

# Arthur Miller School

## Arthur Miller School Community:

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

## Newsletter No. 11 – Thursday, 1 August 2019

Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back into Term 3 everyone! Already in these first few weeks of the new term our students have participated in lots of fun and exciting opportunities.

Kauri students have been practicing for Spooner Shield sports and are working towards creating Digi Awards entries, digital storytelling and being a good digital citizen.

Kowhai are studying storytelling from the past and present, and how these stories become part of our lives (our culture, our histories, our whakapapa and our interests).

In Team Horoeka our Year One classes are looking at adaptation and change, while our Year Two classes are exploring invention and design.

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: Poppy Mills, Ethan Shackell-Smith & Cruz Rodden

Over the holiday period we had re carpeting undertaken in Rooms 11 and 12, plus new vinyl laid in a senior toilet block. The Hall and a feature wall in Room 9 have also had autex put up, creating a fresh, warm looking environment.



## Staffing

Mrs Rachael Smith has joined the staff and has started a roll growth class in the front of the junior block. We have designated this class as Room 14.

We extend a warm welcome to Rachael as she begins her new role at Arthur Miller.

## Student Survey

I recently asked all the children in the school four questions, what they thought was good about Arthur Miller School, what was going particularly well in 2019, what they would like to change/improve if they could, and what topics they would like to study next year. I have shared the student comments with the Board of Trustees, FOAMS Parents Group and Staff. We will look carefully at student suggestions and try to enact some of their ideas. For your interest here are a few of the children's comments:

When asked '**what is good about the school?**' all age groups rated the **teachers/principal/wider school staff** (caring, supportive); the **school environment/playground/nature corner**; and **caring students** (friends, sharing, co-operative, kind) as highly valued.

When asked '**what is going well at Arthur Miller this year?**' opinions across age groups focussed on the **school environment/playgrounds**; having a say in our **Flipped Lunchtime** trial; the **student gardens**; **learning and friendships**. At the senior level going on **Camp** was the highest rated aspect.

When asked '**what improvements or changes they would like to see?**' responses were age dependent. The common themes were requests to put in **Swings, Upgrade the Playgrounds, Upgrade the Scooter/Bike stand** area, complete the **Sandpit Area Upgrade**, and for the **Heating/Enlarging of the Swimming Pool and Changing Rooms**.

Most popular suggested future school wide inquiry topics were **Animals and Science**.

Some individual comments in response to '**what makes Arthur Miller a good school**' and '**what is going well this year**' were:

*'All the things we can do and play with' - 'Being with my brother and sister.'* – *'Reading the books at home with Mum'* – *'I love the big playground and back field'* – *'the nature corner is cool'* – *'We learn stuff'* – *'I love books and reading.'* - *'People are looking after the toilets'* – *'Doing the Powhiri'* – *'The playground is cool, it has 6 goals and the nature corner is cool, we have a cool library.'*

*'That everyone is helping out others when they get hurt'* - *'That we are allowed in the nature corner'* - *'Because here people help people, they care for other people'* – *'The plants make it look bright'* – *'We have caring friends'* – *'The fables (fabulous) teachers!'* - *'The playground is going well this year because everyone is being nice'* – *'We are learning good strategies to help us with maths'* – *'No ruff games on the back field now'* – *'I am so happy about my friends.'* – *'Arthur Miller School is good because there are really nice teachers'* – *'Arthur Miller is a good school because it is caring, collaborative and curious'* – *'Inquiry learning is really good'* – *'Grate princsiable'* – *'The staff are really nice and we have a cool playground.'* - *'Everyone is playing with different people'* – *'Things are going well as everyone is nice and including'* – *'More people are showing the 3C's'* – *'Lots of activities and opportunities'* – *'My learning'* – *'New road patrol gear'* - *'Things are going well as there's not much bullies.'*

**'What Would Improve the School?'** comments included:

*'Have school chickens so we can put the eggs in the sharing shed'* - *'Have pictures painted around the pool'* – *'A slide down into a ball pit'* - *'Put surround sound systems in classrooms'* – *'Have a school uniform. I like having not to think about what to wear'* – *'Build a bigger hall because we are getting more people'* – *'I think our school is perfect the way it is.'* - *'I would like to use the original train door to get inside'* – *'Being more respectful to our native trees'* - *'Nothing because everything is really awesome'* – *'A friendship bench because the idea was people to go there to make friends but people just go to our one to sit down'* – *'Hot pools for each person to sit in'* – *'The temperature of the drinking fountains – a little warmer'* – *'A real Art Room/Science Lab'* – *'Put a cover over the playground'*.

### Friends of Arthur Miller School (FOAMS)

Tomorrow is our Quiz Night. This is the FOAMS parent group's major fundraiser for the year. My thanks to all those both organising and participating in this event. Please see auction notices attached to this newsletter.

Also coming up this term is a Book Fair in the school hall where families can buy books and FOAMS will get a percentage of sales. More information will come home soon.

FOAMS major project this term is to complete construction work on the sandpit play area.

### Landcare Research Survey

Our school is one of nine which have agreed to participate in an online survey for parents and friends to fill out. For each survey a \$10 donation will be made to the school.

The survey focuses on how residents of Hawke's Bay view and engage with the natural environment and how this has changed over the last 4 years. It has been developed by Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research and the Cape to City Project. It will only take 10-15 minutes to complete and will be sent to you via email on the 12<sup>th</sup> August.

Participating in this survey, will not only support the school, but will provide information which will help protect and enhance our environment more effectively.



### Term Dates

#### 2019

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

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

#### 2020

Term 1: Monday 3 February – Thursday 9 April (10 weeks, including Waitangi Day)

Term 2: Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July (10 weeks, including Queen's Birthday)

Term 3: Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September (10 weeks)

Term 4: Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 December (10 weeks including Anniversary/Labour weekend)

### Coming Events

Date	Event
Friday 2 August	FOAMS Quiz Night
Tuesday 6 August	BOT Meeting 7pm Staffroom
Friday 9 August	Spooner Shield Sports Day for Year 5 & 6
Monday 12 August	FOAMS Meeting 6.30pm Staffroom
Thursday 22 Aug – 3 Sept	FOAMS Book Fair in hall
Thursday 12 Sept	School Cross Country (pp Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> )

### Junior Tough Guy & Gal

On Monday, 29 July, 116 kids from AMS challenged themselves in the Junior Tough Guy and Gal event at Clifton Station, Te Awanga. There were many obstacles along the 1.5 - 3km course which included crawling, splashing, climbing and running. There was mud everywhere and loads of laughter and squealing. We were incredibly proud of all students who overcame their fears and showed great risk-taking skills. Thanks to the wonderful parents who took many photos that we were able to share with the kids. Thanks to Jo Exeter for her co-ordination of this event.



Please contact us if you have any concerns or bouquets.

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**Principal**

### Community Notices

A reminder to school families who might be buying or selling a property that Harcourts real estate agent Kathie Davies is offering Arthur Miller School a \$500 donation upon settlement of a sale. Kathie Davies contact details are 027 325 6162 [kathie.davies@harcourtshb.co.nz](mailto:kathie.davies@harcourtshb.co.nz) and should you choose to use her services please just mention a connection to our school.

#### **Napier Family Centre Courses**

Upcoming term 3 courses. They are all free to attend however some have wait lists.

<https://napierfamilycentre.org.nz/our-services/family-services/our-courses/>

**Riding in Remembrance, Sands Hawke's Bay.** A 12- hour spin-a-thon. Get your team together in support of a good cause or sponsor this event. Napier Sound Shell, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 8.00am – 8.00pm. In memory of our baby/babies gone but never forgotten. For more information please contact Emma Tuck – [sandshawkesbay@gmail.com](mailto:sandshawkesbay@gmail.com) Or 0278585781

#### **Taradale Intermediate**

TARADALE INTERMEDIATE OPEN DAY Saturday 31 AUGUST 10.30 – 12pm

ENROLMENTS CLOSE Friday 13 SEPTEMBER

Year 6 students will receive enrolment packs next week. All applications will be done online this year, please do not return them to school.

## Piano Lessons

Would your child like to learn piano but can't get to lessons? They can learn from home! Online lessons suitable for complete beginners aged 3 yrs+ and parents with no previous musical experience. Watch step-by-step video lessons and get personalised feedback from me using a unique video-upload feature. Optional individual (webcam) lessons also available.

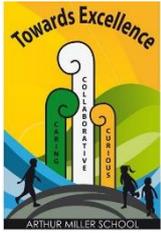


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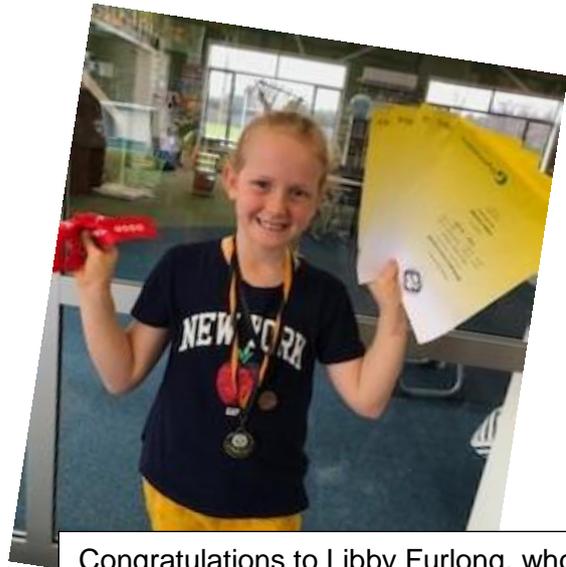


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Congratulations to Dom Hoskin, who competed in the Hawke's Bay – Poverty Bay Gymnastics Championships. He was 1<sup>st</sup> Overall in his Level 1 Grade.

"I got lots of points and when they added them up, I got the most!"



Congratulations to Libby Furlong, who on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> June, competed in the Wellington Junior Gymnastics Championships. She was 1<sup>st</sup> Overall for 'Step 2 Unders'.

"I was shaking in my first apparatus, but then I got better and I really liked it!"



Congratulations to the AMS Magicians, Year 2 Basketball Champs for Term Two.

The team from left is Sophia McHale, Jake Burt, Luka Prvulovic, Harry Caldwell and Damon Price.

## IT'S AUCTION TIME!

At half time we'll be auctioning off the below fantastic items which have all been donated by generous local businesses.

Auction 1	Function meets form.	Here is your chance to take home your very own piece of designer lighting from <b>David Trubridge</b> . This "Coral 400" in white is going to look stunning anywhere. All built and ready to hang. Value = \$340
Auction 2	One for the boys...	1 cord of offcuts firewood from <b>Tumu Timbers</b> , delivered to your door plus \$150 Placemakers voucher donated by <b>Gearey Homes</b> .
Auction 3	Snow bunnies need good eye wear!	If you are snow mad and have a few weekends planned up the mountain, these Adidas Ski Goggles from <b>Pearson and Hooker Optometrists</b> are going to go the distance. Value = \$260
Auction 4	Maintenance sorted.	<b>Flick Anticimex Pest Control</b> and a \$100 <b>Mitre Ten</b> voucher will get you ahead of the game this spring. Value = \$350
Auction 5	A real mail-stopper!!	<b>Metal Magic</b> know how to get all the neighbours talking with their striking Incision metal letterboxes. Lockable with custom stainless-steel number plate. Value = \$585.
Auction 6	Mahia Magic.	Two nights away in Mahia thanks to the very generous <b>Furlong family</b> . The bach offers two double beds and bunk room accommodating two families. Close to the pub and plenty of sports/water gear to borrow. <b>Water Mark Plumbing Services</b> has kindly thrown in \$100 petrol vouchers to get you there and back. Value = priceless
Auction 7	All Blacks and speaker in one. Tick tick ..Boom!!	This All Black Boom Box gifted from <b>Office Products Depot</b> will go down a treat. Ideal for anyone who loves rugby and music. Value = \$250
Auction 8	Be organised for when the lawn starts to bolt away...	<b>Pronto Build</b> love a tidy lawn which is why they are giving us a Lawnmaster 125cc Lawn Mower. Briggs & Stratton 450E OHV engine value. Value = \$450

# Silent Auctions

Place your bids throughout the evening.

Silent Auction 1	Calling all Kilties	Have a fun styling evening with <b>Kilt Napier</b> with your friends, then head out to <b>Thai Chef</b> for dinner with 5 x \$30 vouchers,
Silent Auction 2	Guaranteed to get your best side...	You will be well looked after during a portrait sitting with <b>Lynda Forrest Photography</b> . Receive a 5x7 enlargement of your favourite snap. Why not add an eye trio treatment from <b>The Beauty Room</b> for good measure.
Silent Auction 3	Tug-eriffic family experience for "big" kids and actual kids.	<b>Port of Napier</b> Tugboat Ride for four (kids aged 7 & over with adult) plus \$100 voucher at <b>Mexi Mama Value</b> = Priceless
Silent Auction 4	Take the stress out of your next big celebration.	<b>Pretty Little Details Co</b> \$50 voucher to go towards an amazing cake plus six bottles of rose wine from <b>Tironui Winery</b> . Value = \$230
Silent Auction 5	Head to toe peace of mind!	<b>MoleMap</b> Skin Check voucher valued at \$220.
Silent Auction 6	Abstract art to inspire...	<b>Samantha Whitewood</b> acrylic painting on canvas. Titled "Ahuriri". Value = \$450
Silent Auction 7	Best ride in town...got a party coming up next month?	<b>Pink Limousines</b> - An hour ride for 6 people including stops to take photos and pickups from people's homes. <b>(Must be used by end of August)</b>
Silent Auction 8	One for the ladies...	<b>Alpha Beauty</b> beauty treatment voucher. Value = \$100
Silent Auction 9	Needing to look after your body?	<b>Goodness Hub Chiropractor</b> "New patient" session plus findings and \$60 <b>Beauty by Bobbi</b> voucher.
Silent Auction 10	Time for a "Body Booster" coming out of winter....	60-day <b>Flex Fitness</b> pass and 5x Family Swim/Slide Passes to <b>Napier Aquatic Centre</b> .
Silent Auction 11	Pamper Pack.	<b>Sheena McCann</b> cut and blow-wave voucher followed by dinner at <b>Mission Estate</b> Dinner with a \$100 voucher.
Silent Auction 12	Support and restore.	5x Family Swim/Slide Passes to <b>Napier Aquatic Centre</b> . 30 min podiatry <b>Bay Feet</b> voucher and foot moisturising cream.