



Arohena School

Where we strive to provide
excellence in all aspects of education

& Community



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Aotearoa Mārae

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Notice Board

Arohena Hunt

Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th June.

Registrations must be in by:

Friday 8th June @ 3pm.

Wednesday 23rd May

Newsletter

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



Tena Koutou Katoa,
Greetings to you all,

I would firstly like to offer my congratulations to Lisa Bates who will take up the reins as principal of Arohena School from the start of Term 3. I am sure Lisa will lead our school capably and will be well supported by the Arohena community.

Our term has begun with a flourish, with a most memorable visit to Aotearoa Mārae. As Manuhiri, we were formally welcomed with a powhiri. We would like to extend our special thanks to Whaea Kura Kopa and Connie Hui, and Matua John Kopa for putting aside their work commitments to host us. We offer a huge thanks to Chrissy Haumaha who led us on to the Mārae so capably and responded to Whaea Connie's Karanga. We are also very grateful to Mike Miller for responding on our behalf to the whaikōrero led by Matua John, and for presenting our Koha.

Our hosts gave us a wonderful insight into the history of Aotearoa Mārae and surrounding areas and took us to visit Tokahaere rock, a most significant landmark in Māori history. We were also taught the art of weaving harakeke (flax) flowers. While strengthening partnerships with our local iwi, participating in a formal Powhiri and learning about traditional Mārae protocol were our main learning objectives, I found staying the night in the Wharenuī to be a most serene experience that I will treasure forever.

Last week our year 6 and 7 students participated in the National Young Leaders Day at Claudelands Event Centre, where they were inspired by a range of New Zealand speakers.

In early June we will be sending two teams of year 5-6 students to test their skills against other Waikato school teams in a series of technology challenges in the annual E-Pro8 Challenge.

We will be hosting the Eastern Zone Cross Country event on June 8th so don't forget to come along and have a catch up with your neighbours and cheer our students on. Training has begun in earnest.

I look forward to the annual Rural Principal's conference this week in Hamilton, which this year is being hosted by the Waikato Principal's Federation. The conference will look at emerging educational trends as well as address some of the challenges in leading a rural school.

Last week, we held our annual appreciation evening to thank our farming families who make our annual Trail Ride and Stock Scheme possible. The evening included a tour of the school and a chance to see the learning resources that we are able to provide thanks to the ongoing generosity and commitment to Arohena School. As always, it is exciting to share our wonderful school with the community.

Our thought for the week:

"Keep exploring. Keep dreaming. Keep asking why. Don't settle for what you already know. Never stop believing in the power of your ideas, your imagination, your hard work to change the world". (Barack Obama)

Ngā mihi,
Kind Regards,
Rose Symes

House Award Lucky Dip - Term 2, Week 4

Room 2	Praise Card
Jasmine Jefferies & Brianna Friend for Home Learning.	Kayden Peters & Thomas Flutey - <i>Contribution of Music</i> Jasmine Jefferies & Charlotte Flutey - <i>Inspiring Role Model</i>

Whole school overnight stay at our local 'Aotearoa Mārae'
Tuesday 8th May.



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