



Refresh, Learn, Grow

30th September 2021

At Ara Tū Whakatā we...

Make someone's day

Choose your attitude

Be there

Play

Kia Ora Koutou, Kamusta, Ni Hao, Salam, Chomreabsuor, Namaste, Vanakkam, Swasti, Talofa Lava, Bula Vinaka, Malo e Lelei, Hello to all!

It is fantastic to be back enjoying our beautiful school grounds and even more gorgeous students! Spring is well and truly here, and our new buildings are almost ready to open and classrooms are filled with a busy energy. We are now playing more and more music during break times which students (and many adults) seem to be really enjoying. Music, singing and dancing creates endorphins, and also provides a fantastic calming of the brain stem. A super way to begin your school day :-)

Next term we will have a lot more student choice as classes have input into the songs.

COVID-19

Can I just thank you all so much for your support during these times. It isn't easy navigating Alert levels, while still providing learning for students and managing our own situations at home. I thank you for your patience, kindness and understanding. Hopefully as more and more are vaccinated, we will get back to some kind of new normal.

New families

Welcome to so many new families, particularly those arriving since the beginning of term two. I am gradually getting to know new whanau but please don't hesitate to come and introduce yourself or ask a question, my door is always open. I trust that your child or children have had a great start to their time with us. Please, if you ever have any questions or concerns, give me a call and we can discuss further.

A building update...

It's ready!!!! The 2 new teaching spaces and hall are now ready for us to move in. Exciting times.

Key information :

- The new car park/admin area will be open and functioning from Day 1 next term, Monday October 18th, at this time the car park off Gilberthorpes road will be out of action while the upgraded library happens. Access to the new admin will be off Buchanan's road.
- Brand new junior playground will be ready to open on Day 1 next term as well.

Hero

Hero is being updated with your child's learning this term. Please ensure that you log in and have a look at what your child has been working on. As always, staff are happy to discuss this further if you wish.

After school care

It has been a long time since we have been able to offer "After school care" on our school site. This is something that we would like to look further into and see what the demand is. A survey has been sent electronically and via paper.

Swimming pool!

We can't wait to open the pool for the new season. We need to paint the pool prior and we have had a few difficulties getting supplies. It is likely that we will paint it in the first week of next term.

We would love some help with this, if you are able and willing to help paint the pool, please come and let us know, we would be very grateful :-)

Prizegiving for 2021

Our full school prizegiving will be held on Tuesday the 14th of December from 9.30-11am. If it is wet or if the weather is not in favour, we will host a junior (Year 1-3) prizegiving from 9.30-10.15 and senior (Year 4-6) prizegiving from 10.30-11.15am.

2022 Key dates

We will begin 2022 with two days of Goal setting discussions. We found these incredibly valuable this year and allowed us to reconnect quickly and get off to the best possible start.

These two days will be held on Wednesday 2nd February and Thursday 3rd of February. Each family will be expected to book a time throughout the day to come in and meet with the teacher to discuss learning goals and needs for the year. We will host a welcome back, fun event and party for all on Friday 4th of February.

More information will come out next term :-)

Have a fantastic holiday period, see you in term 4!

He aha te mea nui o te ao?

What is the most important thing in the world?

He tangata! He tangata! He tangata!

It is people! It is people! It is people!

Andrew Wilkinson

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Teacher Awards

- ◆ **Te Rōpū Kura Pounamu – Jazmine Fowler** for making great progress in her learning. You are trying your best and doing some amazing work!
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Wawata – Olivia McKenzie** for making amazing progress in her writing. You work so hard on all of your sounding out and are writing some amazing stories! **Caelin Castle** for an awesome attitude in maths and being supportive of your peers giving them the answers when they get stuck! **Esmé Robertson** for working so hard on her reading. I love how you are really focused and this is helping you to make some great progress with your reading skills
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Auaha – Aroha Coulson** for the amazing learning work she did during the lockdown.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Maia – Sharnee Gordon-Gittings** for working so hard in reading and learning to read so many words! I am super proud of the effort you are making. **Adara Loper** for always being focused and having such a positive attitude to learning.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Ngākaunui – Connor Maxwell** for showing a positive attitude towards his learning. **Kylah Flutey** for always doing the right thing at the right time. She is a role model and many students look up to her.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Manawaroa – Melakai Fealofani** for choosing a positive attitude towards his learning. **Zach Young** for stepping up as a writer and blogger extraordinaire.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Mangōpare Savannah Dennison** for completing her roles and responsibilities in the class reliably and effectively. **Trisanah Auvae** for consistently approaching her learning with a top attitude.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū whakamanawa – Boston Tamariki** for showing a positive attitude and doing his part to make our classroom a cool place to be. **Payton Rankin** for an amazing effort in literacy learning and improvement in handwriting.

Caught Being Good Awards

- ◆ **Te Rōpū Kura Pounamu – Ashton Coulson** for making good choices in the classroom. Keep it up! **Lucy Birrell** for always showing respect and making the right choices. You are a pleasure to teach and a great role model. **Te Ahuroa Coleman** for always making great choices on the mat and showing 5.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Wawata – Leenarshaye Norman** for being such a kind and caring friend who is always there to help. You are also working so hard in your reading and writing and should be so proud, ka pai! **Kaitlyn Ashley** for always being such a fantastic helper. I love the way I can count on you to be such a team player in our classroom.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Auaha – Mei Salele** for always choosing a positive attitude and being considerate of others. **Jack Baker** for consistently choosing to do the right thing at the right time and trying his best in all the work he does.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Maia – Ian Bedford** for always showing respect and doing the right thing at the right time. He is always polite and has beautiful manners. Ava Bruce for always helping out around our hub and using her initiative when she sees a job which needs to be done.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Ngākaunui – Lucas Perez** for getting involved in group discussions during his inquiry sessions. **Ryan Jeffreys** for choosing the right attitude when it comes to his learning. He has a can-do attitude and tries his best.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Manawaroa – Maiyah Martin** for stepping up and choosing a positive attitude towards producing her very best. **Oskar Harris** for always striving to be the “Go-To-Guy” for everything around the class, whether it’s doing a job, helping others or using his initiative to help out around the hub.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Mangōpare Cody Starr** for being someone you can always rely on to tell the truth. **Ashaswi KC** for stepping up to aid the art team to complete their responsibilities.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Whakamanawa – Hakeem Masoumi** for being able to manage his learning and creating some great examples of work. **Ashlyn McKenzie** for always trying to be happy, helpful and doing the right thing at the right time.

FISH Awards

- ◆ **Te Rōpū Kura Pounamu – Jacob Furze Choose Your Attitude:** for working so hard to choose a fantastic attitude in class! **Kyle Tan Choose Your Attitude:** for always being the first to clean up without being asked and putting things in the right places. So helpful! **Ayla Gille Choose Your Attitude:** for trying your best and having a positive attitude towards learning. You are a learning champion!
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Wawata – Carter Riordan Choose Your Attitude:** for working so hard to choose a fantastic attitude in classroom! **Mia Snowsill Choose Your Attitude:** for always choosing such a wonderful attitude when she comes into the classroom. It is fantastic to see such a beautiful smile on your face! **Kino Coleman Choose Your Attitude:** for trying your best and having a positive attitude towards learning.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Auaha – Luka Simpson-Smith Choose Your Attitude:** for showing 5 on the mat and using his ignoring muscle to do the right thing.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Maia – Isabella Hancock Make Someone’s Day:** for showing initiative and always being willing to help others.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Ngākaunui – Parker Kirkwood Play:** for having a can-do attitude. Parker works hard during his sessions with Tash and is beginning to be more involved in whole class discussions.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Manawaroa Maddison Cummins Be There:** for being there by jumping in whenever she sees something needing going on in the hub. **Essence Shelford Choose Your Attitude:** for choosing a positive attitude towards her learning and always giving her very best effort.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Mangōpare Nathan Wong Choose Your Attitude:** for always showing a positive attitude toward his learning tasks. **Izyah Cooper Play:** for always approaching class fitness tasks with a smile and a can-do attitude.
- ◆ **Te Rōpū Whakamanawa Olivia Hancock Make Someone’s Day:** for going above and beyond to be helpful with our class. **Thomas Robertson Be There:** for showing a really great attitude in Numeracy and being highly focused during independent learning time.

Principal Awards

- ◆ **Milla Garrick** for being such a kind, caring student and also showing resilience with her broken leg! Great to see you making the effort to get to school Milla. **Cody Starr** for working hard to lead rugby at lunchtimes, a great role model! **Aroha Coulson** for absolutely outstanding work over lockdown, a huge amount achieved. **Maddison Cummins** for being a wonderful role model, always setting a good example.

Hair Shave Fundraiser -

Our belated Daffodil Day is on **Friday 1 October**. Wear a splash of yellow and bring a cash donation to support the Cancer Society. Each hub will have a collection tub. A parent, Teresa, a teacher, Mr Huggins and a student, MJ, will have their hair shaved to help raise money.

Office drop box - In the new school office, we will have a dropbox for students to place any notices/ money that needs to be sent to the office. It would be appreciated if there is money that is being handed in, that it is in an envelope or sandwich bag with their name on it, so it stays together for collection by Penny. Please help by doing this prior to it coming to school.

Signing children in & out - If students are late to school they must come to the school office to sign in, absence texts are sent out around 9.30 am if they were not in class at the time of the roll is taken. Also if they are leaving early for an appointment or you need to collect them earlier, it is important that the person picking them signs them out on the VISTAB, this is used in case of emergencies to know that the student has left for the day and why.

School Colour Fun Run - This year's fun run is happening on the 27th of October. We will be using colour and fundraising for the 'I am Hope' foundation. You may have heard of 'gumboot Friday'. This is a great foundation that promotes youth counselling, pamphlets should have come home yesterday, please start your child's online fundraising page and get those donations coming through. This is a colour fun run, so students will be asked to wear white tee shirts on the day if they can. They will get wet and covered in coloured powder. We would love parent helpers on this day, please see Penny if you are keen.

Term 4 Sports events -

Athletics: Athletics training has already started here at school and we will be running Takitini's sports day on the 3 November and Whakatau will release a date at a later stage. West Zones is being held on the 10th November for the year levels 4-6.

Olympia: Whakatau will be visiting Olympia on the 19th of October to learn some gymnastics. Information is being sent home this week. If you have any questions please ask your homeroom teachers.

Swimming: Swim coaching will start up again next term. We are looking forward to getting back in the pool!

Student Leadership -

Throughout the year we have been training up selected students to be part of a leadership team. We have four groups: Taha Tinana - This group focuses on the promotion of being active and being healthy; Taha Whānau - promotes our school values and events; Taha Hinengaro - trained in peer mediation and are active during break times; and Taha Wairua - This is our

environmental group which focus on a range of initiatives like gardening and keeping our spaces tidy and maintained. If you are interested in helping out any of our groups, please get in touch with Timmy Huggins. timmy@gilberthorpe.school.nz Snapshots of our leadership groups in action will be posted to our Facebook page next term.

Festival of Flowers

Lions will be hosting the annual Festival of Flowers on Saturday the 30th of October. Entry will be by a gold coin donation with the money raised supporting children with cancer to attend Camp Quality in 2022. More details will follow in term 4.

Year Six Camp

Students have been given a Year 6 Camp information and permission form. Please have these back to school within the first week of next term if not earlier. For parents who would like to be adult helpers, let Miss Waho know so Police Vetting forms can be given to you. If your child did not receive a form, see Miss Waho.

Sunhats Compulsory – Term 4

To align with our SunSmart policy all students are required to wear a wide brimmed sunhat throughout term 4. If they do not have one, they will be asked to play at break times in the amphitheatre.

School Photos –

These were taken on Wednesday, each class had a class photo and each student had an individual photo taken. early next term your child will bring home a special code that you go onto Photo Life website and enter that unique code and it will let you see each of you child's photos. There you order and pay for the photos to be delivered to school.

School Holidays – Maintaining Healthcare

Headlice: With the school holidays approaching now is a really good time to combat headlice. Check your child's hair and treat if required, but remember to re check it in 7 days and treat again.

Threadworm: There has also been a severe case of threadworms reported in the junior hub. This is common in schools and childcare facilities and easily spreads via hands not being washed properly. If you notice your child has an itchy bottom it may pay to check them. You can get medication from the chemist for treatment, and it may mean the whole family needs to be treated.

Road Patrol

Are there any wonderful parents out there that could help volunteer to run road patrol in the afternoons? 2.55pm- 3.10 on any day :-)) Please come into the office if you can help.



Well done to Maddison Cummins for having the Golden Ticket Lunchbox yesterday. This is done at random, and in order to win the prize, the funder has to eat the lunch provided. Maddison is a big fan of the klunches and from chatting to her after winning yesterday, she said she has eaten the lunches since day 1. Well deserved Maddison!!!

Congratulations to Aimee Matoe for being chosen for the Harcourts Hornby Hero Award. Aimee was chosen for this award. Aimee is such a kind and caring person. She does thoughtful things for others and expects no reward. She is a great friend and supports everyone she meets. Aimee is an all-around good person and a wonderful role model for other people.

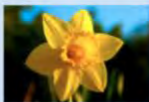


CONGRATULATIONS ON EARNING...

Term 3 PLAY DAY:

Friday 1st October

Daffodil Day Mufti
Bring a gold coin donation



Wear Yellow

Movie Time

Mr Huggins, MJ & Teresa get their head shaved



Movie time - As chosen by you

Bring along any treats that you would like to have while you watch a movie.

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