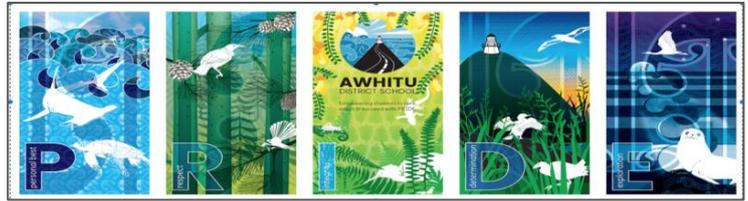




AWHITU
DISTRICT SCHOOL



Empowering students to care, adapt and succeed with PRIDE

Week 7 Friday 9th June 2023

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It's been so lovely to have had some beautiful fine winter days at long last!

Our **Senior School Speech Competition** was held at school on **Monday 29th May**. All the speeches were of a very high calibre and the judges had a difficult time judging them. **Congratulations go to:**

Year 5 & 6

1st: Eden Torpey
2nd: Isla Maffey
3rd: Walter Harris

Year 7 & 8

1st: Nina Palmer
2nd: Renee de Lacey
3rd: Jasper Hickey



Nina went on to represent Awhitu District School at the Waiuku Schools' Speech Competition on Wednesday night. We are immensely proud of Nina, who was placed 2nd in the competition. Congratulations and well done Nina! Her speech was on **"Why every school should have a pool."**

The judges said *"It was such a privilege to listen and judge all of the contestants, thank you for the opportunity. I was so impressed with all of them. They represented their schools superbly and they should be so proud of their achievement of making the Waiuku finals."*

The Junior School will be holding their speech competition on the 20th June.

Parents, caregivers and whanau are invited to come along.
This starts at 11.45am in the pavilion.

Congratulations to Aidan B, from Toroa (Rm 6) for making it through to the Auckland Championship Orienteering Competition earlier this term. This is an amazing achievement. Aidan completed the course with the second fastest time for the Yr 8 group. Well done!

School assemblies are held every second Friday at 1.40pm. The next assembly is on 16th 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: Emily

Te Whaanau Mokomoko: Eden and Walter

Te Whaanau Honu: Judah and Marcus

Te Whaanau Kiwi: Maggie and Trey Boy

Te Whaanau Toroa: Maesin C

Class Awards

Te Whaanau Takahe: Oscar and Cole

Te Whaanau Mokokoko: Sam and Zac

Te Whaanau Honu: Pascalle and Ezra

Te Whaanau Kiwi: Lochlan and Cooper

Te Whaanau Toroa: Lincoln and Mavrick

Principal's Awards

Wyatt (Honu) and Sean (Mokomoko)



The Waiuku Schools' Combined *Matariki Celebration Concert* is on **Friday the 23rd of June** at **Waiuku College**. Waiuku College and many of the local schools, including Awhitu District School, are participating. Performances start at 3.30pm on Friday, and everyone is invited to go along and enjoy the afternoon events. See the flyer below.

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. The artist, **Gita Botma**, secured funding to paint the mural depicting Kauritutahi Beach at Awhitu Regional Park. Gita is now going to extend the mural over the rest of the wall of the classroom. This part will depict the Brooke Homestead.



I'd like to introduce the new School Community Constable, Agapetos Viliamu to our school. Constable Gap (as he likes to be called) will be visiting the school to deliver programmes to support the students. Yesterday he talked to the Yr 7 & 8 students about cyberbullying, gaming and the use of social media.

The **Year 7 & 8 Passion Project** went ahead at lunchtime yesterday. They organised several outdoor games for the students to play. Constable Gap had a great time joining in with the fun!



Coming up is a school soccer tournament. This will be held on Thursday 22nd June starting from 1.10pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the games and support all the students.

Calf Cub 2023.... This will be here before you know it! To be able to hold it this year, we will need some volunteers to organise it. If you are able to help with this, please contact Kiri Torpey 027 251 0004 to find out more information. It is a great day for our students and we really want it to continue.



Please Remember

- Please keep the Skool Loop app updated on your phone, so you will receive all notifications.
- For safety reasons, can students leave all jewellery at home. They can wear a watch, stud or sleeper earrings and any item that they have permission for.
- 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 8	Tuesday 20th June	Junior school speech competition at 11.45am
Week 8	Thursday 22nd June	School Soccer Tournament
Week 9	Friday 23rd June	Waiuku Schools' Combined <i>Matariki Celebration Concert (3.30pm)</i>
Week 10	Tuesday 27th June	TFS Planting Day
Week 10	Friday 30th June	End of Term 2 and School Reports issued.
Last Yr 7/8 Technology date for Term 2 : Friday 23/6/23		

Nga mihi nui

The Team at Awhitu District School

TE HONONGA KI TE AO MAAORI
MATARIKI CONCERT

**KAI STALLS, ENTERTAINMENT, GIVEAWAYS
AND MORE.....**

WAIUKU COMMUNITY KAPA HAKA



VENUE: WAIUKU COLLEGE GYMNASIUM

DATE: FRIDAY 23RD JUNE 23'

START TIME: 3.30PM



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Join Āwhitu Peninsula Landcare members and locals for an afternoon of

Birds, Bushes and Budgets

Āwhitu School Pavilion, Matakawau Village
Saturday 17 June, 2023

3:15pm Welcome, tea/coffee

3:30pm Rōhutu: protecting this regionally endangered plant from myrtle rust

3:45pm Guest Speaker: The challenges of wild bird rehabilitation

Dr Lynn Miller
CEO and founder of WildWays

Lynn has an extensive background in wildlife rehabilitation in Aotearoa and overseas. She was the General Manager of BirdCare Aotearoa, Director of the Cape Wildlife Centre and Education Director of the South Florida Wildlife Centre.

4:15pm Afternoon tea

4:45pm Annual General Meeting



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