

1. Other Matters

1. Bus - If your child/ren will not be travelling on the school bus, PLEASE contact Neville or Noelene to let them know, even if this is due to a school event. Either phone or txt on 0278148865 or ring their landline 872 4321. **You may park your vehicle in the bus bay between 9am and 2.45pm but not during collection and drop off times.** It is very difficult for our drivers to drop off and collect your children when there is a car in the way.

Please note: Due to tight time constraints your child/ren will need to be at their bus stop 5 mins early as our drivers will be unable to wait for child/ren who are late to their stops.

2. Absentees - Please contact the school office if your child/ren are away. As part of the Ministry of Education requirements, we must notify them of student attendance. If we do not hear from you your child will be marked as unexplained, or truant.

3. Canteen - Orders are taken on Monday and Friday. Please can you send your child/ren to school with their orders in an envelope and hand into the office before school starts. Prices are; Pies \$2.20, Pizza \$2.20, Popcorn / buffalo chips \$1, Juices \$1, Chocolate muffin \$1.30.

4. Back to School Stationery / Activity Fees - Last week we sent home a letter / school invoice outlining the 2018 activity fees and classroom stationery costs. It is important that stationery is purchased in Week 1 & 2 so all students are equipped for their learning in the classroom.

5. School Hats - This term we have asked all students to purchase a wide brimmed school hat. Second hand hats are available at \$10 or new school hats at \$18 which includes an embroidered school logo and sun safe material. Please contact the school office to arrange purchase. Children not wearing wide brimmed hats will need to sit in the shade as part of our sun safety policy.

2. Thank you

Roger Legg & The Honda Shop - Most of you may have already spotted the big sign heading into Te Awamutu that The Honda Shop have kindly sponsored for our annual Trail Ride. The Honda Shop along with Legg Brothers Building are kindly supporting this years Trail Ride. Thank you. Also thank you Roger & Clint Legg for putting so much time into organising this year's Trail Ride. You have taken over one of our biggest fundraisers for the year and with your expertise, enthusiasm and energy we know it's going to be a big one. Thank you to our local farmers who have kindly opened their gates to us again. We look forward to a great event.

Bowers & Son Ltd & Heather & Alfons Te Brake - for providing us with concrete (left over from Alfons & Heather's feed-pad) while the Bowers trucks were passing the school. A huge thanks goes to Bowers & Son Ltd, Wade & Renee Roycroft, Braden Te Brake & Geoff Symes who dropped what they were doing & arrived to lay a concrete pad for our new storage shed and one in front of the storage container. Thank you to Wade for boxing it up for us.

PTA - for purchasing our sandpit storage shed. This is a valuable asset to our school, and will help store our equipment securely.

3. Welcome

We are delighted to welcome three new families to Arohena School. We look forward to getting to know you and your spouses. All three students are joining Miss Shaw in the Junior Class. Welcome; Lachlan Sherriff, Myles Cruickshank and Kaydia-Lee Karanata Witeri Henry. Our roll now sits at 31.

Diary Dates: Term Planner - 2018

Fri 9th Feb	Hearing and Vision Testing @ 10.30am
Tues 20th Feb	Board of Trustee Meeting @ 6.30pm held in the school staffroom.
Fri 23rd Feb	Eastern Zone Junior Swimming Sports @ Pukeatua School
Fri 2nd March	Eastern Zone Senior Swimming Sports @ Pukeatua School
Mon 5th March	Postponement Day for Senior Swimming Sports
Thurs 22nd March	Trail Ride Meeting @ Arohena Hall from 6.30pm. We invite all farm owners and volunteers involved to attend.

Trail Ride Volunteers - WE NEED YOU!

This is our BIGGEST fundraiser of the year and we need your support to help make it happen!

We require marshals on the track and help with the BBQ. School families will receive money towards their child/ren's school camp/school trips for their support.

Please contact the school if you would like to help. It's a wonderful event, very social and action packed!!

Phone the school office for more information. Ph: 07 8724526.

Information on Vision and Hearing Checks in School

Vision Hearing Technicians from Community and Southern Rural Health will be visiting our school. The objective of the test is to identify previously undetected vision and hearing defects.

Which children are routinely checked?

- Catch up screening for children who have not completed vision and hearing checks as part of their B4 School Check.
- Children absent from previous visit, require retests or follow up
- In special circumstances, parents, teachers or others may request a vision or hearing check
- New immigrants
- All year 7 students vision only.

What tests are carried out?

Ears

Audiometry (hearing test)

Tympanometry—middle ear function test (only carried out when hearing test is not within a normal range)

Eyes

Long distance vision tests—not a complete visual examination, but a simple screening test. *The Vision Hearing Technician will: Notify parents of all test results. Enter results on Ministry of Education database (Enrol)*



Ruth, Matt, Megan, Katie & Steffan Foulkes over the recent loss of Ruth's Father.
Our thoughts are with you all at such a sad time.

Peter Rimmer on the tragic loss of his son Thomas.
Thomas is fondly remembered as a very gifted student who attended Arohena School from 1995 to 1998.

The Arohena and Ngaroma communities, on the passing of Jean Saunders.
Jean has been an icon of both of our communities for several decades.

SIGN YOUR KIDS UP FOR RIPPER OR TACKLE RUGBY NOW



SIGN UP DATES

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15TH | 5 - 6pm
THURSDAY MARCH 1ST | 5 - 6pm
THURSDAY MARCH 15TH | 5 - 6pm

Ages 3 - 13 years old
SUBS \$40 (FOR ONE)
\$70 (FOR TWO)
\$90 (FOR THREE)
(includes shorts & socks)

Current Juniors can register online:

www.sporty.co.nz

Contact Junior Delegates: tamaristjunior@gmail.com
Sophia Powell 021 215 1875 or Glenn Morris 027 436 2878

Arohena Playcentre

Session times:

Tues 9.30am-12noon /
Thurs 9.30am - 12noon

Contact Shannon
on: 8723525 or 027
6977640.



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IF IT FITS IN THE UTE OR ON THE TRAILER WE CAN PICK UP AND DELIVER IT!!

We can deliver DVDs back to town for you for just \$2

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RICHARD AND GAIL - RURAL DELIVERY

Next Newsletter cut off date

All items for the next newsletter are due by lunch time, **Monday 19th February 2018**

BREAKFAST IDEAS

EGGS ON TOAST

Eggs-ellent ways to have eggs on toast!

- Soldiers
- Poached
- Scrambled - add herbs for extra flavour
- Microwaved



DID YOU KNOW:
Eggs are a great source of protein which helps to grow strong healthy muscles

SOLDIERS

SCRAMBLED

POACHED

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BREAKFAST IDEAS

BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST

Breakfast is the best way to kickstart our brain and provides energy to start each day!



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Bus Monitor Training - Constable Muffy training our new Bus Monitors.

Neville Ormsby (Music Teacher) working with our new entrants, teaching them our music programme.



If you would like a chat about the property market in total confidence, just give me a call. I am around the Arohena / Te Awamutu / Otorohanga area regularly and it is always good to have a chat over a cup of coffee.



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Pastoral Realty



The Parent and Teacher Calendar App

Lost!

At Arohena Swimming Pools
'Oakly Hijinx Gold Sunglasses'
Please phone: Geoff Selby 027 5342018
if you picked them up.