.

Sue Coulston is the itinerant music teacher that comes to Awhitu District School every Monday morning. If you would like your child to have guitar, ukulele, singing lessons or music therapy, please phone her on 0210321081, or email: singularity.voice.coach@gmail.com Website: www.nzmsmcounties.co.nz These are private lessons and not funded by the school.

Nga mihi nui Megan Allen Principal