



Argyll East School

Live, Learn, Grow

Kia Ora, Kia Ako, Kia Tupu



TERM 3
WEEK 6

THURSDAY
27TH AUGUST
2026

Students of the week

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

Evie Cameron for perseverance, integrity, creativity & respect: Over the last 5 weeks you put a huge effort into your speech writing and delivery, Evie. You came to school after the holidays, knowing a lot about your topic of cicada. You had your ideas ordered and filled with lots of details from your reading and observations. You took on teacher feedback to improve your writing, but on the whole you created your speech independently. On the day, you delivered your speech with confidence, speaking clearly and with expression. You also achieved another personal goal this week- placing in the cross country race, Well done for aiming high and working hard to achieve, Evie. You did it!

Veda Haftka for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: You are such a fantastic quiet achiever, Veda, and it is wonderful watching your hard work pay off. Last week you took out 1st place in the Year 6 girls Cross Country—what a magnificent effort! Your incredible determination was also on show when you competed at the HBPB Winter Swim Champs where you had a 100% personal best rate and made 2 finals. In class, you bring that same focus as you tackle reading music and mastering the difficult skill of playing the recorder. You never ask for attention, but your dedication quietly shines through in everything you do!

Alfie Fogarty for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: Alfie has had a wonderful first week at school. She has settled into Rūma Tahi with quiet confidence, showing a strong sense of mana atua (wellbeing) and mana whenua (belonging). Alfie has participated enthusiastically in all learning opportunities and has made many friends, including some she already knew and others she has met this week. She has also joined in with our cross-country training, making her way up the steep hills with joyful abandon and determination. Alfie is a pleasure to have in Rūma Tahi and has slotted beautifully into our learning whānau. Ka pai, Alfie!

Billy Hamelink: for perseverance & creativity: Billy, I have loved seeing your creativity and perseverance shine during the two days I spent in Rūma Rua last week. From the moment we started our art project, you were focused, prepared and ready to listen carefully so you could complete your work to a very high standard. You took your time studying the picture of a tūi and then used it to create your own drawing beautifully! You also showed fantastic perseverance during cross country. Even when it became challenging, you kept going and didn't give up. Your creativity, focus and determination are wonderful qualities to have, not only at school but throughout life. Keep believing in yourself and giving things your best, Billy!



Message from the Principal

Kia ora families and friends,

It was wonderful to catch up with so many of you at Cross Country last week. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather, which provided a fantastic backdrop for the incredible effort and competitive spirit shown by all our students. Well done to everyone for your perseverance and determination; you all ran exceptionally well and gave it your absolute best. We achieved excellent results across all year levels, and every student should feel very proud of their performance. Special thanks to Tikokino School for organising the event.

Preparation is well underway for our upcoming production, “Just Keep Wiggling: An Epic Eel Odyssey.” We would like to extend our thanks to the parents who have already offered their assistance with costumes and set design.

We still have specific requirements to meet and would greatly appreciate any further support. A list of needs is attached to this newsletter—please let us know if you are able to help in any way. To assist us with planning, could you please complete the attached notice indicating the day and time you would like to attend the production. This is very important as the hall has limited space and we want to make sure everyone is able to attend.

Mrs Sarcich is accompanying a large group of students to the CHB Cross Country today. The students have continued enthusiastically training this week. Thanks to our local families who have allowed us to run on their properties, providing the dreaded hill climbs and uneven surfaces that they will face at Wanstead. Much appreciated.

We are looking forward to Wacky Hair Day on Friday, 4th September. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to raise funds for the Child Cancer Foundation. Additionally, this Friday, our students will be out picking daffodils. We would like to thank the Cameron family for once again providing this lovely opportunity for our school.

To support the health of our school community, we have attached guidelines from the Ministry of Education regarding when to keep your child home if they are unwell. There are also details of free online GP care for children under 13. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our environment healthy for everyone.

Thanks to all and have a great week,
Julie



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

To Whole School for demonstrating our vision and values. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Cross Country event last Friday. You were amazing runners, demonstrating stamina and perseverance and achieving great results at all age levels. You represented our school in the best possible way, with integrity and respect for all of the competitors and with big happy smiles and loads of positivity.
Ka rawe koutou katoa.

Fri-Yay Wacky Hair Day

On Friday September 4th, our students will be taking part in a fundraising event called Wig Wednesday to support Child Cancer Foundation - a nationwide charity that supports tamariki with cancer and their whānau.

Every week in Aotearoa, more than three families are told the heartbreaking news that their child has cancer. Child Cancer Foundation is committed to supporting them every step of the way.

When kids with cancer go through treatment, they often need to brave the world with no hair. Wig Wednesday is a fun day in September where school pupils have crazy hair while raising money for Child Cancer Foundation.

We are asking students to have crazy hair and bring in a monetary donation. All money raised will go towards supporting children with cancer and their families.

Here's how your contributions will help:

- \$20 provides a child with ZippaTees to help make important but often uncomfortable medical procedures more comfortable.
- \$40 provides the opportunity for a parent to meet with their Family Support Coordinator in a space away from the home or hospital
- \$150 covers the cost of the Beads of Courage programme for one child for a whole year

Every donation, no matter how big or small, will make a huge difference to families affected by childhood cancer. We know childhood cancer can be a tough subject to discuss.

Thank you for helping your child take part in Wig Wednesday.

Congratulations

To the following footballers who have made rep teams:

10th Grade- Challenge Squad
Veda Haftka & Knox Wakelin

Cattle- Watts Cup Squad
Sam Gregory & George Slavin

Thumbs Up

- To our fantastic mums and school neighbour Naomi who came to the costume and prop meeting on Monday, you all offered lots of ideas and support. Thank you!
- A huge thank you to Jayme and Christina for organising, building and installing some extra staging for our production. It adds another dimension to our performance. We are very grateful!
- Thank you to Fiona Hislop for the donation of three beautiful korowai. Very much appreciated!



Adorable Guinea Pig Pups Looking for Loving Homes! 🐹

We have three 2-week-old guinea pig pups ready to move into their forever homes next week!

- Price: \$20 each
- Availability: 3 females
- Important Note: Guinea pigs are very social animals and thrive in pairs or groups, so buyers must already have a guinea pig at home or adopt a pair.

Please contact Mrs Hamelink in the office if you'd like to reserve a pup!



Congratulations to Charlie McCormick who was nominated for a Unison Award. This award celebrates players who consistently demonstrate fair play, a great work ethic, and excellent discipline throughout the season.

He also made the pre academy team which he trialed for and he has been asked to play in a tournament in Taupo which is a big national event.

Upcoming Events



September

Friday 4th	Fri-Yay Wacky Hair Day
Saturday 5th	Clearing Sale
Monday 7th	Sibling Photo Request Forms Due
Monday 14th - Friday 18th	Te Wiki o te reo Māori
Wednesday 16th	School Photos
Tuesday 15th & Thursday 17th	School Production Performances
Tuesday 22nd	Ki-o-Rahi Year 5/6
Wednesday 23rd	Rippa Rugby Tournament
Thursday 24th	Ki-o-Rahi Year 7/8
Friday 25th	Pet Day



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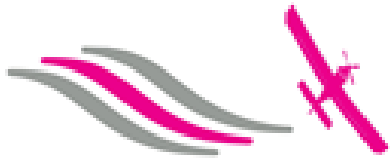
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