



# Arthur Street School

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Newsletter No. 3

Term 1

## Kia ora whanau,

As another fortnight has ticked by since our last newsletter the term is now more than half way through. There are many things on the horizon over the next 5 weeks, so please continue to check your emails for any newsletters or notices coming home with events and occasions happening.

The school is trying to reduce its carbon footprint and saving trees by sending notices home via email. If you are having any issues receiving notices etc via your email, please check in with Michelle in the office to check we have your correct email address. At this stage our newsletter is still in paper form, but our aim is to use a web based system in the near future.

Many thanks to those families who turned out to the More FM Rotary Duck race on the Water of Leith last weekend. Here is a picture of one of our families captured at the event and a picture of our duck. Thank you to the Room 7 children for the well designed duck!

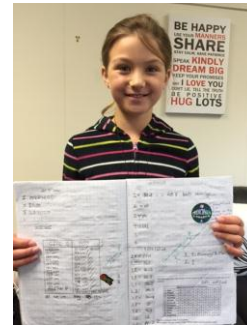


Please note also, that all lunch orders need to be paid in cash at the school office from now on and not eftpos, as the school auditor has instructed us to do so. Our apologies for this.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 'Welcome Picnic' next Thursday between 5pm - 7pm. This is a great opportunity to come along and meet families who are new to our school community.

Nga mihi,  
Kim Blackwood  
Principal

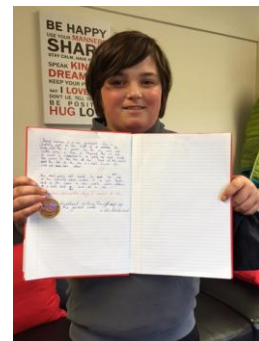
## Arthur Street Stars



Indi Kelly – Room 8



Assembly Award Winners



Tom Templeton – Room 7

### Year 7 and 8 Sports Expo

On Tuesday the Year 7 and 8s went to Kaikorai Valley College to participate in the annual sports expo. There were 33 sports and activities available, although we only did 8. The sports and activities ranged from Tira (Maori stick games) to Touch, Squash, Judo (a favourite!), Gymnastics, Indoor Bowls, Touch and Futsal.

This was a great opportunity to perhaps try something new and be inspired to take up a new sport. Many thanks to Kaikorai Valley College for hosting the event.



# Arthur Street Happenings...

## Plastic Fantastic

Room 5 has had an amazing scientific week unpacking the properties of plastic.

The children have found out that:

- Plastic takes at least 500 years to decompose
- New Zealanders use around three million plastic bags a day
- Plastic is very strong and is made up of Polymers and Monomers

The children loved breaking the polymer structures of the plastic bags. The classroom got really wet when the bags burst!



## Marine Metre Squared Citizen Science Monitoring Project

In Room 1 we are excited to be taking part in the national MM 2 project.

On Wednesday 9th March we visited Rocky Point at Carey's Bay with Sally and Matt from the Otago University Marine Science department.

We are researching whether or not dredging in the Otago Harbour is damaging the marine plants and animals. We laid out a transect and then in groups used quadrants to survey and count the plants and animals that we could see.

We found lots of marine life. We were especially interested in the starfish that had a broken arm, crabs, snails, sea worms and looking at different kinds of seaweed.

There was a dredge working in Carey's Bay and we could see the sediment being mixed up in the water as it dumped big buckets of sediment onto the barge.

Our plan is to visit our site again in May to do more research to see if anything has changed and if there is more sediment on the rocky shore.

We are putting our research on the MM2 website and writing a blog. Please visit the website to learn more about this very cool project and our research findings.

<https://www.mm2.net.nz/home>

Thank you to all the parents and whānau who came with us. We loved learning to be marine scientists and can't wait for our next research trip to Rocky Point.

By Room 1.



## Event Date and Time

- Assembly – Friday in the Hall 11am
- McRobie Photos Due Back – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March
- PTA Family Picnic – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 5 – 7pm
- Otago Anniversary Day – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March (No School)
- Good Friday – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March (No School)
- Easter Monday – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March (No School)
- Easter Tuesday – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March (No School)
- Swimming Sports – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at Moana Pool
- Book Sale School Hall – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April

**What's ON!**