



Arohena School & Community

Where we strive to provide
excellence in all aspects of education



Room 2

Room 2 are reading the novel The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. We each got a small piece of the picture, not knowing what part it was until we had coloured it in and put the puzzle together.



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Wednesday 15th August

Notice Board

Eastern Zone Junior Winter Sports
Friday 31st Aug
Senior Winter Sports Friday 7th Sep
held @ Wharepapa South School

Newsletter

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



Tena Koutou Katoa,
Greetings to you all,

We have had a busy couple of weeks here at Arohena School.

Last week our senior students participated in the Senior Leadership Programme at Te Awamutu College, catching up with other full primary students and participating in a range of new subjects. Our group participated in special effects, dance, science and wood work.

It was a good opportunity for me to see how valuable these termly activities are for our students both socially and academically.

Arohena School is part of a Senior Leadership programme which includes five other full primary schools and where our goal is to create opportunities for them all to participate in bigger groups of children and to get to know other children that they will meet in their high school years. As a group of schools, we recognise the importance of ensuring that our children are confident and connected when they leave us in Year eight. We look forward to next term's event which will be held at Pukeatua school.

We have updated our school Facebook page this week so that we can share learning activities and upcoming events with the community more regularly. We will use our Facebook page for reminders and a place to share ideas for learning at home too.

This week we planted our potato plants that were gifted to us from the Kihikihi Rotary club. Mrs Davison assures me

that we are on track to grow the biggest potatoes in this year's competition

Reminders:

School closure: This Wednesday Arohena School will be closed due to the teachers' strike. Our Board of Trustees has made a decision to support the teachers in their current negotiations with the Ministry of Education and therefore close the school on this day.

Attendance: Below I have included some information about the effects of poor attendance on academic achievement. A significant number of our students are currently not attending school on a regular basis. As noted below this has an impact on their learning. Please support us to improve outcomes for all our learners by making sure they are at school as much as possible.

There is a critical link between successful educational outcomes by students and their attendance at school. Students have to be present and engaged in order to learn. Research and observations in the education system clearly indicate being at school consistently is important to ensuring children have a good foundation for subsequent learning. Research shows that students, regardless of gender, socioeconomic status or ethnicity, lose out when they have poor attendance and their achievement is affected.

Lisa Bates

Principal



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