

Term 1, Number 2
Wednesday 8th February 2017

Achieve and Succeed

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for displaying the school habits and values as follows:



Rupert Twist for Perseverance – You have come back to school with such a great attitude! I have been so impressed with how you have persevered in all your work.

You have been smiling the whole week and it is wonderful to see you enjoying school.
William Carter for Participating and Contributing – For being a really good helper and being a tidy Kiwi in Ruma Wha. A great start to 2017. Well done, William!

Jeffrey Stuart for Participating and Contributing – For trying really hard in your first week in Ruma Toru. You asked some great questions to find out about bitterns. Then you read with your classmates, listened to an expert and found the bittern! That's great learning, Jeffrey.

Ruby Finch for All the Argyll East Habits and Values – What a great start of the year you have had Ruby. You always have kind things to say and love to help others. You are a great role model to the new children in our class and our school. Keep it up Ruby, you are amazing!

Tēnā koutou kātoa,
Dear Parents,

After such a warm weekend, it's fantastic to see grey skies and some much needed rain. We are extremely dry at my home in Elsthorpe and everyone is breathing a sigh of relief. Due to the rain, we have postponed our fun school triathlon until next Monday 13th February. We hope you can come along and join in the fun!

Congratulations to Sera, Kate and Brooke who are our school leaders for 2017. We know that they will be great role models for our students and will have lots of good ideas to share.

Did you try and respond to our questionnaire on **Communicating Learning** and find that your response was redirected elsewhere? Thank you so much if you went to the trouble of responding. Mary-Clare sent a second link but unfortunately we did not receive any responses. We are still very interested in knowing what you think about our school's communication of your children's learning and so have reattached the link today. <https://goo.gl/forms/pA3cbYsocvhnX7mw1>. We would **really** appreciate your input as it will provide the baseline data that we need for our inquiry so that we can compare initial responses with outcomes at the end of the year. Many thanks for your support and apologies for any inconvenience!

Tomorrow we welcome Constable Julie Goodall to our school for bus monitor training.

Next week we have Harold and the Life Education Trust visiting the school - February 17th and 20th. We have based our programme choices on our recent health consultation - building resilience, team-work, leadership and conflict resolution. The year 7 & 8 students will also be looking at the effect of substances on the body and mind.

Thanks to Beth Kent and Jeanette Butler who have volunteered their time to come into school for reading with our children. Please contact us if you would like to do the same.

This week, teachers will be revising the conditions for computer and internet usage in our school. All students and families have signed this agreement on initial enrolment at school. It is very important that we all discuss internet safety, privacy and consideration of others when online.

Nga mihi mahana,

Julie Thelwall
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD To Beau Bicknell for Participating and Contributing



Beau, you have got off to an excellent start this year and I am looking forward to working with you as one of our senior students, taking on more responsibility and being a good role model to the younger students in the school. You have been very welcoming to the new students in our class. Keep up the great attitude!



WELCOME BACK BBQ

Our welcome back to school BBQ is planned for late Friday afternoon. It

will begin at 5.30pm in classrooms where you can chat with your child's teacher and ask any questions you may have. At 6pm we will have a short information session followed by a BBQ provided by the school. BYO refreshments and drinks. Look forward to seeing you there.

FUN TRIATHLON

Our fun triathlon is next Monday, 13th February, beginning at 9:00am. If you had organised to bring a bike to school and Monday is unsuitable, please give us a call and we will have a chat with Shane as it may be possible to put your bike on the bus. We will have a shared morning tea and invite you to join us.



SCHOOL VISITORS

Last week Emma Williams, an expert on bitterns, came to speak to the school about this endangered bird. It was a very informative talk and much appreciated by all. Thank you, Emma.



We also had a visit from staff at the Aquarium who talked about Seaweed and Healthy Oceans. Here are the children demonstrating how many plastic bags an average family uses over a year. Another entertaining and informative morning. Thank you to the staff at the Aquarium for coming out to see us.



CONTACT DETAILS, BUS CONTRACTS AND EOTC/PHOTOS PERMISSIONS

Please find attached the above forms. Please update any details as necessary and sign and return to school by 22nd February. Thank you.



DIGITAL NEWSLETTERS

In a bid to reduce our paper usage, we are hoping to make our newsletter digital for all families for whom we have email addresses. **Next week your newsletter will arrive online.** Please let us know if this is not suitable for you and we will organize a paper version to be sent home.

HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

We need volunteers to help marshal and cook at the triathlon on 18th February. A slip is attached. Please fill in and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your help.

Ovation NZ GO KIDZ TRIATHLON SERIES

The **Ovation NZ Go Kidz Triathlon Series** focus is all about participation and giving it a go. The dates for 2017 are : **Argyll East School - 18th February, Sherwood School - 4th March, Waipukurau School - 18th March.** The Teams section is ideal for those new to triathlons, with 3 year group sections. No placing prizes however everyone has a chance of winning some AMAZING SPOT PRIZES – an MGP scooter to be given away at each race and for those that enter all 3 races they go into a special prize draw to win either an android tablet or digital camera. Details and entry forms can be found at: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/shbcb/Events-1/2017-Ovation-NZ-Go-Kidz-Triathlon>

SCALLYWAGS AFTER SCHOOL CARE IN WAIPAWA

Scallywags has recently begun an after-school care /holiday programme in Waipawa. If you are interested in this service please contact Scallywags on 858 7404.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February	
Friday 10 th	Welcome back to school and meet the teachers BBQ
Saturday 18 th	Ovation Go Kidz Triathlon at Argyll East
March	
Saturday 4 th	Ovation Go Kidz Triathlon at Sherwood School
Saturday 18 th	Ovation Go Kidz Triathlon at Waipukurau School