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## ARGYLL EAST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Term 4, Week 7  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

*Achieve and Succeed Me whai, kia angitū*

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for displaying the school habits and values as follows:



**To Abbie James for All the Argyll East Values** – Your positive energy and enjoyment of learning have been just what we need as we head towards the end of term 4! It was great to see you return from your transition day at CHB College with such enthusiasm and excitement - looking forward to what next year will bring. You have been such a great leader in our school this year, Abbie. You participate fully and push yourself to do things that are outside your comfort zone. Keep up the great attitude!

**To Veda Hafka for Perseverance, Thinking and Relating to Others**– You have been a great friend to Tegan lately and you are showing lots of kindness towards everyone in class. You have been listening, following instructions and completing all the activities we do. It's great to see you using your imagination and having lots of fun when playing in the kitchen. Veda, you have been doing so well in our structured literacy rotations and it's so awesome to see you reading!

**To Remy Davidson for All the Argyll East Habits and Values** – Remy, you are a pleasure to teach and to have as a member of Ruma Toru, as you have such lovely manners. You listen and speak to others politely, showing you value what people are saying. We can rely on you to cooperate and collaborate with classmates during group tasks; everyone likes working with you. Others appreciate you as a friend. You are a willing, eager young man who shows respect for fellow student and adults. Tino pai, Remy!

**To Ruby Butler for All the Argyll East Habits and Values** – You are a keen learner who comes to school ready to learn. You are not afraid of challenges and are prepared to take risks and participate fully. You are a responsible leader and fulfil the roles that you are given. You are a kind and caring friend to many, always have a smile and make our class a great place to be. Ruby, you should be proud of yourself.

Kia ora everyone,

Well summer has begun and that means lots of swimming and fun for everyone. A huge thank you to Bevan Cameron who has the pool looking fantastic. I could hear the kids swimming in the rain one morning this week and they were having a ball. So, thanks Bevan for your ongoing time and effort to care for the pool!

I never did let you know about the fun time I had at Camp Wakarara. I arrived in time for the dinner experience and what an experience it was to have six different groups of children lighting their fires and cooking their dinner. It was a huge success! I was so impressed with their ability to work together, keep themselves safe and cook a delicious meal. Hard to judge but not too hard to try all of the different "Mince Surprises". Late night spot light once again proved popular and eventually everyone got a relatively good night's sleep. Thanks to everyone involved, in one way or another, for making the camp a fun and successful event.

Today I have included the outline of our Strategic Plan for 2022 - 2024. On it you will find our three goals for development and some initiatives to reach those goals. In 2022, we will be promoting our new vision "Live, Learn, Grow" alongside our school values, in all of our teaching and learning programmes. We will develop our outdoor learning programmes and localised curriculum to be interesting, relevant and engaging for all of our students. We want to include you in our planning and implementation so that we take advantage of the skills, knowledge and passions of our school families. We are looking forward to an exciting 2022 and our growing partnership with you to provide our children with an awesome learning environment and learning experiences!

Next **Thursday 9th December**, we have our Deep Water Safety programme at the Waipukurau pools for all students. We will travel by bus to and from Waipukurau with some senior students in teachers' vehicles. We will arrive at the pools around 9.40am so Waipukurau families may like to take children straight to the pools rather than coming to school first. Please let us

know if you plan to do this. We will leave the pools to return to school at 2pm. Children will need to bring a good lunch and a water bottle. Also, togs, towels and full school uniform with hats as we will have some time playing games in Russell Park. We are looking forward to a fun day out.

Our student leaders have planned lots of fun activities to finish the year including our **Pyjama Day tomorrow. On Monday 13th December we are having a pool party and sausage sizzle**, kindly provided by our wonderful Home and School group. Children are preparing acts for our **Annual Talent Quest** which is planned for **Tuesday 14th December**. This year we will record the show and share a link with you on Seesaw so that you can enjoy the fun from home.

We will send home details for our Prize Giving next Thursday. We are planning for the prize giving at our staff meeting this afternoon. Student reports will also be sent home on that day.

Have a great week.

Julie Thelwall  
Principal

### SCHOOL POOL KEYS

The pool is open again this year and pool keys are available from the school office. The fee is \$40 for the season and a contract must be signed and school pool rules complied with at all times.



### THUMBS UP

To our garden judge Kaela, (and her chauffeur Belinda), for judging the student competitors' gardens. We really appreciate your time, energy and knowledge.

### LIBRARY BOOKS

Please could all library books be returned as soon as possible. There is a prize for the first class to have all their books returned.



### PIANO LESSONS

These will be starting at school next term. If you are interested in this option for your child, please contact the office.

### FUEL VOUCHERS

We have received a grant from the Sports New Zealand Rural Travel fund to help parents with travel costs. We are distributing these by way of petrol vouchers. These are attached for all parents whose children were involved in sport this year. **Please look out for them in your children's school bags today.**

### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

To **Alex Godinet for All the School Values and Habits**

What a great little student you are Alex. You get along well with everyone both in class and at play. You listen well and follow directions to produce great learning and results. Your athletic skills and sporting prowess are amazing and we can see that this is a passion for you. I love your big smile and happy face as you arrive and leave each day. Keep shining Alex.



### ACCOUNTS

All accounts need to be fully paid before the end of the school year. Final accounts have been sent out via email and a hard copy is attached to each newsletter. Please contact the school ASAP if you have not received a copy. Thank you for your prompt payment.

### WEETBIX TRY WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2022

The link to register for the Weetbix TRYathlon will be in next week's newsletter. Parents will need to be able to transport their own child/children and gear to the event and supervise them on the day.

### CHICKEN



We are looking for a caring family who can home our retired friendly chicken. If you are interested please contact the school office.

### COVID VACCINATION RECORDS FOR STUDENTS OVER 12YR OLD

Please can you send copies of vaccination records to school if your child has had a covid vaccination. Many thanks.

### CONNOR'S WATCH

Connor has lost his watch. Please look out for it and hand into the school office if found.

### HOME AND SCHOOL

#### Home and School Christmas Raffle

There are raffle sheets at school if you would like more tickets. Please send all raffle sheets and money back to school by Monday 13<sup>th</sup>



December. There will be 2 prizes, packed full of delicious goodies, so good luck!

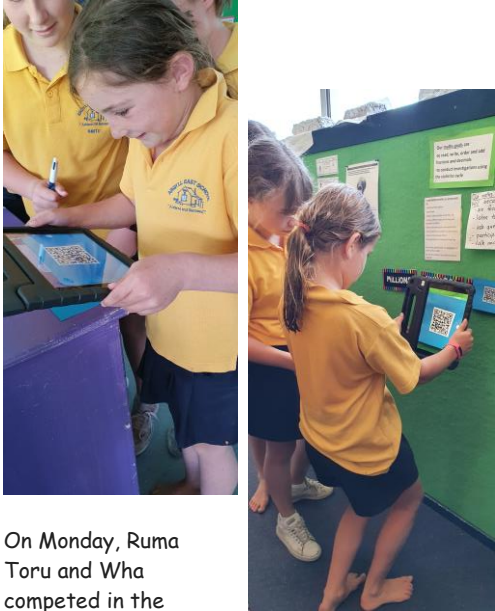
### PYJAMA DAY

On Friday the 3rd of December it is Pyjama Day.



Remember to wear your favourite pyjamas to school. All you need to do is get out of bed and come to school. Don't forget to wear your underpants!! Maddie Butler and Lily Kent

## SCHOOL LITERACY QUIZ



On Monday, Ruma Toru and Wha competed in the school literacy quiz. There were 8 rounds of questions and our teams were a mixture of Y4,5,6 & 7 students. Topics included food, general literacy knowledge, Maori myths and legends and nursery rhymes. Our final round was through QR codes!

Results:

1st place

The supercalifragilisticexpialidocious bookworms

- Addison Oliver
- Lily Kent
- Claire Fauao
- Taylor Thompson

2nd place

Outstanding literacy learners

- Laura Brun
- Lily Shorten
- Max Ellis
- Ava How

3rd place

The professional LQers (Lit Quizzers)

- William Cook
- Lottie Smith
- Charlie Calder
- Juliet Robinson

## WAIPUKURAU JUNIOR TENNIS GRADED TOURNAMENT

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December, from 8.30am

Entries to:

<https://clubspark.kiwi/TennisEastern/JuniorPage/> or email [jennparry@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jennparry@xtra.co.nz)

Entries and payment to be received no later than Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021



### UPCOMING EVENTS

December

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|--------------------------|---|
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> | Deep water safety programme at Waipukurau |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>  | Pool party and Sausage sizzle             |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> | Talent Quest                              |

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> 2022

February

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| Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> | First day Term 1                            |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> | Waimarama Surf Life Saving Beach Safety Day |