



**Arthur Miller School Community:**

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

**Newsletter No. 19 – Thursday, 5 December 2019**

Greetings Parents and Caregivers,

This is the final newsletter for the year, and on behalf of the staff, I would like to thank families for their support during 2019. We have had a very 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 also our Board of Trustees members who have volunteered their time to support the development of programmes and provide effective governance of the school. 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 Nirmal from Clean Planet for their caretaking and cleaning work, our skilled support and office staff (Michelle Mouritsen, Lisa Campbell, Shelley Cooper, Michelle Milne, Natalie Foote and Jo Hayes); our part time teachers – Robynne Gross, Laura Erskine, Sue Mercer 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 2020 will be:

**Associate Principal with Responsibility for the Junior School (Year 1 & 2):** appointment pending

New Entrants/Year 1: Lisa Sinden Room 4

New Entrants/Year 1: Kerran Williams Room 3

Year 1 & 2: Georgia Harris Room 2

Year 1 & 2: Hannah Brodie Room 1B

Year 1 & 2: Jonette Dale Room 1

Year 2: Shelley McHale Room 13

An additional new entrant roll growth class will start during the year.

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

Year 3 & 4: Rachel Cornforth Room 5

Year 3 & 4: Simon Lord 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, Heath Hooper, Laura Erskine, Sue Mercer and Nikki Monti.

Deputy Principal and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator: Cathy Middleton

Principal: Greig Mercer

We are fare welling our fixed term teacher Mrs Rachael Smith and will be saying goodbye and thanking her for her work with Room 14 at our End of Year Leavers Assembly. We wish Rachael all the best for her future teaching career.

We will also be acknowledging Mr Warren Holden, our school caretaker, who is retiring at the beginning of February. Warren has worked part time at Arthur Miller School for the last five years. We will be thanking Warren for his service in the New Year before he finishes up at school.

Mr Heath Hooper has applied for a year of family leave during 2020 which has been approved by the Board of Trustees. Heath will still be working with us in a part time capacity every Friday, and various other days, leading Kapa Haka and Te Reo Māori for students and teachers throughout the school. Mr Simon Lord has been appointed to teach in the middle school until we welcome Heath back full time in 2021.

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

The Awiah family, the Ax family, the Bidlake family, the Blakeley family, the Booth family, the Bulled family, the Bushett family, the Cooper family, the Drown family, the Every family, the Fan family, the Gosney family, the Green family, the Hattingh family, the Kidd family(Max), the Kidd family (Olivia), the Knowles family, the Lake family, the Leith family, the Lott family, the O'Donoghue family, the Ralph family, the Sasan family, the Smith family, the Tayler family and the Thomas family.

Our school year ends at **1 pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 **17<sup>th</sup> December** we invite all school families to come along to our special Cushion Concert and Prizegiving evening at the Pettigrew Green Arena. The performance by the children will start at **6.30pm**.

The evening will include recognition and awards for our Year 6 students, and several cups to recognise other student achievements in 2019.

All families and supporters of the school are welcome to come along, bring a cushion to sit on, and enjoy items by children and Christmas songs. As you will be seated on playing courts at Pettigrew, I ask that everyone ensures that no sharp objects (high heels, pens etc) are brought into the arena that could damage the floor surface – thank you.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## School Reports

Children will be bringing home their end of year reports on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Teachers have endeavoured to inform you as clearly as possible about your child's achievement, effort and progress over the year.

Also included with the report is information about your child's class and teacher for next year. We did this for the first-time last year in response to parent feedback, enabling families to have teacher information before Christmas.

*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 2020 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: Riley Single, Tyler Stockan

Room 1B: Skylah-Rose Yeatts, Harlan James

Room 2: Archie Phelps, Ruby Wild

Room 3: Layla Paul, Nate Bryant

Room 4: Daisy Clark, Luc Beya Carrasco

Room 5: Ryan Milne, Evan Deeley

Room 6: Xavier Gordon, Cassidy Stoney

Room 7: Ellsie Stewart, Willis Gardner

Room 8: Zephia Kaa, Oliver Single

Room 10: Luke Green, Liam O'Donoghue

Room 11: Elise Clark, Kasey Adams

Room 12: Josh Ralph, Olivia Kidd

Room 13: Isla Mooney, Kenzi Arnott

Room 14: Russell Waerea, Lucas Hacking

## Inter-School and Junior School Athletics

Our school team competed with distinction at the inter schools' athletics competition held at the Hastings Sport Stadium on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Arthur Miller's athletes were well behaved and supportive of each other's efforts. Our school placed a credible third overall, with individual performances of third in the eight-year-old girl's competition to Emmy Bentin and first equal in the eleven-year-old girls competition going to Olivia Kidd. Awesome effort everyone!

### **Yr. 1-2 Athletics morning**

Team Horoeke held a Junior Athletics Day on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and our FOAMS parent group put on a BBQ lunch for the school. Much fun was had with running, jumping and throwing events undertaken by our five, six and 7-year olds!

See the list of winners later in the newsletter.



### Term Dates

#### 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

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Road Patrollers go to Splash Planet

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – BOT Meeting (7pm staffroom)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 BBQ

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Team Kowhai trip to Onekawa Pools and Omni Gym.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – School Reports go home

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Cushion Concert and Prizegiving 6.30pm

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Final Leavers Assembly 12.15pm, **School closes 1pm** (please make arrangements for collecting your children as staff will be offsite from 1.20pm).

On behalf of all the staff of Arthur Miller School we wish you and yours a safe and Merry Christmas and New Year period,

Greig Mercer  
**Principal**



### Team Up with Tremains

Thanks to Tremains, who recently sold a property on behalf of someone associated with Arthur Miller School, we received a cheque for \$500.

Pictured presenting the cheque to Greig is Sara Mackey, Sales Consultant.

Don't forget to see Sara if you are thinking of buying or selling a property.



### Student Volunteer Project

Dear Arthur Miller School community,

For our Student Volunteer Project this term, Room 6 is volunteering for the SPCA. We are holding an inter-class competition and the class with the most donations will win a prize. We want you and your whanau's help! We are after pre-loved items such as blankets, (polar fleece is best) towels, duvet outers (not inners). If you have any spare cat/dog food, dishwashing detergent or washing powder you can send that along too. Please see the [link](#) if you are wanting more information.

The competition will start on the 2nd of December and will end on the 12th of December. All donations need to be at school on the 12th to be counted. We will name the winners on the 13th of December.

Thanks for your support.  
Room 6

### Student Achievement



Pictured at left is Haylee Vucetic, whom received the 'Most Improved Tap Dance' Award at the Miss Susie Dance Show on the weekend. Haylee has only been dancing for a year, so well done to her.

At right, we have Rupert Finn, competing at the recent Hawke's Bay Primary & Intermediate Schools Triathlon.



## Community Notices

### YMCA Holiday Programme

YMCA Holiday programmes are operating 6th of January to the 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2020 at our Taradale, Napier and Hastings sites. 7.30am-6.00pm daily. There is something for everyone in this not to be missed holiday programme. Go to [www.ymcahb.org.nz](http://www.ymcahb.org.nz) to book or phone 06 8783027 for more information. We are also open with extended hours as schools close, up to the 20th December and then we are open at Raureka School, Hastings and Taradale Primary on the 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### Sparkle Pop Up Christmas Portrait Fundraiser

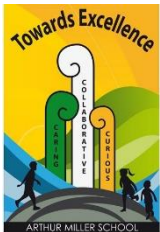
This year for our annual Christmas portrait fundraiser we're getting all festive , with our pop-up 'Sparkle Studio', this Saturday December 7th. Cost is \$25 and this year we will donate this back to your nominated school or kindy.

Your session includes a series of images taken and uploaded to an online gallery and one 25x20cm portrait of your choice ( p&p rate applies)

So, gather up the kids, the nanas, the poppas and head to Taradale Village this Saturday. ( Additional orders can be placed from your gallery starting from \$25, with digital file packages also available)

Message to secure your time now.

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## **Team Horoeoka Athletics Champions 2019**

### **5yr Girls**

1st- Callay Spark  
2nd- Lola Burt  
3rd- Kenzi Arnott

### **5yr Boys**

1st- Lucas Hacking  
2nd- Oliver Elder  
3rd James Clayton

### **6yr Girls**

1st- Ella Pritchard  
2nd- Summah Hardie  
3rd- Tily Gardner

### **6yr Boys**

1st- Callum Poynter  
2nd- Fynn Catley  
3rd- Callum Mitchell

### **7yr Girls**

1st- Lola McCann  
2nd- Layla Murray  
3rd- Millie Lewis

### **7yr Boys**

1st- Jake Burt  
2nd Charlie Preece  
3rd- Christian Winkley



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**5- Year Boys**



**5- Year Girls**



**6- Year Boys**



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