



Argyll East School

Live, Learn, Grow

Kia Ora, Kia Ako, Kia Tupu



Students of the week

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

Veda Haftka for perseverance, integrity, creativity & respect: It has been lovely watching you mature as a person and in your academic progress over the 2 years in our room, Veda. You participate in all we do, you show your sense of humour with smiles and laughter and you are always ready for each learning activity. You are respectful to all, always. These attributes of yours were very apparent to us all in the outdoor and camp setting, too. You are a great class member. Ka pai to mahi, Veda.

Isla Haftka for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: You are a walking, talking example of our school values, Isla. You always show respect, kindness and caring to those around you and look for ways to support others and make them feel good about themselves. This week, when a friend was upset about forgetting their togs, you comforted them and gave them your spare togs you use for swim training. I will miss your quiet leadership and the way you positively influence others. You will shine at college next year - you are so ready! Thank you for all you have done over the last three years in Rūma Whā.

Maddison Ramsey Welcome: Welcome to Rūma Tahī and Argyll East School. You have had a great first two days at school. It has been great to see you turn up with your brother to class with a big smile and cheerful 'hello'. You have been busy connecting with old friends from Kindy and meeting new friends. Maddie, we hope you enjoy your time here at Argyll!

Olivia Gaddipati for perseverance, integrity, respect & creativity: Olivia, it's been so lovely having you in our class this year with your happy attitude towards learning and life. It's been so great seeing you persevere with your learning and achieve such great things in maths. I can see that your friends enjoy being around you because you are always happy and do your best to try make them happy too. I am looking forward to seeing you step up and be a great year 3 leader in our class next year. Keep up the good work Olivia.



Message from the Principal

Kia ora families and friends,

This is our last newsletter for 2025 and what a great year it has been.

I owe huge thanks to my staff who kept school running smoothly while I was on my sabbatical leave. I was very fortunate to have a wonderful European trip and even more fortunate to come back to beautiful New Zealand and our beautiful school. Honestly, nothing compares!

Our staff are all very special people who are totally dedicated to you and your children. They always give their very best to ensure that our school thrives and your children succeed. This year we achieved excellent results in our core subjects with over 90% of children achieving at or above their levels in reading, 88% in maths and 80% in writing. These great results are a team effort from our children and families and all of our staff, both teaching and support staff. So well done everyone, it's a pleasure to work with you all.

A big thanks to our School Board - both past and present. Your positive governance enables us to meet the needs of all of our students. We are also very grateful for the work of our Home and School group who are super supportive of our school and families as well as bringing lots of fun to our playground and outside learning environment.

We certainly owe you, our families, much thanks for your support of our programmes and activities. Without you we would struggle to participate in local events, camps, school trips, the list goes on.... Also, your help in maintaining our extensive and much loved gardens is greatly appreciated.

Our thanks once again to Miss Allen for all she has given to our school. We wish you all the best Samantha and look forward to hearing all about your new position in the near future.

We have appointed a teacher for the junior classroom. More details will follow as soon as we are able to share them.

We hope you have enjoyed reading your children's end of year reports. Please contact your child's class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Our **2025 Prize Giving Ceremony** is happening next Tuesday evening, **starting at 6pm**. Children can wear casual clothes - with a Christmas theme if possible. After the formalities, the board will cook a sausage sizzle for everyone. BYO drinks and refreshments. We hope to see you there.

All the very best wishes for a happy and safe holiday with your family and friends. Encourage your children to read a book and practise some real life maths over the holidays. We look forward to seeing you all when school resumes on Wednesday 4th February, 2026.

Happy holidays,
Julie



School Accounts

Thankyou to all of those that are up to date with payments. Could all accounts please be paid by the end of term.

To those of you who are behind, please contact the school if you are having trouble with paying.

Prompt payment where possible is much appreciated.



Thumbs Up

- To Maggie and Grady Swinburne's Pop-Kevin Frater, for making a gingerbread house for our Home & School fun day.
- Thanks Mary Clare for spending time reading with our students during the year. They all love the individual attention and we appreciate your time and effort!
- Special thanks to Bevan for maintaining our pool to such a high standard. It is well used and greatly appreciated by all!
- Kate & Kane for transporting & supervising our bus monitors at Splash Planet. You guys are awesome!

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

To Georgia Greer for demonstrating our vision and values. Georgia, you arrive at school every morning with a huge smile and loads of positivity. You are confident and independent, always making good decisions and showing our school values. You show leadership in your classroom, helping others and participating fully in all activities. I know I can always rely on you to do the right thing as you are full of integrity. Thank you Georgia for being the great person that you are!

Bus Fees

As of term one 2026, we will be increasing the bus prices from \$75 per term to \$87.50. This reflects increasing costs from our bus provider. We will continue to cap each family's bill at two children which will now be \$175 a term. A new bus contract will be sent home at the beginning of next year. We thank you for your continued support in paying bus fees on time each term.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Our board has discussed the recent Government decision pertaining to Te Tiriti o Waitangi. Our schools' values will not change as a result of their decision. We will continue to work to provide equitable, inclusive education for all of our students.



Upcoming Events

December



Friday 12th

Home & School Fun Day

Tuesday 16th

Prizegiving- 6pm Start

Wednesday 17th

Last Day of Term 4, **12pm finish**
Buses leaving school @ 12pm

February

Wednesday 4th

First day of Term 1

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