



Newsletter

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Kia ora mai tatou

As the Auckland Summer tries to reassert itself, our students are enjoying being able to not only get on the fields at school, but also to go for a trip to the beach! The Takahe outing to Muriwai yesterday was the first of many opportunities offered as what is called *Education Outside of the Classroom* (EOTC – a bit of educational jargon for you there!) Looking at the calendar I can see that the term is packed with these experiences. Of course there is swimming for students in years 3 – 6; Kiwisport Fun Skills programmes for Tui and Pukeko syndicates; the Kea Clean Up at Ambury Farm; and last but not least, Camp for all students in Years 5 – 6.

It is important to acknowledge the work of the teachers in organising and facilitating these opportunities. We now have strict health and safety requirements and this demands rigorous attention to detail both in planning and management. I have been very happy with the professionalism shown by staff with this. The support of parents is crucial. Thanks to all of you who have offered to help in EOTC activities. The kids love to have you there and we appreciate your involvement.

I mention this kaupapa because we are currently having a total review of all our health and safety systems and documentation. Writing policies is only part of this. For any document to have traction, all of us must buy in to process. If you are around the school at any time and notice a potential or actual hazard, come and let me know. I have had feedback from some parents on the wearing of hats. There is a policy for this and we accept that at times we can be a little lax in supervising it. As parents you can help by ensuring your child has a hat and knows about this. It will help us at school to monitor the situation. We do have red hats on sale in the office and while it is recommended that these be worn, other hats will suffice – any hat is better than none!

Mrs Wilkinson has requested not to write too much, and as always, I do as I'm told, but one last thing: we are working closely with the Ministry to get our fence underway – and will keep everybody informed as details are confirmed.

Go well.

Greg



dates for your diary

Feb 24th	Friday Lunch Orders Kea - Love your coast presentation by Sustainable Coastlines Prospective Whanau Leader Speeches being presented to classes
Feb 27th	NZ Sea Week School assembly 10am
Feb 28th	Sport Waitakere Funskills session for Tui and Pukeko Mt. Albert Swimming lessons for all Year 3-6 students
March 2nd	Mt. Albert Swimming lessons for all Year 3-6 students
March 3rd	Friday Lunch Orders
March 6th	School assembly 10am Mobile Ear Clinic on site
March 7th	Sport Waitakere Funskills session for Tui and Pukeko Mt. Albert Swimming lessons for all Year 3-6 students
March 9th	Mt. Albert Swimming lessons starts for all Year 3-6 students Newsletter #3 comes home



School hats

Reminder school hats are to be worn this term. You can purchase a hat from the office for \$8.00



Friday Lunch Orders

Taste Café Friday lunches...These orders need to be complete by 9am Friday, from either the school office or direct to the cafe.

Scholastic books

Scholastic lucky book orders are due in by Tuesday 28th March

School App!

Just a reminder that we have a school APP! It is available for both android and apple smartphones. Search Avondale Primary School in the app store on your device.



We use the app for updates, alerts and events. If your child is going to be absent, you can also let us know directly through this APP!



Takahe beach Ed trip

118 Year 5/6 students, 5 teachers, 2 teacher aides and 26 parents went to Muriwai beach yesterday for "Beach Education". It was a glorious day and the activities were enjoyable and the waves were fun. Thanks very much to everyone who came. Without parents we just could not have gone!



Whanau Leader 2017

All interested Year 6 students are currently working on their Whanau leader application speeches. These will be presented to their class on TOMORROW. Good luck to you all.

Values & virtues

Our focus for the next two weeks

Value:

Respect/ Whakaute

We are respectful. We treat others and ourselves as we deserve to be treated. We show courtesy to everyone. We learn the wisdom of our elders.

Virtue:

Courtesy/ Whakaaro-atawhai

We are courteous. We speak and act in a polite way. We show others that we value and respect them.



term dates

TERM 1 2017:

Tuesday 31 January – Thursday 13 April

TERM 2:

Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July

Queen's birthday (Public Holiday) – Monday 5 June

TERM 3:

Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September

Teacher Only Day (school closed) Wednesday 23 August

TERM 4:

Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December (TBC)

Labour Day (Public Holiday) – Monday 23 October

A message from our Wastewise Team

Instead of buying individual ... mini yoghurts, fill a mini sealable container with a yoghurt you've bought in bulk (or homemade) and add sliced fruit, nuts and seeds or a handful of frozen berries.



A message from our Travelwise Team

40km Zone

Our school has a 40km school speed zone. Please stay within the sign posted speed limit. This is for the safety of our children.





Takahe Camp 2017

Takahe Camp for 2017 is on
Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th March.

Thank you to all the parents who came to our camp **information meeting** last Tuesday. If you were unable to attend and have any questions regarding camp, please contact the office 8288929, pop in and see Kim or email her at kimw@avondaleprimary.school.nz

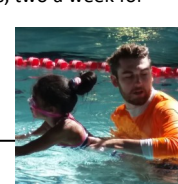
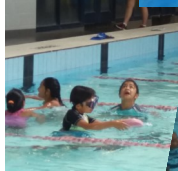


Swimming Lessons

Swimming started this week and with that has many very excited students. They get off the bus and are full of positive chatter about the experience. What a wonderful opportunity this is for our children.

Just a reminder to pop a few extra snacks in the lunchbox with all the extra exercise. Remember that these swimming lessons are available to all of our Year 3 - 6 students. They get 10 lessons, two a week for 5 weeks. The cost is \$15.00.

If you have not paid yet, please give the money to your class teacher or come and pay at the office.



Eco Soap

We are selling **Eco Soap** as a school fundraiser. Each bar costs \$2.50 to buy and \$1.00 comes back to us.

We have two kinds -



Love your coast

Kea Syndicate are heading to Ambury Farm tomorrow afternoon, **Friday 24 February** to as part of the sustainable coastlines initiative.

SUPPORT sustainable coastlines mobile phone appeal

We want your old phones! The environment benefits by keeping them out of our landfills and we gain valuable rewards. Please drop any unwanted phones the collection box in our office.



Powhiri



Thanks very much to all the families who attended our Powhiri, on Monday last week. It was a special event for everyone.

A huge thank you to the following people for their contribution:

Matua Greg (Tangata Whenua),
Mr Chalmers (Manuhiri),
Hayley (Tangata Whenua Kaikaranga), Kreetina (Manuhiri Kaikaranga).

Check out the photos and a waiata video on our facebook page

www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAvondalePrimary/



Play your Football at Lynn Avon United Football Club in 2017

They have teams for all age groups

Little League from 4 years- 6 years

Age Group Teams from 7 years to 17 years of age

If there is enough interest from our school students, the club will put them into the same team. To Register go to <http://www.sporty.co.nz/lynnavonaf> or Contact us by email lynnavonfootball@gmail.com



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Play Rugby League in 2017

Registrations every Tuesday and Thursday

5.30 - 6.30pm

Cnr Willerton and Seabrook Ave, New Lynn. All grades from 5 years old to seniors.

Fees payable on registration.

Juniors U6 - U16 \$40

Family of 3 or more (juniors) \$80

Contact Carolyn 0210694276



Starship Ice Skating Fundraiser

Saturday 25th March 5 - 7pm

Ice skating, games and a foam cannon
Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through:

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BIKE FEST

When: Saturday 25 February 2017, 10am to 2pm.

Where: Henderson Park, Wilsher Crescent, Henderson. West Bike Fest is wheely great fun for all the family. Join us for a host of bicycle based activities. Set up in Henderson Park, alongside the wonderful Project Twin Streams paths there will be bike checks, historic bicycles, skills course, bike decorating and a "quizcycle" ride. Bring a picnic and enjoy the day.



Supermarket Vouchers

Supermarket Vouchers up to \$200 worth are available to support Neighbours Day local street parties, BBQs, picnics, and so on (funded by the Whau Local Board). Events can be on or around 25 March to 16th April 2017. Any resident living within the Whau Local Board area can apply. Contact Shalema at shalema@communitywaitakere.org.nz or 0204 812 788 for information / an application form.



THE PROJECT TV STUDIO AUDIENCE

You and your friends/family/colleagues are invited to be part of the studio audience for Three's new show The Project. **ITS free!**

DATE OPTIONS: Mon 27 Feb Tues 28 Feb Wed 1 March

Thurs 2 March Frid 3 March

TIME: 6:30pm - 7:30pm (Friday 6:30pm-8pm) LOCATION: Mt Eden

AGE: 15 years+ Email taniagoldbro@mediaworks.co.nz with your date request, back-up date and how many seats you need (maximum 6).

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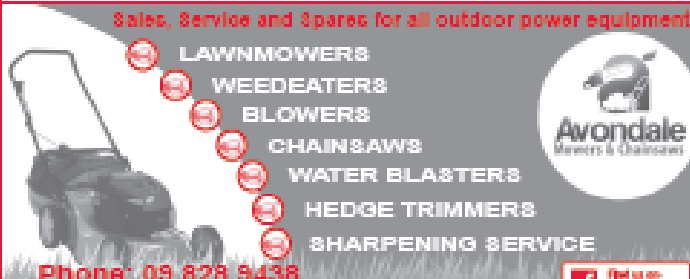
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