



Te Aro School

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Te Aro School Newsletter – 19 May 2023

News from the Principal's Desk

Tena tatou katoa e te whanau. Dobar dahn, Nabad, Hola, Ciao, Ni hao, Namaste, Talofa, Bonjour, Konnichiwa, Kia orana, Bula, Buon giorno, Guten Tag, Cześć, Salamu Aleykum, Hola, Ciao, Haye, Hallo, Merhaba, Akkam, Asalaam-walaikum , Selamat datang, Walang anuman

A warm welcome to Angelos, Daniela, Khansa, Mervan, Anais and Archer who have recently joined our school community. Khansa, Mervan, Anais and Archer have joined Kristin in Ruma Tawa. Angelos and Daniela have joined Mathew and Tessa in Ruma Manuka.

Reporting to Parents and Whanau

Next week we will be issuing our first written reports for the school year. The reports going home are for our Year 2 - 8 students.

In writing these reports teachers have based their comments on their observations of your child over the school year to date. They have used the information they have gained about your child from the Term 1 assessments and their observations of your child when they work closely with them or when your child is working independently of the teacher.

Your child's report will have noted where your child is in relation to their year level expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths. In making these overall teacher judgements (OTJs) teachers will have used a number of sources of information to make each of their decisions as to whether your child is below, at, or above the expectations for their year level. These judgements are not based on a single assessment. Throughout the year teachers make observational notes when they are working with small groups of students and the class as a whole. At report writing time teachers draw on these notes as well as the conversations they have had with their students about their learning.

A date for your diary

Our current annual plan has a goal about our students being taught digital citizenship skills including interacting safely and respectfully online. There is a second goal which is that our students will be respectful and safe digital citizens and that they understand that their digital connections effect both themselves and others. With these goals in mind, we have invited John Parsons, cyber safety consultant, to work with us as a school community. John works with schools to provide advice and direction on the safe and ethical use of digital technology.

John is joining our school community on **Tuesday 1 August**. He will be working with students and staff during the school day and then he will run an evening workshop for parents. Please note this evening's workshop date in your diary. I will confirm the time for this workshop soon.

Junior Cross Country

Our Years 1 -3 cross country event took place last Friday. Thankfully the rain held off and our students were able to complete their races. I am very grateful to the Year 7 students who managed the event with Meena's support.

Cross country was good. I was first in the Year 1 runners. I heard my sister cheering for me. That made me feel happy. I was almost as fast as the seniors who were running in front of all the Year 1s. – Oriol

Cross country was great. Everyone was there watching including my Mum. It felt good running. I enjoyed seeing my Mum and I was happy she saw me running. – Enzo

Cross country was fun. I was proud of myself for running. As I was running my tummy hurt a little. It was quite loud when people were cheering on the runners especially when the runners ran past where we were sitting. - Amelia

I liked running in the cross country. I ran three laps. Kian came in first place. I came in 4th or 5th place. Anna and Paul took a photo of me running. I jogged instead of running fast. In my last lap I did big jumps in my running. I like running. To play soccer and basketball you need to be able to run. – Nathan



I felt good running. I did a big run in the bush with my dad before our cross country event. I think that run helped me. Kian was ahead of me. He was so far ahead of me! I came second in the Year 3 event. I was feeling very pumped and my mouth was getting dry as I ran. Running your tongue around the back of your teeth gives you a little water. That helped me. My whole family was there to cheer me on. They congratulated me and said well done! – Teo

Central Zones Cross Country

Our Year 4 – 8 cross country finalists participated on Tuesday afternoon in the central zone cross country event.

I was placed 2nd in the year4 girls' race. It was a muddy track. There were steep bits on the track that made it hard. JJ gave me some tips on how to run my race. She suggested I took little steps but be fast taking the steps when I went up hill. She also told me to kick my heels up if I was getting tired. Her tips worked! - Rose G



I was placed 8th in the year 4 girls' race. It was a hard run. I had to go quite fast. I enjoyed running. – Ann

I had trained for the run previously so I knew the course. The track wasn't super muddy but it was wet. I was placed 4th in the Year 6s girls' race. – JJ



This year's race was slightly longer than last year. The track was muddy and hard but not super hard. I was placed 4th in the Year 6 boys' race. I am going to run a little slower at the start of my next race. – Zack



The track felt like it was never going to end. It was very muddy. The person in front of me slipped and almost flipped over. It was a fun experience. I was placed 6th in the Year 5 boys' race. – Leo S

I found the track hard. It had changed from last year. Even though I wanted to walk at times I kept going. I could feel mud splashing onto my legs and onto my shorts. I came 7th in the Year 5 girls' race. – Isabella D



The race on Tuesday afternoon was both hard and fun. I was placed 9th in the year 6 boys' race. I will be up against some fast runners in my next race so I have decided I will go slower at the start of the race so I save some of my energy for the final part of the race. – Residence



News from the school gardens

Last week in the garden we learnt that our soil needs nitrogen in it as it helps plants grow. We learnt that without enough nitrogen plants cannot grow taller or produce enough food. Tiny organisms and bacteria in the soil make up the nitrogen. We planted lupin seeds in one of the garden beds. The lupins we hope will grow over winter and then closer to spring we will chop them down and dig them into the soil. - Jay, Keyzelle, Gaku, Louie, Rose, and Eve



Last week the chefs prepared with Meena potato pawa. The potatoes in the dish were all from our garden. We also added lots of fresh coriander from our herb garden. - Kala



The potato dish was so yummy. We used several varieties of potatoes that we had grown here at school. I peeled some potatoes and I did some chopping too. I liked how the dish wasn't too spicy or too mild. I think if I made this dish at home I'd serve it with a salad or coleslaw. - Chelsea

It was fun cooking last week's potato dish. It was a simple uncomplicated dish full of spices and seasonings. It was especially yummy when I got to eat it warm. Lots of people in the class really enjoyed it. We used lots of seasoning. Adding turmeric coloured the potatoes. If I cooked this dish at home I would serve it with some rice. We did add rice flakes but not too many. - Neva

Book Club in Ruma Kauri

In our book club we all read the same book **Five (and a bit) Days in the life of Ozzie Kingsford**. There are six people in our book club. I have been the summariser and word master. I am now the connector. As the connector I have to make connections with what we have read and things that have happened in our lives. I really like how this reading work is a little challenging and fun. - Zoja

In our book club there are six different jobs. We now change our jobs each week. The jobs include discussion director, summariser, illustrator, word master, connector and passage picker. I have been passage picker, summariser and now I am discussion director. The passage picker picks three passages from our pukapuka (book). Ozzie Kingsford is the main character. He's a bit naughty and he's very funny. – Nina

Our book club was set up by Kate to give us a challenge in our reading. When I was word master I helped the group to talk about interesting words we read. Revolutionary was one of the words we talked about. We are allowed to read our book at school and at home. I like being in the club with my friends and being able read with them. – Luci

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,
Sue



Last week our year 7 and 8 students visited the Space Place at Carter Observatory for the Tūhura Tuarangi Aotearoa in Space Showcase by Tūhura Otago Museum.





Te Aro School Photo Day




Our School Photo Day for 2023 is Tuesday 23 May. Your child will bring home a flyer about School Photos next week.

Every child will have an individual photo taken as well as a class photo. If you would **also** like a Family/Sibling photo to be taken, then please complete the flyer and return it to the office before photoday.

After photoday, you will receive a payment form (with a proof of the photo taken of your child) and then you can place your order.

Te Aro School on Tuesday 23rd May, 2023

We will photograph portraits of all students as well as class photos.
You do not order/pay for your child's portraits or class photos until AFTER PHOTODAY.
You will receive an order form featuring a photo of your child after photoday. (Packs available below)

<p>Premier Pack \$45.00</p> 	<p>Classic Pack \$39.00</p> 	<p>Single Pack \$33.00</p> 
<p>Packs include: Premier: 10x8, 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets, Calendar and Class Classic: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets and Class Single: 1x 5x7 and Class Portraits: 2x 5x7, Postcards, Wallets but no Class Class: Class only</p>		
<p><small>Portraits include complimentary portrait fee voucher. You will be able to redeem your fee after you receive your photopack.</small></p>		

Family/Sibling Photos: Order form is on reverse of advice note which your child will bring home. Order form **MUST** be returned to school office before photoday for photo to be taken.

Aro Valley Preschool

A caring learning community



Aro Valley Preschool has places for children ages 2yrs to 5 yrs available NOW. Drop in to preschool to take a look around and pick up an enrolment form while you are here, or email us

info@arovalleypreschool.nz

and request an enrolment form to be sent to you.

Aro Valley Preschool is a small, community preschool that operates 8:30am-2:30pm Mon-Fri (including school holidays). |

Helping us to keep in touch with you

If you have changed your contact details including your email, your home address or your phone number(s) please let Jo or Georgie know in the office or your child's teacher.

We are planning on having an emergency drill where you will receive an emergency text to collect your child. Your child will only be released to you or one of the people you have listed as an emergency contact or civil defence emergency contact.

If you have not returned the forms that were sent home last term please update them and return them to school or please ask Jo to send you home a new copy.

Ngā mihi nui



the Y-Kids
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Te Aro
Term 2, 2023

We have a commitment to the development of our Y-Kids while they are under our care. We do our best to ensure our activities fall into the following three categories: Active, LifeSkills and Creative.

Active We provide games designed to support fundamental movement skills and to bring us to the heart of our sport.

LifeSkills A range of activities that encourage self-expression and to explore new interests and techniques.

Creative We provide our children with creative skills through the development of their imagination and self-expression.

Y-Crafts
TUESDAYS

Bowls
WEDNESDAYS IN MAY

Y-Play
FRIDAYS

Book online!
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ULTIMATE FRISBEE
TE ARO

Y-KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CARE

TERM 2
THURSDAYS
MAY 5 - JUNE 1

the Y



Bruce's Brass Lessons at Te Aro



**"Learning music supports
all learning."**

Having taught instrumental music for over 40 years, I've witnessed first hand the enriching experience music can bring... particularly for younger children.

There is an increasing body of research that highlights the value of learning a musical instrument and participating in a music group. Not only does music improve the capacity of children and young people to connect to school, it also improves academic outcomes.

To enrol for brass lessons at school; contact Bruce at bruce.trumpet@gmail.com or tel: 021 315262.

We have enrolment forms at our school office. \$15 a lesson.

Important Dates

<u>In May</u>	<u>In June</u>
Tuesday 23 May School Photo Day	Monday 5 June King's Birthday - school closed for tuition
	Monday 12 June Year 7 Boostrix Immunisations
	Wednesday 14 June School BOT meeting
	Thursday 29 June School Production
	Friday 30 June Last day of Term 2

Term Dates 2023

Term 2 2023

Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June

Teacher Only Day – Monday 24 April

Anzac Day – Tuesday 25 April

King's Birthday – Monday 5 June

Term 3 2023

Monday 17 July – Friday 22 September

Term 4 2023

Monday 9 October – Monday 18 December

Labour Day – Monday 23 October

Teacher Only Day – Tuesday 24 October