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**ARGYLL EAST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**



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**Term 1, Number 1  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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**Welcome back to school for 2019!**

Tēnā koutou kātoa,  
Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and welcome to our new faces - Mrs Smith and her daughter Lottie, Miss McGrail, Liam and Cruz. We hope you all enjoy being at Argyll East School. We begin the school year with 70 students and we're off to a great start - lots of happy children, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

Wednesday will be our regular newsletter day, (we are early this week to keep you informed before the Waitangi Day holiday).

We are working on improving our recycling efforts in 2019 with a focus on plastics. This Friday, we welcome Harry Robinson, (not the Harry we all know in ruma toru), from the CHB District Council to our assembly, to teach us about different types of plastic and how we can recycle them. We are beginning a "nude food" morning tea once a week where children bring their morning tea free of any wrappings. We will send home information over the next couple of weeks to give you ideas of how to participate.

This **Sunday 10th February**, in preparation for our Ovation Go Kidz Triathlon, we are having a **working bee** to give the school a general tidy up and to weed the wetland area. We will begin at 9:00am and finish by 11:00am. Any time you are able to give will be greatly appreciated. Please bring along weedeaters and gardening tools.

Our **Back to School Barbeque** is next **Thursday 14th Feb at 6:00pm**. This is an opportunity to come along and meet your children's teacher and talk about plans for the year. We look forward to meeting with you.

In 2019, teachers continue professional development in Literacy for the first six months at which stage we complete our two year contract. We are also beginning DMIC - Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities which runs for the whole year. We begin our DMIC sessions next Monday and Tuesday afternoons and will know more about the programme once we have been to these sessions. We will keep you informed throughout the year.

For children to prepare for the Ovation Triathlon we are having an **in-school triathlon on Friday 15th February**. We will begin at 9.15am and children can compete individually or in teams. Bikes could be brought to school on the evening of the BBQ if that is suitable for families. You are very welcome to come along and support your children on the day.

The **Ovation GO KIDZ Triathlon** is on **Saturday 23rd February**. As usual, we need lots of volunteers to help us keep all of our competitors safe on the day. We are starting a little earlier this year in an attempt to beat the heat. The first race will begin at 9:00am and the event is finished by 12:00pm. Please consider volunteering for the morning as we need over 20 volunteers to run the event successfully. A slip is attached below. Please return to school a.s.a.p. to help us in our organisation. Thanks in advance for your participation.

Well I think that might be enough information to get the ball rolling. We are usually very busy at the beginning of the year and really appreciate your support in making these early school events successful.

Happy Waitangi Day - enjoy your mid-week break and see you again on Thursday.

Julie Thelwall  
Principal

#### AGRIKIDS

Agrikids notices have gone out and need to be returned by February 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have not received a slip and wish your child to be involved please contact the school.

#### OFFICE HOURS

Mary Clare is in the office on Monday, Thursday and Friday, 8.30am – 1.15pm and Wednesday 8.30am – 3.00pm  
The best way to contact the school is on the landline, 06 857 5102, and if no-one can answer please leave a message. Please note office emails will not always be monitored outside office hours.

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS



A big welcome to our lovely new teachers, Mrs Smith and Miss McGrail.

#### THUMBS UP



- Thumbs up to the Oliver family for looking after our chook over the school holidays. I'm sure she will have enjoyed the company!
- Thumbs up to the Brans family for keeping the pool so clean over the break and ready for the start of the school term. Lots of people have enjoyed being able to swim over the summer break. Much appreciated!
- To the Butlers for spraying the school farm in the holidays.

#### HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

First home and school meeting will be next Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm at Skinny Mulligans, Waipawa. **We would love new committee members so all welcome!**

#### SPORT

Permission slips are attached for students who have expressed an interest in playing the following sports this summer: Touch, Tennis, Summer Hockey and Cricket. All slips need to be returned by Friday in order to organise teams. If you have not received a slip and wish your child to play any of these sports please contact Sarah at school or the school office.

#### WANTED FOR RUMA TAHI

Materials for discovery play, ie pieces of wood, pipe, card, cans etc.

#### ACIDITY OF DRINKS - a message from the Dental Nurse

The pH scale measures the acidity or alkalinity of a solution. Pure water has the **neutral** pH of 7. Solutions with pH values lower than 7 are **acidic**. Milk is 6.8 and is considered LOW risk. Fizzy drinks and juices can range from pH2.3 to pH 3.9 and are HIGH risk. The level of acid, which can erode the surface of the teeth, is **not** normally published on the drinks. ACIDITY of drinks is a HIDDEN danger. Drinks considered low in sugar may still contain acid. It is wise to consider any drink, other than water or milk, a potential danger to your child's teeth.

#### SCHOOL SHIRT MISSING

Lucas Perceval went home in the wrong school shirt after prize giving at the end of last year. Has someone got his shirt at home? It is named.

#### PENDLE HILL RIFLE SHOOT SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

##### 2019 February

Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee, 9am at school
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Back BBQ, 6pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	In-school Triathlon at 9.15am
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ovation Argyll East Triathlon
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Swimming Sports

##### March

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	CHB Swimming Sports
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	PALs Training Day

##### April

Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Agrikids competition
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