



TERM 2  
WEEK 1

# Argyll East School

Live, Learn, Grow

Kia Ora, Kia Ako, Kia Tupu



THURSDAY  
23RD APRIL  
2026

## Students of the week

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK  
FOR DISPLAYING OUR  
SCHOOL VISION AND  
VALUES:

Romy Phillpotts for perseverance, integrity, creativity & respect: You have hidden talents, Romy! You shared with us a video of your tap dancing recital where you also received awards. We loved watching your coordinated moves and rhythm. It looked fun! It is great to see the AES values of creativity and perseverance you use outside of our school too. You are taking on extra roles in our class and stepping up to Year 5 work. We can see that in your maths scores and the wonderfully descriptive writing about the tortuous eating of the easter egg, this week!

Hattie Butler for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: Hattie, you are the student of the week for so many reasons! You give everything a go with a positive attitude and support and encourage others to join you. In the classroom you take your learning very seriously and can always be relied upon to be doing the right thing and seeking out ways to extend yourself. Your standardised testing results this term have been outstanding and this reflects your dedication and passion for learning. You join in, and often lead, so many of our class discussions and love to share a joke or funny story from home. You make sure I have my cup of tea each morning and always look for ways you can help out in the classroom. You display so many fantastic leadership qualities and are a joy to share a class with. Thanks for all you do, Hattie.

Yugbadal Gill for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: Yugbadal, you are a fantastic learner in Rūma Tahi. You consistently produce mahi of a very high standard, and it is clear that you put in the time and effort to make your work neat, tidy, and something to be proud of. Ka mau te wehi! Your writing is beautifully presented and full of creative, thoughtful ideas, showing your growing confidence as a communicator. In mathematics you are doing an amazing job of using new strategies in meaningful and authentic ways, which reflects your strong understanding and willingness to take on challenges.

You are showing the principles of Mana Reo (Communication) through your writing, and Mana Aotūroa (Exploration) as you apply new learning in maths. You also demonstrate mana motuhake by taking pride in your work and striving for excellence.

We are very proud of you, Yugbadal—keep up the amazing mahi!

Stevie-Lee Cunningham for integrity, perseverance & respect:

Stevie-Lee, you have been super helpful lately by teaching your table buddy how to use their Chromebook. You make sure they are logged in first and signed into Reading Eggs before you do the same for yourself; that means that you are great at putting others first which is a lovely quality to have. This week you have been showing our 3 Bees during class time; you have been ready for learning, you have been respectful towards your classmates and teachers and you have been responsible for yourself and your things. Keep up the fantastic work Stevie-Lee!



# Message from the Principal

Kia ora families and friends

What a wet, wild and windy week it has been to start term 2! Summer feels like a distant memory and the forces of nature are once again upon us! I have worked from home, marooned by floodwaters. The weather bomb has been especially bad along the coast.

It is fantastic to see our students energized and ready for another term of learning. A warm welcome goes out to our newest students: Aryan, Blayney, Harvey, and Tilda!

We're so glad you've joined us and hope you enjoy being at Argyll East School.

You will have received class letters from teachers sharing their plans for the term. We are particularly looking forward to engaging in interesting career-focused learning experiences and developing a special performance for the Ngati Whai Kapa Haka festival at the end of the term.

To further support our students' learning, we have purchased a new class set of Chromebook computers for Rūma Rua. I know our students will enjoy using them.

This term I begin my Structured Literacy Professional Development with Ideal. I am looking forward to this learning and to bringing its benefits into our classrooms. Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 27th in observance of ANZAC Day.

Have a great week,  
Julie



## WELCOME!

Aryan Zeeshan, Blayney Hamilton,  
Harvey O'Halloran and Tilda MacKenzie

### Thumbs Up

- To the Haftka family and their team at the Brains for Books Quiz night last night. They came 2nd in the quiz and have donated books from their prize winnings to our school library. We truly appreciate your generosity and support for our young readers!

## Congratulations

**Hattie Butler** who received Highly Commended in the Year 7-9 category, with her poetic writing in the Write On Magazine competition.

### The Lone Wolf

It is a lone wolf  
In the middle of a storm  
A singular coin in a jar  
That has no value  
It tastes bitter, no flavour  
With nowhere to go  
No one to see  
The stars are a constant reminder  
Of how small I am in this world  
The sounds are high pitched squeals  
As my ears adjust to the silentness  
The wind whispers secrets  
Though I am locked  
Locked away from the outside world  
I am in a dark room  
All alone, no escape  
Only my heartbeat fills my ears  
I'm here, but I'm not  
I'm only in the dark room  
Lost, trapped  
The moon pities me  
Hiding behind a cloud  
With no light it's only black  
Black darkness  
I feel I am falling  
Away from those around me  
Falling, falling  
Until there is nothing left  
But the empty room



## SPORT

### CHB Gifford Devine futureFerns, Start Dates:

Years 1-4: Saturday 9th May

Years 5-8: Saturday 2nd May

### Hockey, Starts Dates:

29/30th April, and will continue through to Term 3, with a break for the holidays. The season will be completed by 21st August, week 5.

Kwik Sticks Year 7-8- Wednesdays

Kiwi Sticks Year 5-6- Thursdays

Mini Sticks Year 3-4- Thursdays

Fun Sticks Year 1-2- Thursdays

\*We still require a representative from both our Kiwi Sticks (Year 5/6) and (Year 7/8) teams to put their hand up and attend the coaching clinic on April 22nd, 7:30 - 8:30, at the Centralines Pool Complex meeting room. No team is allowed to play if they have not had a representative from their team do this.

Please keep an eye out on Seesaw for any updates.

Any Queries please contact - Kim Mullany

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### Argyll East Playgroup Wednesdays from 9:00am

Come along for a cuppa and a catch-up with other local mums while the kids enjoy themselves! We've got plenty to keep little ones busy — awesome toys, craft activities, and a playground for a good run around. Suitable for children aged 0-5 years. All are welcome. We'd love to see you there!

### Our New Very-Improved Shade House

A HUGE thank you to all of you who helped with this project. Bevan, Axel, Dale, and Chris for dismantling the shade house and preparing the site. Then Josh for moving gravel onto the floor of the site with his digger, James for helping and digging the overflow and Chris for overseeing it all. A big thankyou to Tom Twist from Twist Trucking for generously supplying the gravel, at no cost to us. Then Chris, Dale and Jacob for erecting the new shadehouse. Chris was the Project Manager and there every step of the way over the 4 days. Thanks so much, Chris. We know that many hours of cognitive and physical energy has gone into this project and we really appreciate the time you all gave, over the holidays.

### MISSION: MOUSE WATCH

We have some uninvited guests in our school chicken coop! To help us figure out what's happening, we are looking to borrow a trail camera. If you have one we could use, we promise to take excellent care of it and return it as soon as our "investigation" is complete. Please contact the office if you can help!  
— Isla, Richie & Sofia (Chicken Monitors)

## Upcoming Events



### April

#### Monday 27th

Anzac Day Observed- SCHOOL CLOSED

### May

#### Monday 11th

Toru & Whā to "Alice in Wonderland" performance @ CHB College

#### Friday 15th

Elsthorpe 5's

#### Thursday 21st

Careers Expo

#### Thursday 28th

Gymnastics Festival

### June

#### Monday 1st

King's Birthday- SCHOOL CLOSED

### July

#### Thursday 1st

Ngati Whai

#### Friday 2nd

Last day of Term 2

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