



**Arohena School**

Where we strive to provide  
excellence in all aspects of education

**& Community**



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**Congratulations to our talented swimmers  
who competed at this years Eastern Zone  
Swimming Sports.**

## **Notice Board**

Good Friday 30th March  
Easter Monday 2nd April  
Easter Tuesday 3rd April

**Wednesday 21st March**

# Newsletter

"Our school exists to offer excellence in all aspects of education"



Tena Koutou Katoa,  
Greetings to you all,

Many of you commented on the 'tent city' which popped up in our school paddock last week. As part of our senior student leadership programme, we had a wonderful time hosting an overnight camp for 68 students and twenty parents and staff members from Ngutunui, Paterangi, Pukeatua, Waipa Christian, Wharepapa South and Arohena Schools. Our visitors were welcomed onto our school grounds for a powhiri, beginning with a karanga which was very capably led by Jasmine and responded to by Whaea Cathy on behalf of the manuwhiri (visitors). Despite the threat of a cyclone, the children excitedly set up their tents (quickly learning the merits of ensuring tent flies were put up correctly) and joined in a range of group leadership challenges over the two days. They were entertained on Monday night by our very own Neville and Noelene Ormsby with a wonderful disco. I would like to thank everyone involved in making the camp so successful, and a special thanks to Nev and Noelene for their talent in providing such a magical evening.

The purpose of our senior leadership programme is to acknowledge the unique opportunities full-primary schools (Year 0-8) offer our senior students and to provide them with a chance to make social and academic connections. Our senior students connect with those from these other schools each Friday morning through a leadership blog where they interact by sharing comments, photos and videos. Students, staff, parents and Board and PTA members from the visiting schools enjoyed looking

through our school and classrooms and, without exception, were most complementary about our well-resourced school and grounds.

Last week we held student, parent, teacher conferences which offered parents the opportunity to share in students' achievements. Parents are encouraged to join 'school loop' which is a phone A. For more information, and on how to download, please check over the page. Our students are recognised for demonstrating our school values – integrity, empathy, perseverance and innovation. With changes in Government legislation, we now refer to NZ curriculum levels when discussing student progress.

Our next school event will be an Eastern Zone touch rugby day hosted by Waipa Christian School on the 6<sup>th</sup> April. The Fred Amess soccer tournament will be held in Te Awamutu on April 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun day in which we enter a mixed age team from our school in a round robin tournament. If there is any community member who would like to come in and work with our team to develop their soccer skills, we would love to hear from you.

*Ngā mihi,*

Kind Regards,  
Rose Symes

Educating  
the mind  
without  
educating the  
heart is no  
education  
at all.  
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*Leadership Programme - Monday 12th March*



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