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Week 2 Tuesday 17th October 2023

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Welcome back to Term 4. Awhitu District School would like to extend a very warm welcome to our newest New Entrant, Cullen R who has joined Te Whaanau Kiwi with Mrs Andrews. We hope you enjoy your time with us Cullen!

It has already been a busy time, with two Yr 7/8 teams participating in the Police Blue Light PCT Fear Factor Challenge for 2023 last Friday and of course our Calf Club held on Saturday.

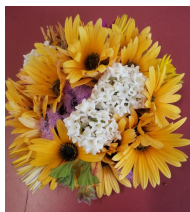
The Police Blue Light PCT Fear Factor Challenge is an event run each year with teams of intermediate age students participating in a variety of mental and physical challenges. Each year Police branches throughout New Zealand run local competitions to select their representatives to attend the National finals held at the Royal New Zealand Police college where one team will win the coveted National PCT Fear Factor Trophy and be crowned National Champions. Teams are required to participate in a series of challenges including the 'police car push' as well as complete the Police Competence Test (PCT) – the obstacle course used in the entry exams for new police recruits. Our two teams (Charlotte and Aidan B, Holly C, Levi F, Renee D, Mason T, Maverick D and Nina P) competed well and had loads of fun! Thanks to Whaea Kirstie for organising this event.

You are welcome to attend our first **school assembly for the term this Friday 20th October at 1.45pm**. It will be hosted by Te Whaanau Toroa (Rm 6).

Calf Club...

What an awesome day we had on Saturday! The weather was perfect, the animals were amazing, the photography entries were incredible as were the bean and enchanted garden entries, and all the competitors were awesome! Thanks so much to all the parents who supported their children either in rearing their animals or entering the project section.

A huge thank you to Kirsty Ollerenshaw and Sarah Chitty and all the other parents who worked together to make Calf Club happen and be the success it was! Thank you to all the families and whaanau who donated baking and items for the raffles. A list of the prize winners will be published soon.



Sand saucers for Calf Club from the junior rooms

Calf Club Group Day is on Thursday 19th October. There are 9 students and their animals taking part in the Waiuku Group Day. They are: Nina P, Georgie P, Sean B, Walter H, Arthur H, Sam N, Carter C, Arlo C, and Olivia VDS. Best of luck to all our students.

Athletics...

Our school Athletics Day is coming up fast scheduled for Tuesday 31st October. The saving day is Thursday 2nd November. Whaea Deb and Whaea Kirstie are organising this and a letter will be sent home soon with more information.

Touch Rugby...

There are 2 teams entered in this competition. Thank you to Lisa P, Mellanie O and Colette M for coaching and managing these teams. Competition runs from this Wednesday 18 October to Wednesday 6 December with finals being held on Friday 8 December. **Game times are: 3:40pm for Year 5/6 and 4:10pm for Year 7/8.**

International Shake Out Day...

We are participating in this exercise again this year. International ShakeOut Day is every third Thursday of October, when most schedule their Shake Out drills and other earthquake preparedness activities. This annual date was selected back in 2009, when most schools agreed this was the best time. **This year, International ShakeOut Day is October 19.**

Room 4 Te whaanau "Little School to Big School" Event

Where: Held at Waiuku College
When: Thursday 16th November.

Each year, a fun event is held at Waiuku College involving the local Early Childcare Centres and the Junior classes from local primary school's. This year it will be held on Thursday 16th November. Mrs Andrews will be sending information home about this event soon.

Teacher Only Day...

All the Waiuku Primary Schools are having a combined Teacher Only Day on Friday 17th November. 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.

The first stage of the refresh took effect at the start of 2023, and new [Aotearoa New Zealand's histories](#) content must now be taught in all schools. From 2025, schools must use the refreshed mathematics and statistics and English learning areas. The implementation deadline for the full curriculum is 2027.

Senior Camp Fundraiser - Chocolates on Sale

Students from Room 1, 2 and 6 will be selling chocolates at **\$2.00 each**. Thank you for supporting our Camp Fundraiser.





HATS... This term, all students are required to wear hats outside. Please ensure your child has their own sun hat every day. Sharing hats, having turns of sharing a friend's hat so they can play is not ideal. School does not have spare hats for children. The bucket hats are the best, as caps don't protect ears or the back of the neck from sunburn.

Reminders

- Please make sure that your child/ren keep **necklaces, rings, jewellery items** at home. **These items can become a safety issue at school when children are playing.** If items are a special taonga, please write a letter to your child's teacher explaining this in order to gain an exemption. Children will be asked to remove them if worn at school.
- 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.

Term 3 Dates To Remember		
Week 2	Thursday 19th October	Shake Out Day
Week 2	Thursday 19th October	Calf Club Group Day
Week 2	Friday 20th October	School Assembly at 1.45pm
Week 3	Monday 23rd October	Labour Day Holiday
Week 4	Tuesday 31st October	School Athletics Day (savings day Thursday 2nd November)
Week 5	Thursday 9th November	Group Day Athletics
Week 6	Thursday 16th November	Zone Day Athletics
Week 6	Thursday 16th November	Room 4 (Te whaanau Kiwi) "Little School to Big School" event
Week 6	Friday 17th November	TEACHER ONLY DAY for all Waiuku Primary Schools
Week 9	Wed 6th - Fri 8th December	Yr 5 - 8 to Camp Adair
Week 10	Tuesday 12th December	Yr 8 Social Dance at Waiuku College
Week 10	Friday 15th December	End of Term 4 at 12.30pm.
Yr 7/8 Technology dates for Term 4 : Friday 27/10/23, Friday 10/11/23, Friday 24/11/23		
End of year prizegiving date to be confirmed.		

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The Team at Awhitu District School

Senior Camp Fundraiser -

CAR WASH this Saturday 21st October 2023.

Car Wash

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Fundraiser

Don't
Miss It

Saturday 21st October 2023



Awhitu District School

From 9am