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Term 4, Week 3
Thursday 4th November 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 Coby Hunia-Mitchell for All the Argyll East Habits and Values – What a fantastic week you have had. You have been working so hard on all your learning. I have enjoyed reading the amazing stories that you are writing. Coby, you are an amazing athlete and it has been wonderful to watch you in the events trying your best and pushing yourself to improve each time. You have looked after others who have been hurt and showed how kind and caring you are. Keep up the great work.

To William Cook for Perseverance – It was wonderful to walk down to the Mangaotai with you William. You have a positive attitude and enjoy new experiences. You were reluctant to get into the stream (with an eel!) but you pushed yourself to try something new and, with the support of great friends, you enjoyed the experience. It was great to see you giving 100%.

To Isla Haftka for All the Argyll East Habits and Values – You can always be relied upon to do the right thing in our classroom. We really value this attribute of integrity and you have it in buckets! You are a great active listener- showing respect to others by giving them eye contact, being still and responding with comments or questions. What a great role model you are-already stepping up to be a leader, Isla. Thank you.

To Olivia Foley for All the Argyll East Habits and Values, (absent) – Olivia, I just love having you in Ruma Tahi because you are such a kind person who loves looking after others. You are always helpful and you start tidying up the classroom before I even have to ask. Olivia, you give everything a go and do so with an awesome attitude! You are always kind to your friends and make sure the new students feel welcomed.

Kia ora koutou,

Who can believe we are in November?? Where did the year go?? We've had beautiful rain but that sure makes the lawns grow fast. At least the rain means good things for farmers and our water tanks!

Athletics practice is happening each day at school when weather permits. As we usually run Athletics with Tikokino and Sherwood, we have decided to go ahead with the competition but in a different way so that we are within the Covid guidelines. Our three competing schools will run events in their own schools. Times, distances and results will be entered into spreadsheets for all age groups of girls and boys. This way our children still compete with a wider group of children and can see where they sit within that group. We will run our events over a number of days next week.

Our pool sheds look very fresh, clean and ready for the summer season. We are just waiting on the finishing touches and a repair to our pool vacuum cleaner. Pool keys will be available as soon as all of the jobs are completed.

At the last student leader meeting, our leaders came up with some great ideas for the remainder of the year. Keep an eye out for some fun events in the coming weeks including the upcoming Topsy Turvy Day - details below.

Yesterday afternoon, our Kāhui Ako held a district meeting for all teachers in CHB - across all sectors. Within and Across School Leaders ran four workshops looking at Structured Literacy, Strategies and Techniques for Effective Communication, Culturally Responsive Practice and Localised Curriculum. The afternoon was well attended and will hopefully become a regular event for CHB teachers.

I have been working on our strategic plan for 2022 - 2024 and look forward to sharing it with you over the coming weeks. The plan is based on the feedback received from you - our families, the children, teachers, staff and Board of Trustees earlier in the year. It is exciting to be

able to put everyone's ideas into the plan and bring them to fruition over the coming years.

Sadly, our lovely cleaner, Chris, has resigned and will finish at the end of the year. Chris has been cleaning our school beautifully for a number of years and we appreciate all she has done. Do you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming our school cleaner? If so, please let me know or ask them to contact the office. The job will begin next year.

Hope you all have a fantastic week.

Kind regards,

Julie Thelwall
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

To Lizzie Janson for All the School Values and Habits



You are generous and kind Lizzie and we love your gentle ways. You are amazing in our Kapa Haka practices Lizzie - singing beautifully and with joy! You persevere to do your best in everything you do - from learning in the classroom to high jump for

athletics. Your kamo kamo seed growing shows us how much you love gardening and you share your enthusiasm with others - teachers and students! Well done Lizzie. You are awesome!

HOME AND SCHOOL

Home and School will be having their AGM on Tuesday 16th November at Otane Pub at 7pm. Everyone very welcome.

Also, Home and School are holding a Christmas grocery raffle to be drawn at the end of the year and we need donations from each family of a Christmas grocery item. Please drop off at school by 15th November. Many thanks.



PIANO LESSONS

Is there anyone who would like piano lessons at school? Di Jeromson can come and take lessons between 1 and 3pm one afternoon a week. Cost will be \$25 per 30 minute lesson. If you would be interested in taking up this opportunity, please let the office know as soon as possible. It will be dependent on numbers whether it can go ahead.

THUMBS UP

- To Ian Cameron for making 2 beautiful wooden trucks for our sandpit. Many thanks.
- To Ruby Fogarty for entering Rua into the upstart magazine draw at Central FM which we won!
- To Brenda, our knitting expert, who has been taking knitting classes. Many thanks.



STUDENT GARDENING COMPETITION

Perhaps over the long weekend you got a chance



to prepare a garden bed for the school garden competition. If you haven't yet - there is still time!! Please find attached to the school newsletter a garden competition form. If you'd like to enter, fill it in and bring it back to school by Friday 19 November.

Kaela Brans is our judge this year. Kaela is a Year 9 student at Napier Girls College. Kaela went to Argyll East School and entered the garden competition many times, winning the Flower Garden Cup on several occasions. It is fantastic for us that Kaela has agreed to return as a judge this year. Kaela will judge your garden on Friday December 3.

Any queries, please ring Rose at school.

ARTY CREATIVES

A fun and creative process-based art class with a focus on the making and the doing. Mondays 3.30 to 4.30 at Otane Arts and Crafts Corner. To book and for more info contact Emma:

artypants.nz@gmail.com or 021 0861 0239

WELCOME!



Welcome to Cooper Greer, a new entrant this week. And welcome to his family, (his father, Angus is a past pupil of Argyll East school). Cooper joins his cousins Isla and Chloe.

TOPSY TURVY DAY

Kia ora,

On Friday 12th of November we will be having a Topsy Turvy Day. It is a day that you can wear anything crazy or Topsy Turvy. Make sure you are creative with your costume - the day is all about fun!

By Xavier and Ethan

RODENT TRACKER



Rupert, Charlie C and Charlie K showing the rodent tracker which shows mice are busy in the wetland.

RECYCLING TRAILER

The recycling trailer will be parked at the Argyll Hall every Tuesday between 8am and 4pm.



UPCOMING EVENTS

November	
Tuesday 9 th	Playhouse Theatre performance, cancelled
Tuesday 16 th	Ruma Toru camp (Yr5s)
Wed & Thurs 17/18 th	Ruma Toru camp (Yrs 4 & 5)
December	
Thursday 16 th	Last day Term 4, 12pm