



Arthur Street School

Friday 12th February 2016

Newsletter No. 1

Term 1

Dear Parents/Caregivers,
Kia Ora Koutou

Welcome back to another school year. Arthur Street School has started the year with many new students arriving. Our start of year roll is 138 students, which is up from 127 from 2015. That's great news for our school community!

Also new to the school is the teacher in Room 3. We welcome Ruth Iaseto to our community and wish her all the best for her year here at Arthur Street School. Ms Iaseto is covering for Mrs Simpson while she is on maternity leave for the year. Congratulations to Mrs Simpson and her husband on the birth of their baby daughter Ayla over the holiday break. Both are doing well.

With the start of a new year comes change and maybe some of our families personal details (address, phone numbers etc) have changed over the holiday break. Included with this notice today is a separate page with your details included with it. Can you please check it and change if necessary and return it to Michelle in the office.

Finally for this edition, please note that Otago Boy's High School have changed their school day and finish at 3.05pm. This will make the entrances around our school very busy. Please take extreme care when parking on Arthur Street and cross with your children at the lights to avoid any mishaps. If possible and if time allows you, parking away from the school and walking a short distance to the school to collect your children would be a safer option.

Nga mihi,
Kim Blackwood
Principal

Arthur Street Stars



Victor Martin-Edwards (Room 4)



Harry Rich (Room 3)



Willow Doherty, Matilda Hall, James Sycamore & Dahye Jung
(Room 1)



Dear Friends from Arthur Street School
Thank you for your generous donation of \$175.00 that your school raised on Friday December 11th 2015. Because of your kindness, we are helping communities work their way out of poverty. With the money fundraised by your school, we were able to buy a duck and a Christmas Donkey. Your donation makes it possible for Oxfam to contribute to projects that bring solution to poverty and injustice. Thank you again for being part of the solution!



The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme will be offered to all year 8 girls at school this year.

Sometime during February year 8 girls will be given a consent form to take home to their parents/caregivers.

Please read this form carefully and return it to school ASAP, even if you do not consent for your daughter to be vaccinated at school.

No student will be vaccinated without their parent/caregiver's consent.

The HPV vaccination is also available free of charge through your practice nurse or doctor, for all girls and young woman up to their 20th Birthday.

For any further information please phone the public health nurse for your school, or look up www.cervicalcancervaccine.govt.nz

VISION AND HEARING SCREENING PROGRAMME

Year 7 Vision Screening.

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Public Health South will be visiting our school on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 at 9am to screen all year seven students for distance vision and colour vision(boys only).

- **Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)**

This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart. (Not required if child wears glasses).

- **Colour Vision (Boys only)**

This is to detect children with the most common inherited colour vision defects. (Using the Ishihara colour vision book).(Still available to those wearing glasses).

If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which has been given out to the year 7 students and return to the office before Tuesday 23rd February.

There has also been some students sent home with consent forms to have their screening for vision and hearing checks done. These will also be done on Tuesday 23rd February 2016.

Please return these consent forms as soon as possible

St John Youth

St John Youth – Learn first aid, healthcare, leadership skills and much more. Our Penguin Programme is for 6-8 year olds and our Cadet Programme for those 8-18. Come and check us out at youth.stjohn.org.nz or for further information contact Glenys Riach on 0211668455.

School Photographs

McRobie Studios will be at school on Tuesday 23rd February to take our school photo's. Please fill in the form that has been sent home with your child today and return to school office by Friday 19th February 2016.



Event Date and Time

Board Meeting – Monday 22nd February 2016 In Staffroom at 5.30pm

- Yr7 Hearing & Vision Screening – Tuesday 23rd February
- School Photos - Tuesday 23rd February
- Walk n Wheels Week – Monday 29th February
- Wheels Day – Wednesday 2nd March.