

# ARAKURA SCHOOL



## Special Points of

### Interest:

- EFTPOS is available in the school office. There will be **NO CASH OUT** or Credit Card facility and there is a minimum purchase of \$2.00
- School Lunches ~ moosies/juicies \$1.00 each Tuesdays/Thursdays
- Board of Trustees email address: [bot@arakura.school.nz](mailto:bot@arakura.school.nz)
- School Cellphone 0278193283
- Find us on Facebook and "LIKE" to get updates from the school -



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Newsletter Date

Friday 31st July 2015

## "The Best for All Students"

**Greetings** ~ Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Malo E Lelei, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Ni Sa, Bula Vanaka, Taloha Ni and Welcome!

**Dear Parents/Caregivers Welcome to New Pupils** ~ Tyreece Crown, Dominic Barclay, Addison Bevan, Rhett Silvester and Liam Faithfull.

### Netball Results Arakura Shakers (Yr 5/6)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Arakura Shakers vs Rata Street 3  
Score: 1 – 0  
Player of the Day: Ariana Gray for great improvement in her skills of netball.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Arakura Shakers vs Muritai 5  
Score: 9 – 8  
Player of the Day: Emma Gray and Mihiata Jury for amazing overall court play.

### Arakura Shooters (Yr 3/4)

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Arakura Shooters vs Maranatha 3  
Score: 8 - 2  
Player of the Day: Maiah Dickson for gaining confidence on the court.

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July  
Arakura Shooters vs Eastern Hutt 8  
Score: Unconfirmed  
Player of the Day: Aayla Toman for excellent court play.

### 50th Jubilee ~ 23rd - 25th October.

Registration forms are available at the school office for past pupils, staff and Board members. Visit our school website or Jubilee Facebook page to be kept up to date with developments [www.facebook.com/arakuraschool50thjubilee](http://www.facebook.com/arakuraschool50thjubilee) and to see the programme of events planned for the weekend.

If you are interested in holding a stall at the Saturday gala you can email [50thjubilee@arakura.school.nz](mailto:50thjubilee@arakura.school.nz) and details will be forwarded to you.

If you have anything you would like to donate for the school gala (eg. Books, clothing, Bric a brac) you can contact Bonnie at the school office.



### Building Bridges

**Assemblies** ~ Every Friday there will be a prize draw for children who have been given a gold card during the course of the fortnight.

Last term's winners: Crystal D'Unienville for making good choices, Jayden Bullmore for being a good role model to others, James Anderson for an amazing start to school, Hailee O'Connor for making a positive choice to help others who need extra guidance.

This week's winners: Eddie Galuva'a-Tangatapoto for being an amazing senior buddy for R9/10, Dexter Coles for removing grass from gutters, Henessy-Jade Fuimaono Hughes for picking up rubbish, Zayian Teepa for helping out in the junior classes.

## Dates to Remember (See our website [arakura.school.nz](http://arakura.school.nz) for all dates)

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|----------------------|---|
| Thursday 6th August  | Lucky book orders close   |
| Friday 14th August   | Arakura's Got Talent Heat 2   |
| Friday 28th August   | Daffodil Day ( <b>Dress in yellow</b> , gold coin donation)               |
| Friday 4th September | Arakura's Got Talent Heat 3   |
| Friday 11th Sept.    | Jubilee Registrations close   |
| Tuesday 15th Sept.   | Arakura's Got Talent Heat 4   |
| Thursday 24th Sept.  | Interschool Rippa Rugby   |
|                      | Wellington Children's Hospital <b>Wacky Hair Day</b> (gold coin Donation) |

## School News

**ASB School Banking** ~ Banking day is every Wednesday. If you would like your child to start banking you can pick up an enrolment form from the school office.

**NZ Kids Food Lunches** ~ an easy to use online lunch ordering service offering affordable prices from \$3.70

- 5.20 per day delivered to school. Alternatively you can pick up and pay for your child's lunch at the Oaks Café Life City Church, Parkway Road at the bottom of the hill.

For further info go to [www.nzkidsfood.co.nz](http://www.nzkidsfood.co.nz) or call 0800kidsfood.

**Mark Kibblewhite**  
Principal

**“At Arakura School we focus on the individual needs of the student”**



## Community Section

**Wainuiomata Library** ~ second Tuesday of each month at 4pm! *Inklings* is for kids aged 9 - 12 yrs who are interested and curious about reading and libraries. Last week our theme was the Cosmos. Carlo, our librarian, looked at all things space and put together a treasure hunt in the building. We will often play/search with free WIFI on our tablets. Our next session will be August 11th at 4 pm. Phone Carlo 564 5822.

**Zero Fees for Under 13's** ~ From 1st July under 13 years olds are no longer charged a fee for visits at most medical practices, are no longer charged the regular \$5 prescription fee, have access to zero fees at after hours. For more info call Healthline 0800 611 116.

**KIDS GO FREE: SPECSAVERS OFFERS FREE EYE EXAMS TO ONE MILLION KIWI KIDS** From the end of June every New Zealander under the age of 16 will be able to have their eyes regularly tested for free at any Specsavers store throughout the country – a permanent offer reaching a potential 930,000 New Zealanders (according to 2013 Census data). “We’re really excited about our Kids Go Free offer and the opportunity to help improve the eye health of young Kiwis. Early access to eyecare means early intervention and better health outcomes,” says Specsavers NZ Retail Director, Brendan Thompson. Parents can request an appointment for their child at any of the 51 Specsavers stores by going to [www.specsavers.co.nz](http://www.specsavers.co.nz) or phoning their local store.

**The Incredible Years Parenting Course** ~ offers practical step by step suggestions to develop positive family relationships and empower parents to make change and to manage difficult behaviour. Help in handling the everyday situations that parents face. Free 14 week course for parents and caregivers of children aged 3 to 8, Starts: Mon 10 August 2015, 9:30 am to 12 noon, Venue: Petone - tbc. If this sounds like you, Special Education have referral forms. If you would like to know more please call us. Ministry of Education, Special Education, Dawn Nippett, 04 439-4671 or 0800 737275.

**Spring Kids Camp** ~ With the new term underway, it's time to consider the next school holidays and how you'll entertain the kids....why not send them along to our Spring Kids Camp? An OSCAR accredited, overnight, four day holiday programme for kids aged 8 to 12, where the emphasis is on fun, safety, and creating an environment where kids can grow and challenge themselves, make new friends and learn more about the world around them. If you sign up today you'll get the Early Bird price of \$175 (valid until 01.08.2015). Once these have sold out full price tickets cost \$195 each. Additionally, we have special rates for family registrations. Sign your children up directly on our website. Once you have registered your child you will receive an email that includes either an invoice (pay later option) or a receipt (pay now option), a link to an online registration form that needs to be filled out and submitted to us ASAP and the Parent/Caregiver Information Letter. You will find the link to our website below for more information and to register your kids: <http://www.elrancho.co.nz/Camps+and+Events/Kids+Camps.html>

### Arakura School Mission Statement

In partnership with our community, we will provide a caring, educational environment which will recognise uniqueness; provide opportunities and encourage co-operation.

