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Term 1, Week 1
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Welcome back to Argyll East School
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Kia ora koutou,

Kia ora and welcome back to Argyll East School for 2021.

This year we welcome Miss Samantha Allen to our school and to Ruma Rua. We are looking forward to working alongside you this year Sam. A special welcome to our new students Ezraius, Knox, Ethan and Abbie. We hope you all really enjoy being a part of our Argyll East School community.

We invite you to join us for a **Welcome Back BBQ at 6pm on Thursday 11th February**. This will be an opportunity for you to meet with your children's teachers and to meet other families. Sausages will be provided, please bring your own beverages.

Our teachers met during the holidays to make some plans for the year. We have decided to have the theme of "Community" underpinning our learning this year. We can approach this on many levels and through a variety of learning experiences. It seems appropriate that in 2021 we can see ourselves as part of the local, national and global community and build a deeper understanding of what it means to be a contributing member of all of the communities that we belong to. So, we begin our school year learning about belonging to our school and local community. Some of the activities we have planned for term one include Whānau Day, Ruma Wha camp, Swimming Sports, Zero Waste, Life Education and some local trips. We will send home further information in upcoming newsletters.

It's great to see everyone happy to be back at school. There is always lots of laughter, storytelling and catching up to be done after the long summer break. We have had some remedial work done on our pool over the summer to fix a persistent leak so we should get some good swimming practice happening before the swimming sports. Please remind your children to bring their togs and towel everyday while the weather is warm. Everyone looks fantastic in their school uniforms and school hats. It is part of our health policy that students wear school

hats during term one and four to keep safe in the sun. Thanks for your support.

So, happy new year to you all and please contact me if you have any questions or concerns at any time. My door is always open. Best wishes and happy Waitangi Day. Remember school is closed next Monday 8th Feb to celebrate Waitangi Day. Have a great long weekend,

Nga mihi,

Julie Thelwall
Principal

SPORT

Tennis

Hot Shots Tennis starts up on February Wednesday 10th 3.30 pm All age groups will be at the Tennis club this term. This started last term, however there may be spaces and if you are interested please contact Jane on the number below.

Private Tennis Coaching

There are still spaces left for private coaching lessons but spaces are limited please contact Jane 0273600834.

Volleyball, Netball and Cricket notices have been sent out to students who indicated they wish to play. If your child would like to play and has not received a permission slip please contact the school office.

AGRIKIDS COMPETITION

A meeting has been held for those children who signed up for the competition last year. They are ready in their teams and looking forward to the competition on Saturday 13th February at the showgrounds in Hastings. Please contact your child's manager if you need to, as all information is sent to them and not the school.



HATS

Please remember that hats are compulsory in Terms 1 & 4 if playing in the sun. 'No hat - play in the shade' is the rule.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHER AND NEW STUDENTS

Welcome to Samantha Allen, Ezraius Toa, Abbie James, Knox Wakelin and Ethan McMenamin,



THUMBS UP

- To Kath and Jack at Tree Guys for your kind donation of trees for our 2020 school leavers. Much appreciated
- To the Greer family for caring for our chookies over the holidays. We hope you got to eat lots of lovely scrambled eggs! Thanks so much.
- Congratulations to Jessica Valentine who has gone to CHB College with a music scholarship - well done Jessica and best of luck to you with your musical talents.
- Congratulations to Mr Stuckey on making the front page of local and national newspapers as an inspiration to runners throughout NZ. You are a great role model Mr Stuckey.
- Special thanks to Kim Bailey for stepping into Wade's role while he has been unwell. We really appreciate your help when we need it and the school looks fantastic!
- To Fletcher Twist for helping with lawnmowing in the holidays.



SCHOOL CAMPS

RUMA TORU

The Ruma Toru tramp and camp to Sunrise Hut has been postponed until later in the year due to DOC closing the track for maintenance.

RUMA WHA

The Ruma Wha camp to El Rancho, Waikanae is from Monday 15th - Friday 18th February. Details will be confirmed next week. **A camp meeting will be held today at 5.30pm at school.**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF COVID

HANDWASHING is still the number one thing you can do to prevent spread.

SCAN using the Covid app, wherever you go.

Turn on **BLUETOOTH** function.

Cough etiquette.

Stay at home is you are sick and swab on advice from G.P or healthline.

With this new strain of Covid around, it is important to remember that everyone has different symptoms. The last case in Northland only had aches and pains, no other symptoms at all, so if in doubt, **STAY HOME AND GET TESTED.**

VISITORS TO SCHOOL!

This morning Bella and Will brought a couple of friends with them to school.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2021

February

Monday 8 th	Waitangi Day observed
Thursday 11 th	Welcome back BBQ
Monday 15 th - Friday 18 th	Ruma Wha Camp
Wednesday 24 th	Swimming Sports