



AWHITU
DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

Week 5 Wednesday 24th May 2023

School Phones: 092351005 or txt: 0275247338

Awhitu District School would like to extend a very warm welcome to Lochlan and his family. Lochlan is an awesome 5 year old and has joined Te Whaanau Kiwi (Rm 4).

Also a big warm welcome to the Awhitu Peninsula and to Awhitu District School for Melody and her family. Melody is also joining Te Whaanau Kiwi.

School assemblies are held every second Friday at 1.40pm. The next assembly is on the 2nd June.

Let's Celebrate



At the last assembly 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: Andre
- Te Whaanau Mokomoko: Walter and Alexis
- Te Whaanau Honu: Wyatt, Juniper and Te Arepa
- Te Whaanau Kiwi: Boston and Joshua
- Te Whaanau Toroa: Lilli and Lainey

Class Awards

- Te Whaanau Takahe: Ava and Tommy
- Te Whaanau Mokokoko: Eden and Aiden
- Te Whaanau Honu: Stanley, Billie and Imani
- Te Whaanau Kiwi: Koda and Layne
- Te Whaanau Toroa: Mavrick and Renee

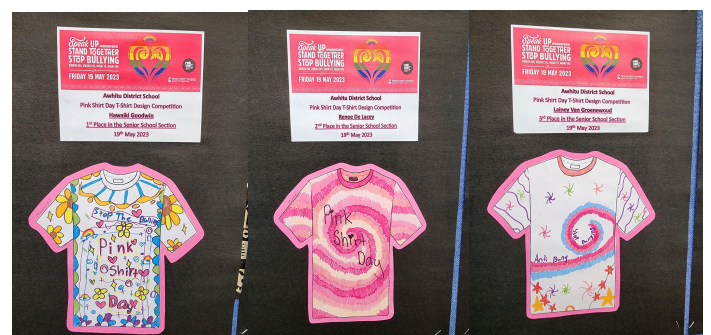
Principal's Awards

Raddon T (Te Whaanau Honu)

Last Friday was the annual **Pink Shirt Day**. Thank you to everyone who donated a gold coin and helped to raise \$90 for the charity. As well as the staff and so many students dressed in **PINK**, the school leaders organised a colouring competition for the students to participate in. The winners of the colouring competition were:

Junior School: Imani, Judah, Taufa.

Senior School: Hawaiki, Renee, Lainey.



Our school has been extremely fortunate to have had an awesome mural painted on the front wall of Room 6 (Toroa) over the last few weeks.

Artist, Gita Botma, secured funding to paint the mural depicting Kauritutahi Beach at Awhitu Regional Park.

Several students helped her with the painting and it looks amazing!



A BIG THANK YOU to members of our Awhitu Community, Faye Bell who has donated boxes of art and craft paper for the students, to Kaye Wilshere, Linda Eastman and the Goodwin whaanau who have donated lots of delicious mandarins for students to have at break times. Also A BIG THANK YOU to Grace from the Hamilton Estate Hall in Waiuku and Punchbowl NZ who kindly deliver boxes of delicious golden kiwifruit to our school for the students. It is very much appreciated.

Coming Up...

Yr 7 & 8 Passion Projects:

The next one will be held at lunchtime this Thursday 25th May, and will be art and craft activities, painting rocks with positive messages, some quiet time reading books and listening to music. There is no charge for this.

Speeches:

It is school speech time again! The Yr 5 - 8 Senior School Speech Competition will be held on Monday 29th May starting at 10.15am in the school pavilion.

- Don't forget that **Monday 5th June** is the King's Birthday public holiday. Enjoy the long weekend!
- Mrs Allen will be absent from school to attend the annual Rural Principals Conference from Tuesday 29th to Friday 2nd June. Whaea Elaine will be available for any enquiries.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Impending Industrial Action by Primary School Teachers. This will be a one-day strike on Wednesday 31 May AND a ban on meetings outside of 8.30am-4.30pm from 1st - 30th June.

However, due to a process initiated by the Minister of Education to progress collective agreement negotiations, any decision on moving forward with these industrial actions has been paused by the NZEI Te Riu Roa National Executive.

As you may know, on Friday 19 May, Education Minister Jan Tinetti facilitated a meeting between NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA Te Wehengarua with the Ministry of Education to discuss options for finding a way forward in the current stalled collective bargaining.

Strike action may still take place on **31st May** if the NZEI Te Riu Roa National Executive and negotiations team feel insufficient progress has been made through the new process. If action does go ahead on Wednesday 31 May, strike notices will go out on Sunday 28th May. ***You will be informed as soon as possible of the negotiation outcomes.***

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 6	Monday 29th May	Senior School Speech Competition
Week 7	Monday 5th June	King's Birthday Holiday
Week 10	Tuesday 27th June	TFS Planting Day
Week 10	Friday 30th June	End of Term 2 and School Reports issued.
Yr 7/8 Technology dates : Friday 26/5/23, Friday 9/6/23, Friday 23/6/23		

Nga mihi nui

The Team at Awhitu District School

Community Notices



AWHITU FIRE BRIGADE

Open Day
this Sunday 28th May
9am - 2pm



Come and look around the fire station, see a mock kitchen fire display, there's activities to do and enjoy a delicious BBQ.