



Tena tatou katoa and hi to you all,

STAFFING

On behalf of our Board of trustees, I am pleased to announce Miss Stacey Brown as our new Assistant Principal. She brings a wealth of experience teaching across the age levels here and overseas. She has a 'get getter' type of personality and is currently leading our Paatiki Team from Tui 1.

We have two of our staff moving on from our ranks. Mrs Geeta Maharaj is taking a junior position at Henderson valley School. She has delighted our children for the past 10 years. Mrs Brittany Clark is heading to a school closer to her. Both Geeta and Brittany have made their decisions based around family, so we wish them the very best on their journeys.

HUARAHU

Thank you to those people that were able to attend our Huarahi workshops. Huarahi is our goal setting system linked to the New Zealand curriculum in reading, writing and maths. We have added Te reo, tikanga, physical prowess. We are close to completing garden to table, leadership, communication and values. We use OneNote, an application from Office 365 that allows you to access Huarahi and be part of the learning process. If you missed the workshops and want to know further, please stop by our offices for assistance.

PROPERTY / FUTURE PLAN

My Leadership Team and I are currently developing a strategic plan to furnish to our Board of Trustees. This plan will give a possible preview into the future of our school grounds and facilities. Once this plan is ready, it will be forwarded to our school community for your input. We've had a number of discussions with locals keen to see the development of our school. I'm keen to harness these and develop the plan in order that we focus our energies in the priority areas. More to report next term.

KIA TU RANGATIRA AI SURVEY

These surveys continue to roll in. I'd like the trickle to turn into a steady flow. We will be emailing these out to you for your consideration. Remember, there's a \$50 voucher for each 20 surveys returned.

Whanau survey link: https://auckland.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8FWVPKvH0HmYKTb

LOLLIES / SWEETS

I have instructed the staff not to provide lollies or sweets for the students. We can investigate better incentives for our learners good work.

BOT ELECTIONS

The board election process starts soon. If you are interested in contributing to our school then being on the BoT could be for you. Drop by to chat with either Kim or myself about the ins and outs of governance.

Please enjoy your weekend with your treasures and Go the Warriors (or else)

Robert Clarke

Dates for your Diary

April 5th	Mobile Dental van leaves APS
Week 11	
April 8th	School singing assembly hosted by Paatiki teachers 10am All welcome
April 9th	Cultural Day - open day
April 10th	Duffy Theatre show - 11.00am. All welcome
April 11th	Lockdown Audit
April 12th	Sport Waitakere T-ball for Year 1 & 2 (last one) Last day of Term 1 - school closes at 3pm
April 29th	First day of Term 2 School assembly 10am All welcome

**LOCKDOWN
AUDIT**

On Thursday next week, we will be carrying out our annual lockdown audit. Harrison Tew, the emergency planning specialists, will be observing and supporting us to ensure we are correct in our procedures.

Check them out
<https://www.harrizontew.co.nz/>

Actually, you may have seen Julia Harrison on the *Good Morning* show this morning.

As this is an audit, all classes will have a little assembly to be informed of the process and then sometime between 11am and 12pm we will go into a **FULL LOCKDOWN** for approximately 20 mins.

We will put notifications on our front office door, on our website, on 'Friends of Avondale' facebook and on our APP to let our community when we go into LOCKDOWN.

During this time the office will be unattended until the conclusion of the audit. It is a simulation and for that reason, we ask that you not come onto the school grounds or try to call the school.



If you have any questions regarding our Lockdown audit, please contact the office before Thursday 11th April.

Board of Trustees

Board of Trustee elections are happening in a couple of months, and our Returning Officer also needs correct address information for our parents/ caregivers to post out ballot forms to ensure that you all have a say in the running of our school by voting for the parents you wish to elect to our Board of Trustees for 2019 – 2022.

If you are interested in being a trustee on our school board, contact the office, come and see Robert or visit this website



<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>
to find out a little more about school trustee governance.

Celebrating US!

Next Tuesday 9th April we will be having a **APS Culture Day.**

The school will be OPEN for visitors all day.



This is our day to celebrate who we are and what is important to us.

All classes have been celebrating their uniqueness within our school and have items to share with whanau.

A timetable flyer will be available on the day and will be emailed home too. You might like to come along for a particular item/activity, pick and choose or stay all day.

What else is happening next term?

- Tuesday 7th May
South-west cluster Cross Country
- Wednesday 8th May
Tui students trip to Auckland Museum - Matariki
Friends of Avondale meeting 7pm
- Week 3
Tui students - Road safety sessions with Constable Rob
- Week 3 - 5
Squash lessons for Year 3—6 (6 lessons)
- Week 4
Hearing & vision testing
- Week 6
Queens birthday

Term Dates

- TERM 1 2019:**
Tuesday 29 January – Friday 12 April
- TERM 2:**
Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Queen's Birthday - Monday 3 June
- TERM 3:**
Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
- TERM 4:**
Monday 14 October – Thursday 12 December
Labour Day - Monday 28 October

Whanau Leaders News



Introducing... Our Whanau Leaders

We have 16 amazing Year 6 Leaders. We would like to acknowledge and thank them for the wonderful impact they are making around our school.

Tala

Totara Year 6 Takahe 3

I'm a Whanau Leader in Kowhai (which is the best whanau, well all of them are.) Well, moving on to my Hobbies and interests: I like playing Soccer, Volleyball, Rugby, Basketball, badminton & t-ball.

I like doing things like helping my Mum, Dad & Uncle; and helping my little sister do her homework. At first I really wanted to be a Whanau Leader because being a whanau leader you help others - pray for them, care for them, treat them like you want them to treat you, show respect to them.

I really wanted to be a Whanau Leader this year!

Alapati

Kauri Year 6 Takahe 2

Hobbies and Interests:

drawing, rugby, soccer, basketball, t-ball, gaming and listening to music

What it means to be a Whanau Leader?

To me being a Whanau Leader is about help people and organising fun things for the school.

I like wearing the Totara whanau badge and meeting every week to decide on the things we can organise for the children.

Huarahi Learning Journeys

Thanks very much to all the families who took the time to attend one of the three workshops held last week.

Just a reminder that there will not be any more one page reports given out to students ... mid year, end of year or anniversary.

Your child and their teacher will be keeping you up to date with learning progress on the Huarahi.

If you would like to discuss your child's learning at any stage, please just make contact with the class teacher by email, call the office or drop by the class. This can be done at anytime of the year.

All children should have goals for Reading, Writing, Maths, Te reo, Tikanga and Physical Prowess. If there is NOT, please contact the class teacher.

At the start of term two, each child will have created a term one reflection, this will be followed by a "general comment" from the teacher. We also invite whanau to write or record a positive statement to reflect on the term.

Thank you in advance.

There are devices in classes that you can spend time on before and after school to sharing the learning of your child.



If you have questions, please contact your class teacher, Stacey Brown or

Kim Wilkinson.

REMINDER - Logins will be:

Firstname.surname initial @ apschool.nz

E.g kim.w@apschool.nz



Friends of Avondale

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAvondalePrimary/>

Thanks very much to all of the parents and whanau who attended our first Friends meeting.

It was a great discussion and some exciting events/projects will develop over this year.

One of these events is to plan the 150th reunion in 2020. Please contact the school office if you wish to be part of a sub-committee to plan this amazing milestone.

Come along and enjoy a cuppa on

Wednesday 8th May, 7pm, in our STAFFROOM.

If you're not able to make this time, but are still interested in helping us, give the office a call on 828 8929 or email Kim at kimw@avondaleprimary.school.nz



ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day is on Thursday 25th April (during our school holidays). We are looking for families/ students who would like to lay a wreath at the Avondale Service on behalf of our school. There is room for many APS students to join in. **If you are interested, please contact Kim as soon as possible.** A huge thank you to Amanda4flowerz who will be donating the wreath for the day.



Tui 1 Challenge

Check out an example of problem solving and collaboration that is happening with our 5 year olds.



Scholastic Book Club

Issue 2: orders at the office Tues by 9th April.

Online by Fri 12th April



Cake Stall

Thank you very much for all the yummy goodies that arrived yesterday. It was our first cake stall of the year and we raised just over \$800.00. This money goes towards keeping the costs down when booking buses for trips - including camp the Year 5/6 camp.



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Olive of the Ocean

Love a good show? Debuts this April School Holidays at "The Creative Souls project", 12 Holly Street, Avondale. Daily show at 10am and 2pm. Tues 23 - Sun 28 April. Tickets only \$5. For more info or to make a booking contact Facebook: Pop Up Poppets. Email: popuppuppets101@gmail.com



EcoWest Festival 2019

EcoWest Festival 2019 is running in March and April across West Auckland.

Over 120 events are on offer (many free), including lots suitable for the whole family. Bring the kids along to make bug hotels, get up close and personal with wetas and other native reptiles, go on bat walks and talks, kayak, make bags out of t-shirts, weave baskets, cycle the trails of West Auckland, and much more.

You'll get the chance to explore the natural gems in our backyard, meet local creators and take part in DIY workshops, discover smarter ways to live, and view climate change in creative ways through song, theatre and art. Visit www.ecowest.org.nz for full event details, and events for every age.

Electronic Waste Drop off Day



Saturday 13th April, 9am - 3pm. Carpark of Green Bay High School (141-161 Godley Road, Green Bay). This is a drive-thru event. There is a charge for some items. Check out the website for more details www.ewaste.org.nz

Initiate Dance Holiday Programme April 15-18 April

Kelston Community Centre. 9am-4pm Monday-Thursday (except 12pm-4pm Tuesday)

End of week showing on Friday at 3.30pm

Open to students aged 8-12 years

\$60 for the full programme

Book online at initiatedance.wixsite.com/holiday

For inquiries contact initiatedance@gmail.com

Places are very limited, so be in quick!



HoopQuarters

Do you love basketball? It may be just what you've been looking for. Hoopquarters run a fundamental curriculum, introducing and building basketball skills for boys and girls, Year 4-8. Skills classes starts Term 2 - May 4. with the opportunity to play in our minibal league.

26 Veronica St, New Lynn. Register now at www.hoopquarters.com or ph. 8696175.

