



Argyll East School

Live, Learn, Grow

Kia Ora, Kia Ako, Kia Tupu



TERM 4
WEEK 8

THURSDAY 27TH
NOVEMBER
2025

Students of the week

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

Ella Powell for perseverance, integrity, creativity & respect: It has been lovely watching you grow in maturity and confidence this year, Ella. All the teachers have noticed too, and are impressed with you. You take part in our class quietly, but can always be relied upon with a thoughtful answer when asked. You have a lovely smile and a great group of friends who you work alongside in the classroom with or at play. The more you get involved, the more you will learn and have fun! You have found that out this year. Kei te pai.

Madi Thompson for Perseverance & Creativity: You always arrive at school with a huge smile and kind greeting. I love the way you always have a positive attitude and enjoy all aspects of your learning. You work really hard in your small maths and reading groups, asking great questions and sharing your ideas and opinions with others. You love working with your friends and have enjoyed co-writing, auditioning and acting out our class production. Thanks for all the extra things you do to make our class a positive and happy place to be.

Lotty Chistison Welcome: Welcome to Rūma Tahī and Argyll East School. You have had a great first week here. It has been wonderful to watch you learn our class routines and give them a go. This week you have shown me some great learning and enjoyed going in the school pool for swimming. Lotty, we hope you enjoy your time here and we can't wait to get to know you.

Maddy Fogarty for Perseverance & Integrity: Maddy, you always have a great attitude towards learning and life. Everyone enjoys the way you can make them laugh and how you are always being a great friend to them. This year, you have worked hard to gain knowledge in maths and enjoyment for numbers. It's been great seeing you persevering to learn new spelling rules and using them in your reading to sound out tricky words. Keep up the fantastic work Maddy and keep on persevering!



Message from the Principal

Kia ora families and friends,

You will have received my Seesaw message last week letting you know that Samantha Allen is moving on next year. Samantha has secured a position at Pukehamaoamo School as a year 2-3 teacher. We are very excited for Samantha who has been with us for the past five years and we thank her for her contributions to our school and community over this time. This is a new opportunity for Samantha and we wish her all the very best. The process of appointing a new teacher for our junior classroom has begun and I will keep you updated in due course.

Thanks everyone for your support for our first Argyll East School Clearing Sale held last Friday. By all accounts it was a very successful day with good support from the wider community. It was certainly a warm day and the auctioneers had a hot time of it, but they happily managed to get through the long list of items with some good bidding and happy buyers and sellers. Thanks so much to everyone who helped with organisation and special thanks to Mrs Hamelink and Home and School for their help with the event.

Today we have a Ministry of Education Curriculum Advisor attending our staff meeting to work with staff on the new curriculum areas being introduced in 2026. There are a lot of changes to our present curriculum as well as changes to assessment with the use of new tools and possibly new reporting templates. We look forward to tapping into her knowledge in her field of expertise.

Our year 8's had a great time at the CHB College transition day on Monday. They participated in a range of activities and are all excited for next year.

Rūma Toru have had a great week of outdoor education with their river trip on Wednesday, bush walk on Thursday and sleepover on Thursday night for year five students. Well done Rūma Toru students and teachers for your thorough organisation and thanks to all of our parent helpers who are involved.

For those planning holiday activities, please mark Wednesday 4th February 2026 on your calendars as the first day of term 1.

Have a great week everyone,
Julie



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

To Aria Innes for demonstrating our vision and values. Aria, you are so settled at school, involving yourself in lots of different activities and opportunities, always offering to lend a helping hand and generally getting on well with the business of learning. I am so happy to see you content and happy, achieving successfully and always showing our school values and vision. Keep shining Aria and be proud of your achievements this year!

Touch - 1st December *Last Week of Touch*

Year 1/2

Argyll East vs Waipawa Dragons @ 4:30pm,
Hockey Turf 3

Year 3/4

Omakere vs Waipukurau Kārāriki @ 4:00pm,
Hockey Turf 4

Year 5/6

Argyll East/Elsthorpe vs Takapau @ 4:00pm,
Russell Park Field 2

Rūma Toru's
river walk
yesterday



Thumbs Up

- Shannon for the Google Chromecast for our Old School Building.
- Emily Cameron for the use of the Wonder Market Caravan @ our Clearing Sale on Friday
- Sam Reynolds & Craig Campbell for helping set up the marquee the day before the clearing sale.
- To the parents that have helped with Rūma Toru's activities this week.



Library Books

Could all library books please be returned to school by Friday 5th December.

A message from the Board of Trustees

We have had two board meetings since the appointment of the new board. We are excited to have Malcolm Campbell lead the board as presiding member.

We reviewed the community consultation that was put out to all families. With only 8 families that responded, all feedback was generally positive.

Our main focus has been the clearing sale which was an absolute success. We'd like to thank Malcolm Campbell for leading this, Christina Hamelink for all her hard work towards setting it all up and to Rachael Campbell from BM Accounting for her expertise in assisting Christina for all of the administration tasks on the day. The final tally is still being finalised.

The home and school are funding a swing set which we are looking forward to in the new year. The Board will remove some trees behind the school house to create a safe place for swinging.

The heat pump in the old school building has been replaced and is now operational. A TV, donated by the home and school has been installed for the break out room in Rūma Toru and Whā. This is a great resource to help with our structured literacy programme.

Upcoming Events

November

Friday 28th

Year 8 Morning Tea-
Sherwood School



December

Friday 5th

Club & Disco Day

Sunday 7th

Gardening Judging

Wednesday 10th

Raffle sheets + money due back

Thursday 11th

Splash Planet for Bus Monitors

Friday 12th

Argyll East Talent Show- 11:45am

Tuesday 16th

Home & School Fun Day

Wednesday 17th

Prizegiving- 6pm

Last Day of Term 4- 12pm finish

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