Argyll East School

Live, Learn, Grow

Kia Ora, Kia Ako, Kia Tupu

TERM 4 WEEK 4

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

Students of the week

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

Brianna Hamelink for perseverance, integrity, creativity & respect: What a fantastic first week of school, Brianna! You have jumped straight into school life with incredible enthusiasm and energy. During such a busy week filled with athletics and swimming, you showed wonderful determination and enthusiasm, participating fully in every single activity and proving yourself to be a true athlete! Beyond your sports success, it has been heartwarming to watch you reconnect with your old friends from Kindy while warmly welcoming and making new friends in the classroom. Your confidence, kindness, and wonderful spirit make our class a brighter place. Congratulations on an outstanding start to school, Brianna—you should be so proud of yourself!

Stevie-lee Cunningham for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: During our athletics practices over the last few weeks, you have had such an awesome attitude and then seeing you give it your all yesterday was just so awesome! You cheered on your friends and school, you smiled through every race and you tried your best. It was so great to see you persevering and showing great sportsmanship. In class, you have been knuckling down and doing a great job at working independently and making sure you complete the tasks on time. Stevie-Lee, you are a kind friend and are always checking on others to make sure they're okay. Keep up the great work!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

To Aria Ferris for demonstrating our vision and values. Aria, I was so impressed with the look of determination in your eyes as you received the baton in the junior relay at Athletics yesterday. You gave it your very best and I know that this is how you approach all of the activities that we do at school. In the classroom you are super helpful to others and always diligent in your learning. You love a challenge and achieve great results through perseverance and hard work. Ka pai to mahi Aria!!!

Romy Phillpotts for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: There have been several opportunities this term already that you have put your hand up for and shown initiative and leadership, Romy. This has happened at or Toru Elections where you stood successfully as the candidate for your party. You wrote a persuasive speech with lots of the strategies we have been learning, key ideas and details. In the Election play, you guided your group with empathy and were a great role model- speaking your lines with expression and adding movement and gestures. We notice and appreciate you, Romy. Thank you.

Alex Godinet for integrity, respect, perseverance & creativity: You are such a neat kid to have in our classroom, Alex, and a fantastic role model to those around you! I love how you give everything a go with a thoughtful mindset and consistently choose to do the right thing. You are so reliable and trustworthy—whenever I need a job done, I know I can always count on you to do it properly and with care. Academically, you work extremely hard, ask thoughtful questions, and push yourself to excel in every single task you complete. Thank you for your kind, friendly nature and for being someone everyone loves to be around!

Message from the Principal

Kia ora families and friends,

As the weather warms up, we are looking forward to beginning our school swimming season. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed Swim 4 Life last week. Our next session is scheduled for Friday, 13th November. Please make sure your children bring their togs and towels for this important learning. It could save their lives!

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our senior boys - Charlie, Sam, George and Knox who entered the “Rock Our Future Competition” run by the Aggregate Quarry Association. The boys visited Paki Paki Lime Quarry and then developed a presentation for the competition. There were 100 entries from 28 schools across New Zealand and our boys worked together to produce the winning entry for Year 7’s. The boys each receive a $50 Pressie Card and the school receives $1000. Thanks to everyone involved in supporting the boys. It is a great achievement!

Teacher Only Days – All public sector primary schools were allocated two Teacher Only Days in 2026. These days allow teachers to deepen their understanding of the refreshed national curriculum, ensuring smooth implementation in the classroom. Having already introduced the refreshed English and Mathematics curricula, we will focus on Science and Social Science next year. Due to regional coordination across Central Hawke's Bay, both of our allocated days fell in Term 4 this year. This Friday, our staff will join colleagues from across CHB to refine our Mathematics and Statistics teaching strategies and enhance our analysis of Progressive Achievement Test (PAT) data to better support classroom learning and reporting to parents. The Ministry of Education has allocated two additional professional development days for 2027. We appreciate your continued support and understanding as our staff engage in these valuable learning opportunities to benefit your children's education.

Students are currently involved in end-of-year assessments using various evaluation tools, including the Ministry's online SMART tool, PAT tests, and Ideal Structured Literacy assessments. The insights gathered from these tests, alongside classroom observations and discussions, help teachers determine accurate reporting descriptors for core subjects in English and Mathematics. Reports will be sent home in Week 9, and teachers will be available should you wish to discuss your child's progress.

As AI continues to evolve, we have made a decision to stop online photos of our students on platforms such as Facebook. We want to protect our children from possible AI risks and feel that this is an appropriate step to keep them safe. Your paper version of the newsletter will still have photos but our online versions on Facebook and our public website will now share some of our students' awesome artwork and learning in place of photos.

Please note that our school will serve as a polling station for the upcoming General Election this weekend.

Have a great week,

Julie

Sport

Tennis -
Monday 9th November- Argyll East vs Omakere- **BYE**
Monday 16th November- Argyll East vs Flemington/ St Josephs
Monday 23rd November- Argyll East vs Waipukurau Green A
Monday 30th November- Argyll East vs Team CHB
Monday 7th December- Argyll East vs Omakere

Touch -
Year 1&2- **Argyll Little Warriers vs Waipawa Storm**
Monday 9th November @ 4pm
Year 3&4- **Pukehou Kea (Argyll joining) vs Waipawa Ferns**
Monday 9th November @ 4:30pm
Year 5&6- **Argyll Hurricanes vs Waipukurau Karera**
Monday 9th November @ 4:10pm
Year 7&8- **Pukehou Kahu (Argyll joining) vs Waipawa Hawkes**
Monday 9th November @ 4:50pm

Hawkes Bay Athletics Championships - Tuesday 17th November
CHB Athletics - Thursday 26th November
CHB Cricket Coaching - Monday 30th November, 1 hour per class
Please keep an eye out on Seesaw for any updates.

Any Queries please contact - Kim Mullany
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Argyll East School Gardening Competition

19 children have signed up. Fantastic!
If your child is creating a garden, please let the school know as Rose will be creating a route and timetable for Judge Jacqui at the end of next week.
If you're gardening- keep watering as daytime temperatures are high. Remember to add some mulch too, to keep the moisture in!

Thumbs Up

- Evie Cameron- for using her initiative, creativity and a whole heap of other skills to run a Halloween party on Friday. Well done!
- To all families & businesses who have donated items for our upcoming Christmas Raffle.
- Thanks to Centralines for providing the CHB Cancer Society with funds for sunscreen for all Sunsmart schools in CHB - greatly appreciated!

Rūma Whā have been working hard on their Calendar Art, and it looks amazing! Be sure to get your Kids Art Works orders in, these make great gifts for Christmas.



12 Days of Christmas Raffle

The Argyll Home & School group have organised a 12 days of Christmas Raffle for this term. The raffle is a fundraiser to help Home & School raise money towards a number of different things for our children, including:

- Subsidising bus fees
- School trip to Rānui Farm Park for our end-of-year fun day
- Sports Uniforms
- New football goals
- A new TV for the breakout room

All money raised will go directly towards supporting these activities and resources for our school. We really appreciate everyone's support in helping us make this fundraiser a success.

Please ensure that all raffle sheets and money are returned to school by **Thursday 26th November.** To make it easy for our committee, one payment per raffle sheet be made into our Home & School account listed below.

Upcoming Events

November

Friday 6th	Teacher Only Day
Saturday 7th	Election Day- school open for voting
Friday 13th	Swim 4 Life
Tuesday 17th	HB Athletics Champs
Thursday 19th	Ōtaia Bush & Yr 5 overnight camp
Friday 20th	CHBC Transition Day- Year 8's
Friday 20th	Swim 4 Life
Wednesday 25th	Rūma Toru River Trip
Thursday 26th	Raffle Sheets Due
Thursday 26th	CHB Athletics
Friday 27th	Swim 4 Life
Monday 30th	CHB Cricket Coaching

December

Friday 4th	Swim 4 Life
Wednesday 16th	Prizegiving 6pm
Thursday 17th	Last Day of Term 4- 12pm Finish

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