

Arthur Miller School

Arthur Miller School Community:

Striving towards excellence – underpinned by our values of being Caring, Collaborative and Curious

Newsletter No. 18 – Thursday, 8 November 2018

Tena koutou te kura whanui a tangata o Arthur Miller,

This newsletter begins with a celebration of our students' achievements over the last fortnight.

Firstly, to our Kapa Haka group who performed with great enthusiasm and skill at the Taradale Combined Schools Kapa Haka Festival. This was a big event for Arthur Miller who acted as host school in a new venue, with new organisational systems. Well done to Jack and Aroha who were the presenters for both shows. Congratulations to all our performers for their wonderful effort in front of such large audiences. You demonstrated our school values wonderfully. My acknowledgement to Heath Hooper for co-ordinating this special event.



Well done to our Arthur Miller finalists in the Taradale Digi Awards held at the Municipal Theatre on Wednesday 31 October. We had so many quality entries that were acknowledged by the judges and made the finals.

Special congratulations to place getters:

Photo story Y5 & 6: 1st – Tyler Bryant, Logan Leith & Jack Bentin
2nd - Tanner Windle & Tyler Bryant

Short Film Y3 & 4: 1st – Gemma Jones, Awhitia Campbell-Bova, Elaine Waerea

Animation Y3 & 4: 1st– Jasmine Bawa, Amelia Berriman & Maia Holland

Coding Y5 & 6: 1st – Oliver Lake
3rd – Oliver Watson

Coding Y3 & 4: 2nd – Connor King & Jayden Wooster
3rd – Mac Gardner

Congratulations also to our budding MasterChef cooks from Kauri Team who represented the school in Harold's Healthy Lunchbox Challenge on Saturday and won the Year 5/6 section of the competition. Well done to Sapphire Parker, Grace Thomas, Tyler Bryant, and Jahvana Kuiumdjian.



Thank you to all families and friends of the school who supported the FOAM Group Halloween Night on Saturday, 27 October. What an amazing evening! Numbers attending well outstripped our estimations, and everyone seemed to enjoy the relaxed family atmosphere. The FOAMS group are intending to hold this event next year and promise it will be even bigger and better. My thanks to all those involved in co-ordinating the Halloween evening.



Our performing arts groups sang and played to entertain residents of Riversdale Village on Friday 26th October. It was great to be able to share our musical talents with the folk living there. My thanks to Kerran Williams for co-ordinating the visit.

Team Horoeke were entertained by the Art Festival show Kokako's Song. This puppetry performance was made possible by Kathie Davies of Harcourts sponsorship and was really enjoyed by children and teachers.

Other events happening include having Life Education at school and our Year 6 students learning Optimist sailing skills on Pandora Pond.

Tonight, (Thursday 8th November 5.30pm) our cultural groups, including ukulele, guitar, choir and kapahaka perform at school for families.

We hope you can make it along.

Maori Families Hui

On Tuesday 30 October our Kapa Haka group gave a practice performance of waiata and haka for their whanau before the Festival. Following some shared kai, several Māori and non- Māori families stayed behind to share views on the programmes and environment we are creating at school to enhance the learning experience of Māori children. Some good ideas were put forward and I sincerely thank those who attended.

New Students to AMS

A warm welcome into the school community to these new students and their families. It is great to have you join us at Arthur Miller School:

Year 0: Joel Bush

A Message from the NZEI about the Strike Day

New Zealand's principals and primary teachers have voted for an unprecedented second strike day, to try and get Government action on the current crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers. There will be nationwide rolling strikes over a week, and our region will be striking on **Tuesday 13 November**.

Our school will be closed on that date. While we regret the inconvenience, we know this will cause, we need to send a clear message to the Government that we are standing strong for our students.

Already children's education is suffering because of the difficulty in recruiting teachers and relievers, and we must take bold steps to turn this around. The Government recently announced a \$5.5 billion surplus, so there is no reason to make our children wait while the situation deteriorates further.

We appreciate your continued support on this important issue. For more information, please go to <http://campaigns.nzei.org.nz/time/>.

FOAMS

Christmas Gifts. As our last fundraiser of the year we will once again be offering some wonderful gift ideas to make the festive season shopping a little easier. On offer is the very popular Brownie in a Jar, Village Press Olive Oil and the Sweet Enough Cookbook. Order forms will be out today, please check your child's bag.

Term Dates

Term 4: Monday 15 October – Friday 14 December (9 weeks including Anniversary/Labour weekend)

Term 1 2019 – Monday 4 February – Friday 12 April (10 weeks including Waitangi Day)

Term 2 2019 – Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July (10 weeks including Queen's Birthday)

Term 3 2019 - Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September (10 weeks)

Term 4 2019 - Monday 14 October – Thursday 19 December (10 weeks including Anniversary/Labour weekend)

Coming Events

Life Education continues in the school next week

Thursday 8th November - Cultural Evening

Friday 9th November – Yr. 3-6 Athletics Day (pp Wednesday 14th November)

Tuesday 13th November – Teacher's Strike Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 13th November – BOT Mtg

Friday 16th November – Ukelele Festival 6-8pm Napier Skate Park (pp 23rd Nov)

Monday 19th November – ERO team in school (Monday-Thursday)

Wednesday 21st November – Inter School Athletics

Wednesday 22nd November – Mathletics Competition for school team at Puketapu

Tuesday 4th December – BOT Mtg 7pm

Wednesday 5th December – Year 6 BBQ

Thursday 6th December – Junior Athletics Day & FOAMS Sausage Sizzle

Monday 10th December – Reports home

Tuesday 11th December – Cushion Concert and Prizegiving (pp Thursday 13th December)

Friday 14th December – School Closes for the Year

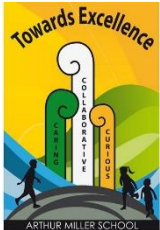
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Principal

Community Notices

Salvation Army. Christmas Tree Showcase, Friday 30 November – Thursday 6 December. Come and see 150 themed Christmas trees at 56 Tait Drive, Greenmeadows. Adults \$5, children \$2 (12 and under), or a can of food per child (donation). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available from The Salvation Army Napier and Family Stores. Door sales and EFTPOS available. Café on site.



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More Halloween action. . .

