Dear Parents and Students
Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to our second newsletter for Term Two. Every term is a busy term and this one is no exception, particularly in regards to the interesting discussions in the education sector at the moment.

We are awaiting the final report from the review of Tomorrow’s Schools. In the draft report, there were a number of suggested changes that could have a huge impact on how schools are governed. At present, schools are governed by a Board of Trustees, elected by the community, consisting of parent representatives, a staff representative and a student representative. In my 20 years in education, I have worked with many Boards and have seen how a Board, which works alongside school management, can grow the capability of the school. I for one would hate to see this system of governance disappear. To this end, I would like to sincerely thank those running to represent our Board of Trustees.

While we await the outcomes of this review, we have been presented with the changes to the NCEA review. I am not convinced there is anything “radical” in the review. Personally, I think it is great that the fee has been removed, as this has been a barrier to some in the past. The Ministry is working with the sector to look at how best to implement the changes; of which there are over 25! This is a concern as I cannot help but wonder how much more work this will create for teachers, who may have to recreate courses and assessment activities. All going well, the long-term impact should be less stress and better well-being for students and staff.

One of the other positive changes from this review is the alterations to a student’s Record of Achievement. Work is being undertaken to have the student’s Record of Achievement - a document obtained by students from NZQA - better reflect what the student has achieved. By that, I mean more of a description of their knowledge rather than just a list of standards passed. This was something many employers were keen to see happen.

Last, but by no means least, teachers (both Primary and Secondary) are currently negotiating their collective contracts with the Ministry and at the time of writing, this has not been settled. This may mean there is further industrial action to come. We appreciate your patience and support during this time - it is an important issue.

Did you know - the current goals of the Board (Engagement, Achievement, Careers/Pathways and Alumni) are explained to all Year 9 students during the course of the year. At times we have guests, such as Student Representative Bryn Thompson, speak with the students about the goals and how they relate to their time at school.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Mr Seumanu (English), Miss George (Science), Mr Chapple (Japanese) and Mr Nevin (Graphics) who graduated earlier this term.

This term we farewell our caretaker, Mr Whitlock, and our Student Support Administrator, Miss Hayes, who are both leaving the College. We wish them well for their futures.

Gary Yeatman
Principal
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING . . .

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 2019
Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

Parent Representative Votes:
Vili Igatia 95
Jeremy Neild 76
Kerry Rickard 89
Leigh Sage 81
Jonathan Spencer 94
Elizabeth Ward 71

I hereby declare the following duly elected:
Vili Igatia
Jeremy Neild
Kerry Rickard
Leigh Sage
Jonathan Spencer

Staff Representative Votes:
Keith Dobson 18
Bruce Reiche 64

I hereby declare Bruce Reiche duly elected.

Denny Brunton
Returning Officer

YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO TONGARIRO
As part of their studies, Year 12 Geography students spent three days at Tongariro this week. A big thank you to the Social Science Department and staff who accompanied the trip.

ROYAL NZ BALLET WORKSHOP
Earlier this week, 17 students were involved in a ballet workshop run by the Royal New Zealand Ballet Company. The group learnt two short dance sequences from the RNZB Black Swan White Swan. A huge thank you to Chloe Bishop and Pagan Dorgan for sharing their love of ballet with our students.

YOUNG WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP
The Young Women in Leadership Team wish to thank all those families, staff members and businesses for providing items for their project. The group has now assembled over one hundred care packages for the Women's Refuge to provide toiletries and other gifts for women arriving at the refuge. The project will finish at the end of term so if you still want to donate some items, please send them along and they will be put to good use.

JAPANESE TRIVIA CONTEST
On Friday 14 June three Awatapu teams from Year 9 and 10 will be competing in the New Zealand Schools Japanese Trivia Contest. Awatapu College has won this trophy for four consecutive years, so hopefully we can come away with another win and retain the trophy for a fifth year in a row!
FROM THE SPORTS DEPARTMENT . . .

SAILING SUCCESS
Congratulations to Jack Scrivener and Lucy Scrivener on their sailing successes for the 2018-2019 season. Jack was awarded Most Improved Junior Sailor, 1st in the Manawatu Open Bic River Race and 1st in the Open Bic Championship. Lucy placed 11th out of 18th in the Overall Laser Cup. Lucy had only started sailing in a laser boat halfway through the season which makes this achievement even more impressive. Lucy also came 2nd in the Open Bic River Race.

MISS CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to all students who participated in the Manawatu Inter Secondary School Cross Country held on Wednesday 15 May. We had four top 20 finishes:
- Noah Macdermid - 2nd in Senior Boys
- Emerson Smith - 13th in Intermediate Boys
- Bryn Thompson - 19th in Senior Boys
- Ashleigh Infield - 20th in Intermediate Girls

TOUCH NATIONALS
Congratulations to the Senior Mixed Touch team who will be competing at the New Zealand Secondary Schools Touch Championships which will be held in Rotorua in December.

TOUCH REFEREE
Congratulations to Kyann Williams who has been selected to travel as a New Zealand Touch Referee with the U16 NZ Touch Teams on their Australian tour in September. Only three referees were selected from New Zealand to tour; two of which were selected from this region. Kyann also received the Most Improved Referee at the Manawatu Touch Referees Prizegiving recently. Well done, Kyann!

REP ACHIEVEMENT
Congratulations to Sophie Dobson, Jess Greenwood and Danielle Storrier who have been selected in the U14 Manawatu Waterpolo Team.

WINTER SPORTS REMINDER
It’s been great to see our winter sports teams in action over the last few weeks. If you haven’t already, check out the Awatapu College Sports Facebook page for our latest news and photos.

With winter sports now in full swing, players and spectators are reminded of the College’s expectations. We expect our players and teams to be committed, turn up to their games on time and with the correct equipment, and to pay their fees in a timely manner. We expect all players and spectators to have a “fair play attitude” and to respect their team, opponents and referees. All the best to our teams this year. Go hard and play fair!!

SPORTS FEES
Sports fees are now OVERDUE! If your son/daughter is playing a sport this winter and you haven’t made payment, please do so promptly.
NZQA FEES
The Minister of Education has announced that families of secondary students will no longer have to pay fees for NCEA and New Zealand Scholarship. International students will still need to pay fees.

Any fees already collected by Awatapu College for 2019 have been credited to students accounts and either left in credit, used to pay outstanding costs, or used to cover donations if donations had already been part paid.

If caregivers require the fee to be refunded then they need to get in touch with the school office.

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT
WELCOME
This term we welcome Anton Mabalay from the Philippines, Jake Malu and Roy Malu from Samoa and also 10 Vietnamese students who are here for a week for a short term educational experience. We extend a warm welcome to all our new students.

FAREWELL
At the end of June, we say “good bye” to Serina Hirano from Japan, and at the end of this term we farewell Greta von Ehren and Max Hopp who are both from Germany. All these students have been with us since the beginning of this year. We wish them all the best as they return home to continue their education.

YEAR 10 CAMPS
A reminder to all families that Year 10 Camps run in the second to last week of Term Four (Monday 25 November - Friday 29 November 2019). The camps are an important part of the curriculum and are usually the highlight of our Year 10 students’ year. These camps range in price and must be paid in full before the end of Term Three. Many families take advantage of the automatic payment system to pay in advance for these camps. If you would like an automatic payment form, please contact the school office on 06 356 4817. For more information on Year 10 Camps, please contact Mrs Newton by emailing newton@awatapu.school.nz

SCHOOL EVENTS
To keep up to date with Awatapu College events, please refer to the school calendar via the College website or Portal. We also encourage parents to follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/awatapu

WORDSWORTH
Recently, the issue of spelling was raised as an important aspect of being literate.

As busy teachers, with limited time in each class and a full curriculum load, it is often quite difficult to correct or even comment on an individual’s spelling. Many of our students have grown up with the practice of approximating the spelling of a word and need to be encouraged to take the next step and strive for accuracy.

At home, parents can help in this area. The following are some strategies you might consider:

- As new vocabulary is encountered in subject areas, your student can be encouraged to learn to spell it correctly.
- Many teachers run a glossary page for each topic, or at the back of a book. Ask your student how the teacher deals with new words.
- Getting your student to display new words by writing them out and pinning them on a notice board helps to make them familiar.
- New words can be linked to a family of words that have a similar pattern or root.
- A student should be encouraged to use a dictionary when working on homework tasks.
- Sharing the finished written product with a parent can lead to positive comments about correctness, improvements and a pattern that is perhaps not yet learned.
- Most junior classes will have spelling words to learn on a regular basis. Encourage your student to practice these with you.

If there are parents who need further assistance in encouraging their student to become an improved speller, then contact the Learning Support Department and you will be provided with some more practical suggestions.

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**ARTS WEEK SOIREE**
The Performing Arts Department warmly invite friends and family to attend the Arts Week Soiree.

**When:** Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 June 2019  
**Where:** Awatapu College Auditorium  
**Time:** 7pm till 9pm

The Arts Week Soiree features a variety of musical and performing arts items and promises to entertain the whole family. If you enjoyed the Celebration of Cultures Soiree, you will certainly enjoy these concerts.

*Tickets are available at the door*  
$10 per family (Mum, Dad & all the kids)  
$5 for single adults & unsupervised students  
$2 for students (with adult)  
Toddlers and small children are free

**STRIKE UPDATE**
The Regional Strike planned for Friday 21 June has been cancelled. School will run as normal for Years 9-13 on this day. At the time of writing, the following year level strikes are still planned to go ahead:

- **Tuesday 25 June** - Year 11  
- **Tuesday 2 July** - Year 12

Students in these levels will not have classes, therefore we ask that they do not attend school on that day. We apologise for any inconvenience. Should this change we will notify parents/caregivers as soon as possible.

**MANAWATU GANG SHOW - SHOWTIME**
The Manawatu Gang Show presents ShowTime!  
With a cast of 58 young people from the Scout and Guide movements, ShowTime is a family-friendly event including a variety of acts in a revue-style show. Tickets available from [TicketDirect](https://www.ticketdirect.co.nz). Further details below.

**AWATAPU COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT**
Students and parents interested in joining Awatapu College in 2020 are invited to attend our Open Night on Tuesday 30 July starting at 5.30pm in the College Gymnasium. Enquiries at all year levels are welcome.

**ALICE IN WONDERLAND JR.**
Manawatu Youth Theatre are back with a school holiday treat for all the family! Travel down the rabbit hole and join Alice as she chases the White Rabbit, gets tied up with Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, raps with a bubble-blowing Caterpillar, and beats the Queen of Hearts at her own game! Don’t miss your opportunity, book now! Tickets available from [The Globe Theatre](https://www.theglobetheatre.co.nz).

**OPEN NIGHT**
Tuesday 30 July - 5:30pm - School Gymnasium  
434 Botanical Road, Palmerston North

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COMING UP

**Week 8** (17 June - 21 June)
- Wed-Fri: Year 10 Work Experience
- Wed 19: Manawatu Reader’s Cup
- Manawatu Education Trust Meeting 5.30pm
- PTA Meeting 7pm
- Fri 21: Careers in Health Day

**Week 9** (24 June - 28 June)
- Mon-Fri: Arts Week
- Mon 24: House Dance Competition 1.30pm
- Year 11 Major Production 7pm
- Tue 25: Proposed Strike - Year 11
- Wed 26: Mufti Day
- Pasifika Fusion - Regent Theatre
- Arts Week Soiree 7pm
- Thu 27: Engagement Reports Published
- Pasifika Fusion - Regent Theatre
- Arts Week Soiree 7pm
- Fri 28: Assembly

**Week 10** (1 July - 5 July)
- Mon: Year 9 Option 2 Cycle Starts
- Tue 2: Proposed Strike - Year 12
- Wed 3: Achievement Reports Published
- Thu 4: Japanese Matsuri (Massey)
- M3S Maths and Stats Competition
- Fri 5: End of Term Two

**Week 1** (22 July - 26 July)
- Mon 22: First Day of Term Three
- Tue 23: Ross Intermediate Roadshow
- Wed 24: PNINS and Monrad Roadshow
- Thu 25: Ashhurst and Tokomaru School Roadshow
- Fri 26: Assembly

**TERM DATES 2019**
- Term Two: 29 April to 5 July
- Term Three: 22 July to 27 September
- Term Four: 14 October to 6 November (Seniors)
- 14 October to 5 December (Juniors)

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**AWATAPU COLLEGE**
**HOME Stay**

We are looking for caring and welcoming homestay families for our international students

Being a homestay family is a rewarding experience for NZ families. It is a great chance for the entire family to discover new cultures and languages and provide international students with a wonderful ‘KIWI’ experience.

We have several opportunities every year for families to host, short term (from 7 days to 10 weeks) or long term (3+ months).

When you choose to host with Awatapu College you receive 24 hour support for both you and your international student. You receive a weekly payment of $250, paid fortnightly in advance.

Our staff have over 20 years’ experience working with homestay families and students and are ready to help you and your family welcome an international student into your home.

For more information please contact:
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