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ARAKURA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



ISSUE SEVENTEEN

Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back in 2019.

Farewell ~ To our Year Six students and those not returning next year; we wish you well at your new schools in 2019.

Welcome to New Pupils ~ Olivia Calcinai and Aleena Syed.

Christmas Raffle ~ Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets we will be drawing this on Monday.

2019 Class Lists ~ Can you please let us know on Monday 10th if your child/ren will **NOT** be returning to Arakura School in Term One.

School Reports/Stationery Lists ~ These will be sent home with children on Tuesday 18th December (see pg 2 for new reporting). We will be selling Stationery Packs once again at very competitive prices.

Music/Drama Topic ~ This term the children have been doing Music and Drama as their topic. They will be hosting a Showcase on Monday 17th at 1.30 pm.

Staffing ~ Unfortunately for us we will be farewelling Mr Mark Lye, our Reading Recovery teacher. We wish Mark all the best for his retirement.

Furniture Sale ~ We still have some furniture for sale, if interested come to the school office for details of availability and prices.

Lost Property ~ Could you please check the lost property baskets in the hall foyer before the end of term, as we will dispose of anything left on Thursday 20th December.

Lost Cap ~ Has your child come home with a Black Cap with "IVH" on the front. If so please return to the school office.



M.A.N.A. CARD DRAW

Every Friday there is a prize draw for children who have been given a M.A.N.A Card during the course of the week. Last fortnights winners: Devyn Woodford, Te Rama Mei, Tai Rameka, Natarla Toa, Tyler Bevan, Perceus Samuels, Tiare Richards. Last week's winners: Tai Rameka, Kaysha-Lee Peke, Tiare Richards, Blake O'Connor



DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 12th December	Junior Christmas Party 12 noon (separate notice)
Friday 14th	Whole School Pool Fun Day (see separate notice enclosed)
Monday 17th	Music/Drama Showcase 1.30 pm - All welcome
Tuesday 18th	Yr 6 Leavers Function
Thursday 20th December	Final Assembly, 9.15 am (children to bring a cushion)
	Last day of Term, 1 pm
Monday 4th February 2019	Term One starts

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School Reporting to Parents - My Year at School

This year we have changed our report template to reflect what is happening in our school. This was done in consultation with Whanau earlier in the year.

With the removal of National Standards, teachers will no longer report on where your child sits in relation to curriculum levels and whether they have achieved these or not. Instead teachers will be reporting on how your child has progressed in their learning taking into account each child's individual pathway for learning. We have included some of the indicators that align with our school values of MANA, and other curriculum indicators we deem important.

There will also be a section in your child's report that they have completed that recounts their year at Arakura School. The written component for this has been dictated to the teacher or has been typed by the child, therefore grammar and spelling may not have not been corrected.

We hope that you appreciate the changes that we have made in our end of year reports and welcome any feedback. Reports will be going home on Tuesday 18th December and you will also receive details of your child's class for 2019.

NZEI Update ~ You may have heard that primary teachers and principals have overwhelmingly voted to reject the Ministry of Education's latest collective agreement offers. While the latest offer for teachers included a salary increase, it failed to address the important issues of class size and planning and assessment time, which underpin the crisis in education and difficulties in teacher recruitment.

Disappointingly, we end this year without the necessary movement from the Government, and with still not enough to meet the needs of children, schools and teachers. This may mean further industrial action next year, although we are very much hoping for a negotiated outcome – the Government has received a very clear message that educators are desperate for the teacher shortage to be fixed before it becomes a full-blown disaster. Public polling has also showed continued strong support for what we are trying to achieve for our students and the future of the teaching profession. School parents in particular see the struggles we already face in hiring teachers and finding relievers when teachers are sick.

We greatly appreciate your continued support as we continue our campaign to ensure a quality public education for every child.

Headlice ~ The Kidscan Programme using Nit Buster Champions is no longer available at our school. This means families must be responsible for regular checking for headlice. Our **Nitbuster room**, which includes a hairdressers basin is available for use during school hours and product is available at the office.

Pita Pit 2019 ~ A reminder to update your child's classroom number for next year by clicking "add/edit members" on your Lunchonline account. Pita Pit will be available from Thursday 7th February.

Mark Kibblewhite
Principal

Community Section

Wainuiomata Fruit and Vege Co-op ~ Bringing healthy food to our neighbourhood for just \$12 per week. \$12 gives you a fresh pack of seasonal fruit (3-4 varieties) and seasonal veges (3-5 varieties). Pay in advance and then collect on Tuesdays from the school (or the Valley Church 21 Fitzherbert Rd, Wainui during the school holidays). Forms at school office. Check out the Facebook page Fruit and Vege Co-op.

Unwanted mobile phones to donate to Sustainable Coastlines Mobile Phone Appeal ~ we ask for your support by bringing into school any unwanted mobile phones you may have and dropping them into the collection box located at reception.



