



Argyll East School

Live, Learn, Grow

Kia Ora, Kia Ako, Kia Tupu



TERM 4
WEEK 9

THURSDAY
12TH OF
DECEMBER
2024

Students of the week

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

Aria Ferris for All the AES Habits & Values- Aria, you have had a great Term 4. You have been working so hard in your learning and your confidence is growing each day. You are using your spelling fingers in Structured Literacy and Writing. Sound out your words in Reading and show great skills in your swimming. You are creative in your play with your friends and come up with wonderful ideas. You enjoyed our Teddy Bears Picnic and singing lots of songs. Aria, be proud of yourself!

Isla Campbell for All the AES Habits & Values- Isla, you have been a fantastic Year 3 role model and leader in our classroom this year. It's just been amazing with the way you help out the other students with their chromebooks and patiently show them how to do things such as take screenshots, open new tabs and help them get onto the right thing. You are always so respectful, kind and accepting of everyone in our class. You have really worked hard this year, especially during Structured Literacy and Reading, and it shows in your amazing results! Keep reading, keep practising those maths equations and keep being the amazing you!

Veda Haftka for All the AES Habits & Values- We have watched your confidence, personality and abilities grow this year, Veda. It has been wonderful. You participate in all classroom activities quietly but fully. You are always prepared for learning and you give every task a good go-sometimes even surprising yourself. We know we can always rely on you to do the right thing always. You were a fantastic role model for the Year 3's who have been transitioning into our class this week. They found you kind and helpful. You are truly ready for Year 5. But have an amazing Christmas and holiday break first!

Sophia Kuru for All the AES Habits & Values (absent for photo) - You've had such a great week this week, Sophia. It is wonderful seeing you come to school happy and ready to learn. You enjoyed spending time with the class in the Mangaotai, floating around, laughing and having fun - not even worried by the large eels moving around you! While I was out of the classroom, your classmates tell me that you acted with integrity - always doing the right thing. I also appreciated the way you checked in on me to see how my day was going! Thanks for being such a great person!



Message from the Principal

Kia ora families and friends,

School is almost over for another year and in this final newsletter for 2024, I would like to acknowledge all of the great people that I have the privilege to work with. Together we have successfully lived, learnt and grown through a variety of learning activities, lots of fun and lots of hard work making us proud of our students and their progress. Attached to this newsletter is our recent Education Review Office report. We are very happy with the report and its recommendations for future development.

The success of our school would not be possible without the amazing Argyll East School team and school community. Thanks to all of our support staff who are behind the scenes but have such important roles in keeping everyone healthy and safe. We really appreciate you. Our teachers and teacher aides are passionate about student success and work hard to make sure that every child reaches their potential. They all work diligently and happily together and make school fun! Our Board of Trustees are supportive of our actions and have your children's wellbeing at heart. And our Home and School group continue to come up with fun ideas to engage our community in the never ending task of fundraising. Thank you so much to everyone who steps up to make our school the success it is!

And thanks to you, our families and community who support us in so many ways - on school trips, camps, in the gardens, baking for events, driving, supervising and supporting all of the fundraising that happens throughout the year. Everyone's input is so important and very much appreciated.

We have an outstanding group of year 8 girls leaving us this year. They have shown excellent leadership, kindness and compassion to others and we will miss them. They are leaving big shoes for our year 7's to fill.

Your children's reports have been sent home today. We hope you enjoy reading about your child's progress. Please contact your child's class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss. All children have had a transition afternoon with their new classmates in readiness for 2025.

School resumes on Monday 3rd February with Mrs Smith at the helm. I know you will support her in her principal role and I am very confident that everything will run like clockwork!

Happy holidays everyone and I look forward to seeing you all again in July 2025!

Julie



PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

To Greer Webster for demonstrating our vision and values. Greer, it's been wonderful having you at Argyll East School this year. You set high standards in everything you do making you a great role model to your peers and others. You put your hand up to help out whenever needed and have a strong sense of responsibility when it comes to carrying out your duties. We really appreciate everything you do Greer - you will be a fantastic year 9 student at the college next year!

Parent of the Week:

Anja Innes- for all the AES Values

We notice you around the school gardens, weeding, pruning and making the place look beautiful for us, Anja. We really appreciated you bringing oxygen producing plants for the fish pond. Then you cleaned it out with us today. That's a big job. The fish looks so happy! And we can see it!

Thanks for helping us pot out many seedlings today and earlier in the year. Our shadehouse looks full and we will have lots of trees to plant and give away next year. We look forward to working with you next year.

A Message from the Home and School Committee

Thanks for all your support for 2024.

We have our AGM Wednesday 12th February 6.30pm at Skinneys Waipawa.

All Welcome. We would love to see new faces, its a fun group to be part of.

All positions are open- Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

Chat to any of us if you have questions. Follow our facebook page Argyll East Home and School for more details. We love that everything we do is fundraising for our kids and their learning environment.

Suzie, Kate and Tori

BOT Report

In our final Board of Trustees meeting for the year we looked over the Analysis of Variance data for the end of year results. This data reports on all year 2-8 students' results in maths, reading and writing. The end of year data compares students' results to those of the mid year testing and showed an obvious improvement across the board. This is a great testament to not only our students but our teachers and teacher aides.

As mentioned at the end of last year, we will be increasing the bus fees as of term 1, 2025. The fee will increase to \$75 per child per term with a maximum cost of \$150 per family per term.

The Home and School Committee held their meeting this week as well. This year we see a few members step down from their roles or move on. We wish to acknowledge Emma Oliver who has been on the Home and School Committee for 10 years. Also Suzie Calder, Kate How and Tori Butler who will be stepping down from their positions on the committee but will remain members. These parents have contributed a great deal of time and effort over the years and we wish to extend a huge thank you.

Home and School's AGM will be February 12th, 2025 at 6.30pm at Skinny's Bar in Waipawa. Election of positions will occur at this meeting. If you have considered joining the committee, please come along to this meeting. Home and School are an integral part of our school community and contribute funds to our bus, school camp, sports uniforms and plenty more.

Thumbs Up

- Maggie Swinburne's Pop for the amazing Gingerbread House that we shared for morning tea today. It was delicious!!
- Hells Pizza who sponsor a reading programme. Rūma Toru took part in this and we all received a delicious pizza each.
- Baxter and Fletcher Twist for clearing the fallen willow tree off the road early on Monday morning.
- Mel Bloomfield, our EnviroSchools facilitator for judging the students' gardens.
- The Menzies whanau for looking after the school chooks over the summer holiday.



December

- **Friday 13th** Swim 4 Life- Final session
- **Monday 16th** Prizegiving 6pm
- **Tuesday 17th** School Finishes 12pm

February 2025

- **Monday 3rd** Term 1 2025 Starts

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EVENTS**

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