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Wednesday 19th June 2019

Notice Board

School production

Matinee Tuesday 25th June @ 1.30pm

Evening show Wednesday 26th June @ 6pm

Newsletter

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



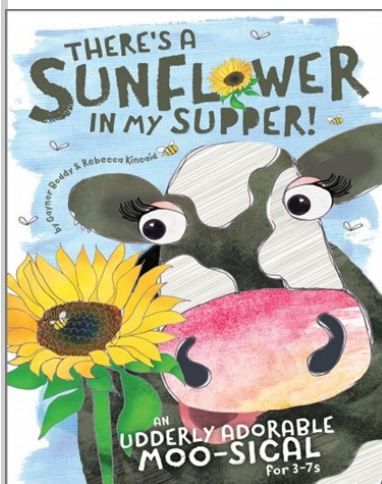
Newsletter Week 6 Term Two

Tena koutou katoa,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all new families to Arohena School these past few weeks. I encourage all of our new families to attend the community welcome in this Friday. This is an opportunity to become part of our wider school community and don't forget our online community on Facebook too; Arohena School.

A couple of weeks ago our school hosted the Eastern Zones school cross country. Thank you to all of our school community that helped to prepare for this event and turned up on the day to support our tamariki. We had lots of examples of students demonstrating Arohena PRIDE; Perseverance and Drive in particular.

We continue our "keep fit" focus this term with Gymsports. This competition will be held in the last week of term and those students participating will have notices home shortly.



Next week our school production will begin. We have a matinee performance on Tuesday the 25th of June at 1:30pm and an evening performance on Wednesday evening at 6pm. Our Arohena learners have been working

together singing, making props and acting. This has been our learning focus for the term and our goals were to develop the key competencies, participating and contributing and relating to others. Alongside these key learnings our children have participated in many other aspects of this "moosical" including measuring and designing props, singing and acting and working as a school

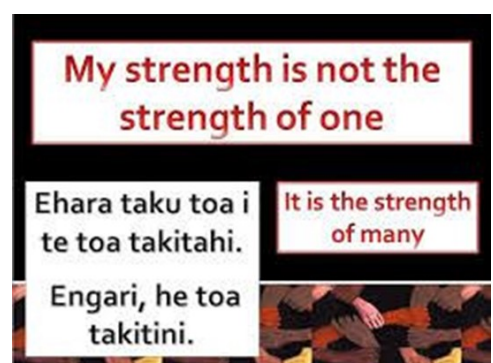
team.

We look forward to sharing our efforts with you next week.

I have kept you all up to date regarding the primary teacher and principals strike action over the past few weeks. I met today with our local principals' group and we agreed that the offer to teachers is a good one and demonstrates the Government's commitment to valuing the teaching profession and, over time, will help to address recruitment and retention issues. While I am happy that the teachers have been given a well-deserved and long overdue pay increase, what is not published so widely is the offer made to Principals - and what the impact will be on the future of rural schools in New Zealand. If teachers vote to accept the current offer, many will receive more than principals. Principals today were unanimous about the unfairness of their offer and unfortunately I believe there may well be further industrial action. I love being the Principal at Arohena School and it was never about the money for many principals, however it is demoralising to know that if teachers accept the current offer many principals will be paid less than their teachers.

So where to from here? I encourage you to be mindful when listening to anything in the media as what I have learned is that the devil is in the detail. I am happy to answer any questions about the current offer to principals; just pop in and catch up. On Wednesday myself and the principal from Wharepapa South School will meet with the Federated Farmers to share our concerns and gain support. Let's work together to make sure that our rural schools have a bright future where teachers and principals are both valued and retained for the great work that they do.

Nga mihi
Lisa Bates



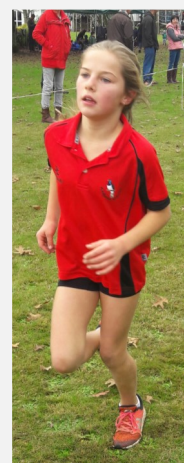
Eastern Zone Cross Country

Results.

Congratulations to all our pupils who participated at this years Eastern Zone Cross Country. You all ran extremely well! The following students gained places in the top ten in their age group.

5 Year old	Girls	- 1st place, Marie Wing
6 year old	Boys	- 9th place, Lachlan Sherriff
	Girls	- 5th place, Allena Gavadan
		- 9th place, Zara Boyden
7 year old	Boys	- 4th place, Stan Wing
	Girls	- 6th place, Bella Roycroft
9 year old	Girls	- 1st place, Bree Dunlop
		- 4th place, Kynze Dunlop
		- 6th place, Patience Bennett-Ford
10 year old	Boys	- 4th place, Lukas Hindrup-Dennison
		- 7th place, Legion Bennett-Ford

Lovely to see all the pre-schoolers getting out there and giving it a go, particularly when they are being supported by their grandparents.



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