



# Argyll East School

Live, Learn, Grow

Kia Ora, Kia Ako, Kia Tupu



TERM 1  
WEEK 9

THURSDAY 2ND  
APRIL 2026

## Students of the week

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

Everest Wakelin for perseverance, integrity, creativity & respect: It was great listening to you talk about your learning to your parents, this week. Everest, it was obvious that you listen actively, take on feedback and know exactly what you are learning and why. You are a kind and thoughtful person in our class and others notice this, too. You have fun with your friends at play times and always make good choices. We are so lucky to have you in our classroom. Tino pai, Everest.

Gypsy Mackrell for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: You are such a delight to have in our classroom and school, Gypsy. You can always be relied upon to be doing the right thing and influencing others positively. You have taken the transition into the senior class in your stride and show great perseverance and determination in all that you do. You show up for school with a great attitude and eagerness to learn which translates into work and achievements you can be proud of. You recently explored emotions through poetry and I really enjoyed your sunny warm approach. It has been great getting to know you better this term; I have uncovered a wicked sense of humour and eagerness for fun!!! Congratulations on fantastic results at the Interschool Swimming competition too - you rock, Gypsy!

Lotty Chistison for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: Lotty, you are a wonderful kaitiaki in Rūma Tahi. You show such manaakitanga and care for our shared space, always taking pride in keeping our learning environment clean and organised. Ka mau te wehi! You use your initiative to take kawenga, noticing what needs to be done and stepping up to help without being asked. Your enthusiasm for swimming each day is fantastic, and you show great independence by organising yourself and your belongings so well. This reflects the principles Mana Aotūroa (Exploration) and Mana Tangata (Contribution), as you confidently take responsibility and actively contribute to our learning community. We truly appreciate everything you do for our classroom, Lotty. Kei te tino whakahīhī mātou i a koe!

Jack Shorten for integrity, perseverance & respect: Jack, you have such creative literate mind and it's so great to see you expressing it through your writing. The way you can add marvellous descriptions into any type of writing, makes the reader want to read more. Your test results in the PAT listening and STAR were outstanding and you should be proud of yourself of this achievement. Jack, it was lovely to see you enjoying yourself when exploring the rock pools out at Aramoana and laughing with your friends when discovering creatures under the rocks. Keep up the awesome work. You are a star!



## Message from the Principal

Kia ora families and friends,

Today is the last day of what has been a great term. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in our school activities over the past 10 weeks. It has been a busy and productive time with lots of solid learning alongside some fun activities that could not have happened without your support. It was fantastic to finish off the term with the Home and School Hoedown on Saturday night which was a great event and a great fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who contributed time and effort to make it the success it was.

Teachers are meeting during the holidays to work on our plans for term 2. As usual, there will be lots happening including the biannual Ngati Whai Festival towards the end of the term. The current global situation has led to discussions around our actions should there be fuel restrictions. We will follow the guidelines of the ministry and keep you up to date with any information we receive.

Next term we begin Hot Lunches again. Students can bring cooked food wrapped in aluminum foil or suitable paper for our pie warming oven. It is very important that food is cooked prior to coming to school as we only warm the food, we don't cook it. All food parcels must have children's names clearly written on them.

I have had a great term and enjoyed being back in the classroom with our lovely students. Soon I will begin Structured Literacy Professional Development which the rest of our staff completed last year. I am looking forward to undertaking this learning and improving my practice.

I wish you all the best for a wonderful autumn holiday and encourage you to read with your children and try some of the maths holiday ideas teachers have shared on Seesaw. Have a great break everyone and see you when we return to school on Monday 20th April.

Julie



### PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

To Lachlan Ramsey for demonstrating our vision and values. Lachlan, what a pleasure it is to teach you and have you at Argyll East School. You are well mannered and polite, patient and focused, an active listener and participant and you always give the best of yourself. You are a good friend and a good example to your classmates and you can be relied upon to do the right thing. You should be very proud of yourself. Ka pai to mahi Lachlan!

## MY REALITY

Written by Aria Innes, Year 8

The flood is a wave of hot, desperate fingers,  
Attempting to pull any passers-by away with the current.  
The air is thick with the scent of tears,  
Salty, stubborn, and ever-flowing.  
Inside, there is a wave that crashes,  
Over and over and over again.  
It screams, it shouts, it yells slurs at the unsuspecting.  
It is never quiet, never still, never whispering.  
It is a red, jagged, sharp cage,  
And the key has been thrown into a bottomless pit.  
It is a venomous cobra, awaiting innocent prey to come by.  
Every step is a battlefield, a bullfight,  
In which you are both the raging bull and the matador.  
It is a black hole, sucking, trapping, stretching,  
A place you can never escape.  
And then, after a while, it freezes.  
It is now a broken clock.  
Time is motionless.  
It's cold, it's blue, and nothing like the storm.  
You forget how to move, how to speak.  
You are a computer with a million open tabs.  
Crashed. Glitched. Frozen.  
Tears stop, screams are silenced.  
It feels like forever.  
And then, the thaw.  
It's slow, it's tedious.  
But eventually, some time later,  
Blue melts into purple.  
Another wave,  
This one of relief.  
It is over.  
You are now exhausted, but safe.

## Shadehouse



The new shadehouse has arrived. Deconstructing the old shade house is planned for Sunday 5th April. Constructing the new one is planned for Saturday 18th April. If you are able to help, can you let the school office or Chris Dingle know. We really appreciate your help.

### Thumbs Up

- The Home & School team for all their hard work with the Hoedown.
- To the Menzies family for taking home the Rūma Whā guinea pigs for the holidays.

## SPORT

### CHB Gifford Devine Future Ferns

Start Dates:

Years 1-4: Saturday 9th May

Years 5-8: Saturday 2nd May

### Hockey

Start Dates: 29/30th April, and will continue through to Term 3, with a break for the holidays. The season will be completed by 21st August, week 5.

Kwik Sticks Year 7-8- Wednesdays

Kiwi Sticks Year 5-6- Thursdays

Mini Sticks Year 3-4- Thursdays

Fun Sticks Year 1-2- Thursdays

\*We **still require a representative** from both our Kiwi Sticks (Year 5/6) and (Year 7/8) teams to put their hand up and attend the coaching clinic on April 22nd, 7:30 - 8:30, at the Centralines Pool Complex meeting room. No team is allowed to play if they have not had a representative from their team do this.

### Local Football

Season begins Saturday May 9th

Registrations close Friday 10th April

### Upcoming Dates in Term 2

Elsthorpe 5's - Friday 15th May

Gymnastics Festival - Thursday 28th May

CHB Cross country - Thursday 27th August

Athletics - Thursday 15th October

Hawkes Bay Athletics Championships - Tuesday 17th November

Please keep an eye out on Seesaw for any updates.

Any Queries please contact - Kim Mullany

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## Congratulations

To our B Grade Tennis team, Ruby Butler, Hattie Butler, Lucia Menzies and Sophia Kuru who went through the season undefeated.

## Upcoming Events

April



**Thursday 2nd**

Last day of Term 1

**Friday 3rd**

Good Friday

**Monday 20th**

First day of Term 2

**Wednesday 22nd**

Home & School AGM Meeting 6pm

**Monday 27th**

Anzac Day Observed

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