



# AWHITU DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

**Week 3 Tuesday 21st February 2023**

**School Phones: 092351005 or txt: 0275247338**

I hope everyone is safe and sound and has recovered from the recent weather events, although I know for some of our community, it may take a while to fully get back to normal. Our hearts of course, go out to the communities in the Hawkes Bay area, that are still so devastated by the effects from Cyclone Gabrielle.

Thank you to the parents and students who represented our school at the 160 year commemoration of the Orpheus Disaster. Sir Bob and Lady Harvey and their son Rupert, were so interesting to listen to with their close connection to the disaster. The students laid 189 crosses on the picket fence around the lighthouse in remembrance of the lives lost on that fateful day, the 7th February 1863. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea at the pavilion.



### Swimming Sports

It's back on in 2023! The Junior and Senior School Swimming Sports event will be held on Thursday the 2nd March. These will be held in the school swimming pool, and we will need some helpers please. More details will be sent home soon.

### 3-Way Conferences

In Week 6, 3-Way Conferences will be held from 3pm until 7.30pm. These conferences provide a chance for you and your child to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the learning and social goals that have been decided on. Closer to the time, you will be able to book a time for these.

### Welcome Back Picnic

Thursday 2nd March at 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Bring a picnic tea or grab some take-aways and come up to school and have an informal chance to chat to other parents and teachers.

### Reminders

- Please make sure that your child/ren keep any **necklaces, rings, other jewelry items and false nails** 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 genuine taonga, please write a letter to your child's teacher explaining this in order to gain an exemption.
- Kapahaka starts again this Wednesday.
- Please inform the school of any changes to your own contact details including email address, home address and your emergency contact numbers. Also, please inform Nona King of any changes or updates to medical or allergic conditions of your child/ren.
- 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.



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.

### 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.

<b>Dates To Remember</b>		
	Friday: 24/2/23, 10/3/23, 24/3/23	Yr 7/8 Technology at View Road School
Week 4	Thursday 2nd March	School Swimming Sports Day
Week 4	Thursday 2nd March	Welcome Back Picnic 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Week 5	Thursday 9th March	Waiuku Group Day Swimming Sports
Week 6	Wednesday 15th March	3-Way Goal Setting Conferences
Week 9	Thursday 6th April	End of Term 1
Week 9	Saturday 8th April	Easter Auction
Week 1 (Term 2)	Monday 24th April	Combined Teacher Only Day for all Waiuku Schools
Week 1 (Term 2)	Tuesday 25th April	ANZAC Day (School Closed)
Week 1 (Term 2)	Wednesday 26th April	First day for students at school for Term 2

### **2023 Teaching Staff**

Megan Allen Principal [principal@awhitu.school.nz](mailto:principal@awhitu.school.nz)  
 Elaine Kauta'i Deputy Principal (full time classroom release for 2023) [elainek@awhitu.school.nz](mailto:elainek@awhitu.school.nz)  
 Debra Torpey Room 1, Takahe (Year 5 teacher) [debrat@awhitu.school.nz](mailto:debrat@awhitu.school.nz)  
 Paul Humphrey Teacher Release in Room 1 (one day per fortnight)  
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Please contact your child's teacher on the above email addresses if you have any questions or concerns or want to meet with them.

*Nga mihi nui*

*The Team at Awhitu District School*