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Term 1, Week 1
Thursday 3rd February 2022

Achieve and Succeed Me whai, kia angitū

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL IN 2022



Kia ora everyone,

Welcome back to all of our families and a special welcome to our new families and to Mrs van der Merwe. We are very happy to have you all at Argyll East School!

We hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer so far. On these hot days everyone is keen to jump into the pool to cool down so we are super happy that the pool is looking so great - thanks Bevan!

Waimarama Beach Education Programme - Thursday 17th February

We are booked for the Waimarama Beach Education programme on Thursday 17th February. This programme develops children's confidence at the beach, teaching practical water skills in a real setting. It is delivered by fully qualified surf lifeguards and aims to address the number of fatal drownings at NZ beaches. 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 have been organised to enable this to happen:

- Argyll Road Bus will leave school at 7.20am (30 minutes earlier than usual)
- Big bus will leave Waipukurau at 7.15am, Waipawa at 7.20am and Otane at 7.30am

We will be leaving school at 8am to begin the programme at 9.30am. We will return to school around 4.15pm at which time buses will begin their normal home runs. **Approximate times for drop off** in the afternoon are:

Otane - 4.30pm Waipawa - 4.40pm and Waipukurau 4.50pm.

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 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 week. Please complete the attached slip if you are able to help and return to school asap so that we can get organised - thanks in advance! I will send home a full outline of the day with next week's newsletter. The cost of the Surf Life Saving Beach Education Day will be covered by the school.

Teacher Only Day - Friday 18th February. On this day teachers will be working with the staff of Tikokino and our Professional Development facilitators to further develop our Strategic plan for outdoor learning. Children will not attend school on this day.

It's great to see everyone wearing correct school uniforms and school hats. On these hot days we really enforce our hat rule. We usually allow other hats in the first two weeks of school while families are getting organised but expect that by week three, children will be wearing full uniform with school hats. We appreciate your support.

Have a great week,
Julie Thelwall
Principal

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Weetbix Tryathlon - Cancelled for 2022

Interschool Tennis and Volleyball - Notices have been sent home with interested players. If your child is in years 4-8 (Tennis), years 5-8 (Volleyball) and would like to play and has not received a permission slip please contact the school office. Tennis permission slips are due back no later than Tuesday 8th February.

Volleyball permission slips are due back no later than Friday 11th February.

Hots Shots Tennis resumes for those children who registered last term. We will start on Wednesday 16th February at 3.30pm-4.30

The policy at our club is vaccination passes will be viewed if you are over 12yrs 3 months.

Anyone who did not register last term and who wants to play I still have spaces left but you must call Jane on 0273600834 prior to Wednesday 16th.

We would love to try and fit you into a group. Any adults who are keen to help out please contact Jane.



Kamokamo

Lizzie and Pua with some of our kamokamo
Our kamokamo have grown well over the holidays. If you would like one please let us know. Excellent in fritters.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2022

February

Thursday 17th Waimarama Surf Life Saving Beach Safety Day

Friday 18th Teacher-only day