Argyll East School

Live, Learn, Grow

Kia Ora, Kia Ako, Kia Tupu

TERM 4 WEEK 7

THURSDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Students of the week

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

Marnie Clark for perseverance, integrity, creativity & respect: Marnie is a kind, hardworking, and reliable member of our class who brings a fantastic learning disposition to everything she does, both inside and outside of the classroom. Whether she is getting creative or tackling new challenges, she approaches her mahi with positivity and focus. Marnie consistently shows wonderful Manaakitanga—her warmth and willingness to help make our classroom a positive, fun, and kind place for everyone to be and learn. Ka pai, Marnie!

Lachlan Ramsey & Hugh Wilson for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: Lachlan and Hugh, you both have had such an awesome, focused couple of weeks even with the disruptions of our normal routines and with the ever changing weather (being stuck inside on the rainy days). You both have been so focused during our Structured Literacy lessons, listening carefully to the teachers to learn new spelling rules, using your fantastic handwriting skills to keep your bookwork looking top notch and you both get straight back to your tasks after our group work.
Be proud of how far you have come this year and keep up this great work as I know you both will be fantastic Year 3 leaders in our class next year.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

To Leila Phillpotts for demonstrating our vision and values. Leila, you demonstrate maturity in your choices and a strong dedication to learning and active participation. Your commitment to athletics has been particularly evident this year, and you should be very proud of your achievements. In the classroom, you take the time to deepen your understanding of new concepts and persevere to succeed. You have built strong, respectful friendships with your peers and consistently embody our school values, serving as a good role model to others. Thank you for stepping up whenever help is needed—I really appreciate your thoughtful and gentle nature. Best of luck for the future, Leila!

Rūma Toru for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: This certificate is for all of you! On Thursday we headed into Ōtaia bush. You did a variety of activities which meant you observed the bush carefully and listened to it's sounds. You explored the irrigation tunnel in the area. Year 5 campers-you were the best eel catchers I have ever known! You just kept landing them. You cooked yourselves a delicious 3 course meal on the campfire, encouraging each other. You had fun playing spotlight and put up the tents and then took them down, by co-operating with each other. We were really proud of you outside the classroom this week.

Gypsy Mackrell for integrity, respect, perseverance & creativity: You are such a joy to have in our classroom, Gypsy! I love the wonderful balance you bring each day—you are so incredibly kind and gentle, yet always ready with a cheeky, funny comment to make us smile. You are a fantastic friend who consistently goes out of your way to look out for others, and you work so well in groups. I know I can always trust you to do the right thing without being asked. It is also awesome seeing how much you love your recorder lessons every Wednesday and the enthusiasm you bring to them. Thank you for being such a caring, reliable, and fun member of our class!

Message from the Principal

Kia ora families and friends,

What a stunning week we are having!

As the end of the year approaches, we have a few fun activities on the calendar:

- Cricket with Finn Reid on Monday morning, 30th November.
- Predator Free Schools - Thursday 3rd December. Helen Howard from Enviroschools is launching the programme with an education session for all students. This will be followed up with a hands on session for our Predator free group who will set up and maintain trap lines for predators in our outdoor environment.
- We have two Swim 4 Life sessions to complete including the very important water safety session.
- Our annual Argyll East Talent Show is on Tuesday 8th December at 11:45 am. You are all very welcome to come along. Special thanks to the senior class for organising the show. It is always a lot of fun!
- On the afternoon of Tuesday 8th December, students will spend time in their 2027 classroom. It is an exciting step that helps settle any nerves prior to Term 1 next year.
- Thursday 10th December is our school trip to Ranui Farm, funded by our Home and School group. Thanks Home and School! We will send home more details as the day approaches.

Yesterday, Rūma Toru went on their river excursion! Students tested water quality, practiced safe river crossings, built rafts, and competed in rock-throwing challenges, all while enjoying swimming and outdoor fun. A big thank you to Miss Hay for organizing the event, as well as to all the parent volunteers for their supervision and support.

To our current year 7 students, don't forget the William Pike meeting next week. It seems that many of you are busy on Monday so we propose having the meeting on Tuesday afternoon at 3.15pm. It will be a great opportunity to brainstorm some ideas for next year! We hope you can make it!

As the weather warms up, many of our local children have started riding their bikes to school. Please be aware of them on the roads and drive at a safe speed, giving them plenty of space as you pass. We appreciate your consideration for all of our students' safety.

Thanks and have a great week,
Julie



Bus Fees

Starting from Term 1, 2027, bus fares will increase from $87.50 to $100 per term (or $2/day).
This change reflects higher operating costs from our bus provider driven by ongoing fuel price increases.
We will maintain our family cap, limiting charges to a maximum of two children per family ($200 per term).
An updated bus contract will be sent home at the start of next year.
Thank you for your understanding and for continuing to pay bus fees promptly each term.

Sport

Tennis -
Monday 30th November- Argyll East vs Team CHB
Monday 7th December- Argyll East vs Omakere

Touch - LAST GAMES
Argyll Little Warriers vs Waipawa Tigers
Monday 30th November @ 4pm
Pukehou Kea (Argyll joining) vs Waipawa Panthers
Monday 30th November @ 4:30pm
Argyll Hurricanes vs Waipawa Wolves
Monday 30th November @ 4:50pm
Pukehou Kahu (Argyll joining) vs T-K 'Can't touch this'
Monday 30th November @ 4:10pm

Sports Uniforms Due Back: Finished your sport for the year? Please give your school sports uniform a wash and return it clean to school. If these could be put in a plastic ziplock bag with their names on that would be great. Your help in getting our gear back in top shape for next year is much appreciated!

Please keep an eye out on Seesaw for any updates.

Any queries please contact - Kim Mullany
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Year 8 Morning Tea

Last Thursday we loved hosting Year 8 students from across our rural CHB community, welcoming tamariki from Tikokino, Ongaonga, and Flemington Schools! With everyone heading off to secondary school next year, today was a fantastic opportunity for the kids to connect and get to know some familiar faces. We started with a walk through the wetland and fed the eels in the Mangaotai, before hitting the court for a huge group game together and finishing up with a shared morning tea.
It was awesome to see so many laughs and new friendships forming. Thanks for coming along!



Thumbs Up

- Anja for weeding our front entrance.
- Malcolm & Annabelle for working on our pontoon and getting it back down in the Magaotai.
- To all the student gardeners who have worked hard to get their garden in shipshape order ready for Jacqui and Bron this Sunday.
- To all the parents who helped in Rūma Toru's outdoor education days- and night! Thanks so much.

Upcoming Events

	November
Thursday 26th	Christmas Raffle Sheets Due
Thursday 26th	CHB Athletics
Friday 27th	Swim 4 Life
Monday 30th	CHB Cricket Coaching
	December
Thursday 3rd	Predator Free Schools Session
Friday 4th	Swim 4 Life
Tuesday 8th	Argyll East Talent Show
Thursday 10th	Rānui Farm Park
Wednesday 16th	Prizegiving 6pm
Thursday 17th	Last Day of Term 4- 12pm Finish
	February 2027
Monday 1st	First Day of Term 1

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