



# Arohena School & Community

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New sandpit toys and Room 2 getting  
the tents ready for overnight camping.

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**Wednesday 21st February**

**Arohena School**  
**TRAIL RIDE**  
**4th March 2018**



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# Newsletter

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



Tena Koutou Katoa,  
Greetings to you all,

Plans are well underway for our whole-school bush camp this week, and we are now hoping for fine weather amidst the predicted cyclone. The seniors are excited about building bivi shelters and the juniors are planning their tent 'families'. We have had an amazing response from our parents and look forward to some fun times ahead. Brendan from Sports Waikato will join us for some orienteering activities, while Sarah from the DOC office will come along to share her passion for the native bush and her knowledge in seed propagation and sustainable planting.

This term, I have begun working alongside members of the DOC team to develop a plan for a native seed propagation project, which we hope, will be based at our school, and will benefit us all. We are fortunate to have a team of passionate DOC staff working in our area for the next few months.

Several members of our board joined those from other Rural and Roses schools at Te Awamutu Primary School recently, for a Cultural Competency Workshop led by Lisa Rapana. We were focused as a cluster of schools, on examining the Hautu Survey Tool, in order to gauge the progress of each of our Boards' and communities' development in cultural competency.

Our Arohena School Trail Ride is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March and we have been overwhelmed by the support we have received in setting up this year's ride. Roger and Clint Legg and Nick Prendergast

have dedicated a lot of their time to this event. This Thursday, we are holding a community meeting to finalise plans for this event and encourage as many families and community members as possible to come along and offer their ideas and support. As a school, this is one of our major fund raising events of the year with the money raised helping fund education outside the classroom programmes, and is essential in allowing the board to continue to employ our wonderful music teacher and teacher aides. I would like to offer my thanks to all those who have offered their help.

Please come along to the trail ride and soak up the atmosphere. This year the home base is on an Aotearoa Trust's road-side paddock, on Waipapa Road, just north of Pukewhau Rd. There will be food stalls and North Fuel's and Farm-Sources BBQ's selling sausages donated by our sponsors, run by our dedicated PTA team. We appreciate the offers of food that have begun to stream in. If you are able to assist in providing and/or selling food, setting up the course in the days leading up to the event, or acting as Marshalls on the day, we would love to hear from you.

See you there.

*Ngā mihi,*  
Kind Regards,

	<b>2018 Term Dates</b>
Term 1	<i>Tues 30th Jan - Fri 13th April</i>
Term 2	<i>Mon 30th April - Fri 6th July</i>
Term 3	<i>Mon 23rd July - Fri 28th Sept</i>
Term 4	<i>Mon 15th Oct - To Be Confirmed.</i>

# Arohena Trail Ride

**Sunday 4th March**

Aprox 30km Loop plus A Section, separate 5km loop for learners and kids mini track.

Mixed Terrain, open farmland, hill country

***Helmet and suitable footwear compulsory***

Assemble at in front paddock, Waipapa Road, 2kms North of Pukewhau Road.

Sign on from 8.00am - Track opens at 9.00am  
closes @ 3pm

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