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**Term 1, Number 1
 Wednesday 5th February 2020**

Achieve and Succeed Me Whai, kia angitū



**Welcome back to Argyll East
 School!**

Kia ora koutou,

A big WELCOME BACK everyone! We hope you've had a fantastic break with your family and friends.

We welcome Mr Stuckey and new students and their families to our school and hope that you all settle in quickly and enjoy being at Argyll East School. We will be having a "Back to School BBQ and Meet the Teacher" evening, next **Wednesday 12th February**. BBQ begins at **5.30pm**. Bring a cold beverage for a hot afternoon or tea and coffee are available. We hope to see you there.

During the holidays, teachers met and planned for the year, taking into consideration the feedback we received in our end of year consultation. This term we are studying water from a number of perspectives including science, health and safety, physical education, technology, nutrition and environment. The topic will also sit within our literacy and maths learning for the term as well as the arts. We have a **Surf Life Saving Beach Education Day** booked at **Waimarama Beach on Monday 24th February**. To take full advantage of what is on offer, we will be organising students to arrive at school a little earlier and return a little later. Buses will be organised to enable this to happen. For our children to be safe, we need a number of adults to help us with supervision. The ratio for this programme is 1 adult to 5 children. We have 7 staff members to supervise and we need another 8 - 10 adults to meet the correct ratio. Most adults will be required to go into the water to keep children safe when doing the water activities. We will be travelling by bus to Waimarama but would certainly appreciate some support with extra drivers. More details will be coming home over the next two weeks. Please complete the attached slip if you are able to help and return to school asap so that we can get organised.

Our school has opted into the Government Donation Scheme. In our funding from the Ministry, we will receive an extra \$150 per student. By joining the scheme, schools agree not to ask parents and caregivers to make voluntary donations for subject fees (e.g. Technology), IT devices or curriculum related day trips. The cost of the Surf Life Saving Beach Education Day will be covered by the school.

It's great to see everyone back at school in their uniforms and school hats. On these hot days we really enforce our hat rule. Hats are available from

Waipukurau Dry Cleaners - Pressed4Time and The Warehouse.

From next week we will be changing the newsletter day to Thursdays, so remember to look out for newsletters coming home on a Thursday instead of Wednesday.

Great to see everyone again. Enjoy the hot summer days, Waitangi Day and the long weekend. See you next week.

Julie Thelwall
Principal

THUMBS UP

- To Sam Greaney for the donations of some hockey balls.
- To Lucia's family for caring for the chickens over the holidays. They have returned happy and healthy and we are very grateful.
- To John Brans and Bevan Cameron for caring for the swimming pool for our school community - everyone has enjoyed swimming on these hot days!
- To Cath and Jack at Tree Guys for the lovely kowhai at the entrance to the office - much appreciated

WAITANGI DAY HOLIDAY

School will be closed for Waitangi Day on Thursday 6th February and Friday 7th February giving you a long weekend and reducing disruptions to learning. We will still be open for the required number of days for the year - finishing on Thursday 17th December.

AGRIKIDS

A note has been sent home to all those children who signed up for Agrikids last term. The Training day is on 13th and Agrikids Day is on Saturday 29th February. Thanks to parents for helping with this.



FREE GUITAR LESSONS

Guitar lessons at school continue this year on Tuesday lunchtimes. You will need a guitar and a plastic file for music.

SEESAW COMMUNICATIONS

We are aware of problems with Seesaw and we are working on it. Please contact the teachers via email while we sort out this issue.

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WEETBIX TRYATHLON

This year Argyll East have decided to enter the Weetbix Tryathlon 2020, Tuesday 18th February in Hastings. This means that when you register your children for the event you can enter them under the Argyll East School. Follow the link below and it will take you straight to where you need to go. <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35576&G=104543>

Well done to those who have already registered. We have 14 students so far participating, great effort! It is not too late to register. Please find the link above and on our facebook page. Here is a link to the Get Ready Guide, this is where you will find all information in regards to our event in Hastings. https://tryathlon.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/08_SWKT19_GRG_Hastings.pdf?utm_source=edm&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=hastings&utm_content=GRG-35

If you selected to get your child's Weetbix Try Kit delivered to school, these are due to arrive between the 7th and 10th of Feb. Students will take these home when they arrive.

For the organisation on the day we will need parent support, a trailer to load bikes and, considering the number of students, enough cars to take students to the event and back to school. Please return the slip if you are able to help on the day with transport or if you have a trailer we could please borrow.

Thank you so much for entering your child/ren. It will be a great event for our students and an awesome opportunity for them to be together supporting each other.

HOT SHOTS TENNIS

We plan to start the Hot Shots tennis on Wednesday 19th Feb for 6 weeks, it is just for those children who registered before Christmas.

Anyone wanting private lessons, phone Jane Wyn Harris 0273 600 834.

All 5 and 6 years old children are at St Josephs from 3.30 to 4.15. Everyone else is at the tennis club.

CHB INTERSCHOOL TENNIS

Competition starts on Monday 24th February and teams are now being organised. We have asked the children and so far have had no interest shown. However if you would like your child to play please contact the school as soon as possible.

SPORTS ACADEMY

We have 3 Year 8 students who are currently putting in their nominations for the 2020 CHB Primary Schools Sports Academy. We wish Kaela, William and Lily all the best for this opportunity. We will announce those who were selected when the results come through.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To ex pupil Ryan Good on being made a Prefect at Napier Boys High School for 2020. Please let the school know if you know of any other achievements of past pupils.

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3.30 - 4.30pm after school discovery clubs
For more information please visit chblibrary.nz/children

SWIM-A-THON SUNDAY MARCH 8TH

Registration forms available from the school office or look on the Sport CHB website, <http://www.sporthbchb.co.nz/>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

2020 February

Thursday 6th

Friday 7th

Wednesday 12th

Thursday 13th

Tuesday 18th

Monday 24th

Saturday 29th

Waitangi Day, school closed
School closed

Back to School BBQ and Meet the Teacher, 5.30pm

Agrikids Training Day

Weetbix Tryathlon

Surf Life Saving Beach Education Day, Waimarama

Agrikids Day