

Arthur Miller School

Arthur Miller School Community:

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

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Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,

Last Friday a number of students (and teachers) performed at the Napier Skate Park in the annual Ukulele Festival. An enjoyable and entertaining number of songs were played by these enthusiastic instrumentalists.



During this week we have had the opportunity to showcase our learning to three reviewers from ERO (Education Review Office).

The review team has met with the Board and visited classrooms to determine just how well Arthur Miller School promotes the achievement, progress and engagement of its students, with a particular focus on the achievement of Maori students and those who are under achieving. A report on the school will be prepared and made public early in the new year.

This week we have also had students participating in the Inter School Athletics Championships. Congratulations to all those that represented the school with such distinction at the Hastings Sports Centre yesterday.

Special acknowledgements to those who won selection to the Regional Championships:

Jamaelin Edmonds, Peppa Trow, William McFarland, Tuake Shelford, Yigit Gider
Holly Marett, Danica Gundersen, Elaine Waerea, A 'Mya Stewart, Awhitia Campbell- Bova,
Maia Holland, Rupert Finn, Jackson Turner, Seb Mitchell, Lachie Williams, Olivia Kidd,
Jade Leith, Kimberley Blakeley, Tama Shelford, Sophie Guilford, Alyssa Workman,
Elsie Smith, Aroha Workman, Pippa LeComte- Fleming, Max Tetley, Toby McKinley-Blake,
Jack Bentin, Olly Ballantyne, Lachie Kidd, Logan Leith, Charlie Furlong, Archie Furlong.



Pictured at left is Holly Marett, Napier & District Schools' 8 -Year Old Girls' Long Jump Winner.

Congratulations Holly, an awesome effort!

Three school teams are taking part tonight in the Taradale Districts Mathematics Competition at Puketapu School. Teams of 3 students will undertake a variety of mathematical and problem-solving challenges. Good luck to:

Kevin Fan, Adam Basire, Josh Ralph, Oliver Lake, Olly Ballantyne, Ashton Breeds, Pippa LeComte-Fleming, Sam Blakemore and Charlie Marett.

Staff Changes for 2019

Sadly, we will be saying farewell to three staff members at the end of the year with Jan Furlong leaving her regular part time teaching position to undertake relieving work, Lisa Single completing her fixed term position with us, and Jenni Beaven retiring from teaching. Each is a loss to our school and we sincerely wish them well in their new endeavours. Jenni has served the Arthur Miller School community for an amazing 21 years as a teacher and Reading Recovery and Special Needs Co-ordinator in her time here. Many generations of children have benefitted from her care and support.

We welcome two new teachers to the school next year. Georgia Harris joins us from Havelock North Primary, and Jonette Dale who has been teaching until recently at an international school in Singapore. Both these teachers will join the Junior School Team and offer exciting skills and expertise to our teaching staff.

FOAMS

Just a reminder that tomorrow is the last day to order your wonderful Christmas gifts – Brownie in a Jar, Village Press Olive Oil and 'Sweet Enough' Cookbook. Order forms are available at the office.

Road Safety

We have once again been made aware of safety issues relating to the dropping off and picking up of children before and after school. There is a lot of traffic at these peak times so we always recommend families use the kea crossing. We also urge parents to let their children in and out of vehicles on the 'footpath side' of the car –using the driver's side directly onto the road puts all concerned at risk.

Emergency Mobile Alerts System

A nationwide test of the Emergency Mobile Alerts system will take place on Sunday 25 November 2018, between 6 and 7 pm.

The Emergency Mobile Alert appears automatically on a person's phone's screen and has a unique and penetrating warning sound.

It is expected that about one third of phones will be able to receive the alerts and this will increase as handsets are updated. There is no opt-out option for Emergency Mobile Alerts.

The Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management (MCDEM) is the lead agency responsible for the management of the nationwide emergency alert channel. The system was launched at the end of 2017 and has been used on a number of occasions to communicate important information to the public in affected areas.

Emergency Mobile Alerts are messages about emergencies sent by authorised emergency agencies (including the Ministry of Health) to mobile phones enabled to receive Emergency Mobile Alerts. The alerts are designed to keep people safe and are broadcast to all capable phones from targeted cell towers.

Term Dates

Term 4: Monday 16 October – Thursday 14 December (9 weeks)

The 2019 School Year will recommence on Monday 4 February.
Term 1 ends Friday 12 April.

Coming Events

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

Please contact us if you have any concerns or bouquets.

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Principal

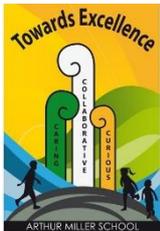
Community Notices

Parents within our school community would like to make others aware of a school parent (Kerrin Clark) who urgently requires expensive, non-funded medical treatment for cancer. If you wish to join with others in donating the link to a Give a Little Page which has been set up by friends is:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10156725375243088&id=611778087

YMCA January Holiday Programme, 7th January – 1st February 2019, available at Taradale/Napier/Hastings. Ages 5-8 years & 9-13 years from \$45 per day. WINZ subsidies available. Book now www.ymcahb.org.nz

We are also offering care from the 14th -21st December at Taradale Primary School and Raureka Primary School, 7.30am – 6pm, from \$45 per day. Phone 8783027 or email veronica@ymcahb.org.nz



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