



Argyll East School

Live, Learn, Grow

Kia Ora, Kia Ako, Kia Tupu



TERM 4
WEEK 1

THURSDAY
15TH
OCTOBER

Pet Day 2026



Message from the Principal

Kia ora families and friends,

A warm welcome back to school as we begin the final term of 2026! A special welcome to our new entrant, Billy Bancroft, and to Miss Hay, who returns to us following her leave. We hope everyone had a restful spring break and you are feeling refreshed and ready for the busy term ahead.

This term, we are fortunate to participate in five Swim4Life sessions, covering swimming instruction and water safety for all students. The sessions will take place at the A W Parsons Swimming Centre in Waipukurau, with students transported to and from the pool by school bus. These will run on the following Fridays: 30th October, as well as 13th, 20th, 27th November, and 4th December. Further details will be sent home closer to the time.

Athletics: Unfortunately, due to poor weather, we were unable to hold our athletics event this week. We have secured the 29th October as our postponement date at the CHB College grounds. Hopefully the weather will be more favourable later in the month. We will update you as the time approaches.

Today, you will receive a link via email and Seesaw to a Google Form containing six questions to assist the board with our strategic planning for 2027–2028. Every two years, we seek your input to help us prioritise our future goals and targets. We survey all families, students, and staff, and highly value your feedback. A higher response rate gives us a broader range of ideas for development, and we thank you for partnering with us in planning for our school's future success. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss our strategic planning.

This term, several of our staff have begun Level 1 te reo Māori through Te Kura Raunui. This online course requires four to five hours per week, including online classes on Wednesday afternoons and follow-up study throughout the week. To attend these sessions, participating teachers will be leaving immediately after school on Wednesdays. We have committed to this learning as part of our professional development and in line with recommendations from the Education Review Office to increase the use of te reo Māori in our classrooms.

New Zealand ShakeOut 2026 takes place next Wednesday at 1:30 PM, as organized by the New Zealand Civil Defence. This is a national earthquake and tsunami drill day and teaches our children how to be safe if an earthquake occurs at school. Drop, Cover and Hold is the drill if you want to practise at home.

Please return all trophies to the school office as soon as possible in preparation for this year's prize-giving ceremony. Thanks.

Have a great week,
Julie

Sport

Tennis - All information and draws are now finalised for the Interschool Tennis Competition starting this Monday 19th October. We will start on Monday with a fun skills and drills session. Students will also be provided with afternoon tea. The following Monday 26th October is Labour Day so games won't start until 2nd November.

MONDAY 19th October - If all players could be at the Waipukurau Tennis courts by 3.30pm. We realise that some schools have to travel further than others, but please can everyone do their best to start at 3:30pm. It is not fair that others have to wait around any longer.

Some important points below;

1. Each week, every player will play a doubles game and then a singles game. Please start playing the doubles game first.
2. We want to ensure all the kids have the best possible experience on the court. For our **A Grade** matches especially, the focus will be on matching players according to their skill and ability each week. By coordinating with the opposing team managers to pair up similarly skilled players, we can ensure the games remain competitive, challenging, and—most importantly—fun for everyone involved. We appreciate your support in fostering a great sporting environment.
3. If your team has a 5th player you can decide if one player (a different one each week) stands down for the week if two players only play either a singles game or doubles game each week.
4. Folders and balls will be handed out on Monday. Please name your balls.
5. Cancellations will be made by 2pm on a Monday, via email and Facebook. If there are any cancellations we will just move to the next date - so stick with the dates on the draw.
6. All draws, contact lists and playing conditions information will also be available on the Tennis Eastern Website.

Summer Hockey - is split into two grades, Kwik Yr 5-8 and Mini Yr 2-4. Both grades are playing on Wednesdays from 3:45pm, starting week 2 21st October until 18th November.

Touch- will start Monday 2nd November til the 30th November, 5 weeks.

Junior Times will be between 3:30pm-5:40pm All grades are mixed.

Years 1-2 on the Turf, these teams will need to supply a Coach/Referee per team.

Years 3-4 pm on the turf, **Referees provided**

Years 5-8 at Russell Park **Referees are provided**

Athletics - Thursday 29th October

Hawkes Bay Athletics Championships - Tuesday 17th November

CHB Athletics - Thursday 26th November

Please keep an eye out on Seesaw for any updates.

Any Queries please contact - Kim Mullany

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Welcome to our new students who have joined us over the last term: Izzy Butler, Alfie Fogarty, Laura Taylor, Blayne Hamilton, Billy Bancroft, Hudson Ferris & James Foley

Argyll East School Gardening Competition

This is a competition that has been running for 60 + years at our school. It is open to all students who would like to share their home garden, knowledge, skills and time. Their garden may be part of a larger family plot, in a tyre, pots or buckets or a garden bed of their own. There are 2 categories -vegetable or garden. A cup is presented at the end of year prizegiving for the best gardener as deemed by this year's judge.

A judge will visit the gardens and chat with your child for 10 minutes at the beginning of December.

So now is the time to get planting seeds or seedlings. You could create a journal of what you do, add compost, try companion planting, make a scarecrow.....

Please let the office know by **Friday 6th November** if you would like to take part.

Upcoming Events

October



Thursday 22nd

Friday 23rd

Monday 26th

Tuesday 27th

Thursday 29th

Teacher Only Day

HB Anniversary

Labour Day

Home & School Meeting 6pm

Athletics Day

November

Friday 6th

Tuesday 17th

Friday 20th

Thursday 26th

Wednesday 16th

Thursday 17

Teacher Only Day

HB Athletics Champs

CHBC Transition Day- Year 8's

CHB Athletics

Prizegiving 6pm

Last Day of Term 4



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