



Arthur Miller School Community:

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

Newsletter No. 20 – Thursday, 6 December 2018

Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

We warmly welcome new students and their families. It is great to have you join us at Arthur Miller.

Reception/Year 1: Ruby Mackey

This is the final newsletter for the year, and on behalf of the staff, I would like to thank families for their support during 2018. We have had a successful year at Arthur Miller with children involving themselves in a wide range of academic, sporting and cultural opportunities.

I wish to acknowledge the wonderful work done by the Parents Group (FOAMS) in fundraising for the extra resources all our children enjoy, and our Board of Trustees members who have volunteered their time to support the development of programmes and provide effective governance of the school. One of Arthur Miller School's strength is, I believe, the number of individuals who are willing to contribute their time for the good of this school community. My sincere thanks to all of you for your efforts.

I would like to also acknowledge our hard working and committed staff, who conscientiously strive to do their very best for your children. Warren Holden and Lynn and Ross Keats for their careful caretaking and cleaning work, our skilled support and office staff (Michelle Mouritsen, Lisa Campbell, Shelley Cooper, Jess Smith and Jo Hayes); our part time teachers – Jenni Beaven, Robynne Gross, Chris Durham, Hannah Wilson, Jan Furlong and Nikki Monti; and our dedicated classroom teachers. The Arthur Miller School community is fortunate in the professional team it has working with your children.

The full teaching staff for 2019 is:

Associate Principal with Responsibility for the Junior School (Year 1 & 2) Kerry Ebbett

New Entrants Reception: Lisa Sinden Room 13

Year 1: Kerran Williams Room 3

Year 1: Georgia Harris Room 4

Year 2: Hannah Brodie Room 1C

Year 2: Jonette Dale Room 1B

Year 2: Shelley McHale Room 2

New Entrant Roll Growth class during the year: Kerry Ebbett

Senior Teacher with Responsibility for the Middle School (Year 3 & 4) Glenda Stuart

Year 3 & 4: Rachel Cornfield Room 5

Year 3 & 4: Heath Hooper Room 8

Year 3 & 4: Jo Exeter Room 9

Year 3 & 4: Glenda Stuart Room 7

Senior Teacher with Responsibility for the Senior School (Year 5 & 6) Lisa Anderson

Year 5 & 6: Gary Exeter Room 12
Year 5 & 6: Terry Maloney Room 11
Year 5 & 6: Sarah Godwin Room 6
Year 5 & 6: Lisa Anderson Room 10

Part Time Teachers: Robynne Gross, Laura Erskine and Nikki Monti.

Associate Principal and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator: Cathy Middleton
Principal: Greig Mercer

As previously noted, we are farewelling Mrs Jenni Beavan, who is retiring from teaching, and fixed term teacher Ms Lisa Single. We will say goodbye and thank you to both at our End of Year Leavers Assembly. We wish you all the best for the future.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge school families whose youngest child is leaving the school this year:

The Ballantyne family, the Black family, the Blakemore family, the Casey family, the Davis family, the Dobson family, the Farquhar family, the Jones family, the Kenah family, the Kim family, the Kuiumdjian family, the Le-Comte Fleming family, the Leydesdorff family, the McKinley-Blake family, the Molloy family, the Parker family, the Pay family, the Ri da Silva family, The Ryan family, the Stringer family, the Tetley family and the Workman families.

Our school year ends at **1 pm on Friday 14th December** with our special **Leavers Assembly**. You are warmly invited to attend this assembly which will commence at 12.10 pm outside Room 11.

Cushion Concert and Prizegiving

On Tuesday 11 December we invite all school families to come along to our Cushion Concert and Prizegiving evening. We will have some Christmas singing, some cups to present and the evening will also be an opportunity to formally recognise and thank our Year 6 leavers.

The performance by the children will start at 5.30pm, outside Rooms 10 and 11, and will run for approximately 70 minutes. You are welcome to bring along a picnic tea to share afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there!

If weather issues should cause us to postpone the Cushion Concert, we will move the event to Thursday 13th December, and notify all families of this change by email.

End of Year Reports

Children will be bringing home their end of year reports on Monday 10th December. These reports will have your child's achievement levels in Reading, Writing and Mathematics referenced against the New Zealand Curriculum level for their year of schooling.

The format of our reports has changed slightly from last year with your child's photo added and some new sections including one written by your child. We endeavour to inform you as clearly as possible about your child's achievement, effort and progress.

Also included in with the report this year is information about your child's class and teacher for next year. Previously, class information at Arthur Miller has been posted in lists during January, however in response to feedback we are enabling families to have this information before Christmas.

We will seek feedback from families in the New Year about how well these changes met your reporting needs.

Please note: There has been a lot of work undertaken by senior staff to get a balance of student needs, gender numbers and social mixes across classes. I would only consider altering any child's class placement for 2019 under the most compelling of reasons.

School Assembly '3C' Awards

Recognition awards, for displaying one or more of the school values of 'Caring', 'Collaboration' and/or 'Curiosity' have been awarded to the following students.

Congratulations and well done to:

Room 1: Carter Harrison-Job, Samuel Marett

Room 1B: Hayley Symonds, Adam Norgate

Room 1C: Sophia McHale, Tyler Stockan

Room 2: Ben Boston, Honor Boulton

Room 3: Grace Hall, Ruby Manhire

Room 4: Mason Cornforth, Sitheil Cookson, Noah Williams, Archie Hooper

Room 5: Rupert Finn, Libby Furlong

Room 6: Aroha Workman, Adam Basire, Nathan Booth, Ryan Ax

Room 7: Holly Kerney, Elise Clark

Room 8: Zac Robinson, Kaia Weir

Room 9: Riley Howard, Rhys Greville

Room 10: Charlie Furlong, Mazzie-J Bateman

Room 11: Yaman Gider, Kayley Finn

Room 12: Cooper Weir, Jorja Day

Room 13: Isla Esau, Leo Denton

Education Outside the Classroom

1. Our Year 6 Students had a BBQ and evening of activities at school on Wednesday 5th December, as a thank you for all the areas of service they have given to the younger children at Arthur Miller School this year.

2. Team Kowhai had a successful day undertaking water safety and swimming activities at Onekawa Pools on Tuesday 4th December.



Kowhai's trip to Otatara Pa which had to be postponed last term, is also going ahead tomorrow (Friday 7th December) with classes walking to the Pa site.

3. Team Horoeoka held a Junior Athletics Day today and our FOAMS parent group put on a BBQ lunch for the school. Much fun was had with running, jumping and throwing pursuits undertaken by our five- and six-year olds!

4. Our Road Patrol team are also in for a treat tomorrow with the Police organising a 'thank you for your service' visit to Splash Palace in Hastings.

Student Initiative

One of our Year 6 students Toby McKinley-Blake is eager to help children whose Christmas morning may not be as fortunate and fun as that of many Arthur Miller students.

Toby has organised a Christmas box in the Office Foyer and is asking for school families to donate a Christmas gift for children in need, which will be given to the Salvation Army or a similar organisation for donation to needy families. Thank you for this gesture of community service Toby.

Parking/Road Safety

Please take care and observe the road safety laws around the school site. We have again had instances of inconsiderate and dangerous driving practices before and after school which is putting student's safety at risk. The police are being informed of instances that come to our attention. Please park appropriately and encourage your children to use the patrolled crossing to get across Guppy Road. Thank you.

Term Dates

Term 4: Monday 15 October – Friday 14 December **1pm closing**

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

Monday 10 Dec: Reports come home

Tuesday 11 Dec: Cushion Concert & Prizegiving 5.30 pm – 6.40pm

Friday 14 Dec: End of Term 4 - 1pm close

Monday 4 Feb: Beginning of Term 1 2019– 8.55 am

FOAMS

Christmas gifts collection – Brownie jars, Olive Oil & cookbooks can be collected before or after school on Monday 10th December from the office. The last day for collection will be Tuesday 11th December.

Please contact us if you have any concerns or bouquets.

Arohanui,

Greig Mercer
Principal

Community Notices

Riversdale Kindergarten is set in spacious park like grounds in Taradale, where children can explore and learn in the natural environment.

We have spaces available for 2-5-year olds beginning in Term 1 2019.

We warmly invite you to call in and see us at 11 Cooke Pl, Taradale or call on 84458525.

Alternatively, you can contact us at riversdalekqtn@napierkindergartens.co.nz.

Greendale Tennis Club Holiday Programme. All ages (3 years to 17 years) – all abilities catered for. Great coaches. Four morning sessions, 9am – 12 noon, Tuesday 18th December to Friday 21st December.

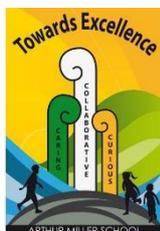
Cost is \$100 for all four sessions, \$80 for three or \$30 per session.

Phone Ian on 06 844 3732 (evenings for more information).

Firefighter Calendar. Purchase a 2019 calendar and support the Child Cancer Foundation. Cost is \$15 per calendar, with each month featuring some of those children who are going through or have been through the toughest of times at the very start of their lives – standing strong, having fun and enjoying being a fire fighter for a day.

Orders can be made at jonclaybourn@hotmail.com or call or txt Jonathan 0275162225.

Napier Libraries. The Amazing Read Summer Reading Programme. Free for all 4-11-year olds. Escape with books and lose yourself this summer. This super fun programme runs from 10 Dec – 18 Jan. Online registrations open now, for more details go to www.napierlibrary.co.nz/children



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