



Arthur Street School

Friday 17th June 2016

Newsletter No. 9

Term 2

Kia ora whanau,

As week 7 draws to a close, children have been very busy across the school! Teachers have been gaining the most up to date information about your children for mid year reports that are due home next Friday 24th June.

Following the reports home, parent interviews will be held on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th June. You can start booking your interview times from next Monday 21st at midday. The information below will assist you with how to book your time with your child's teacher.

Booking your interviews

The booking website will open Monday, 20 June at 12:00 PM, and will close Tuesday, 28 June at 12:00 PM.

1. Go to parentinterviews.co.nz, enter the event code **ZQG9T** and click Go.
2. Enter your name, email address and the names of the students you wish to make bookings for.
3. Select the teachers you'd like to book by ticking the checkbox beside their name and then click the Book Interviews button at the bottom of the page.
4. Using the timetable, click the Book button beside the time slot you'd like to book for the teacher. You'll be asked to confirm your booking.
5. Continue until you've booked all teachers.

Once you've finished, you can view your timetable by clicking My Interviews at the top of the page. You can also print a PDF timetable to take to your interviews.

Before your interviews, you'll receive an email reminder containing your timetable. If you need to cancel any interviews, you can do so by following the link in the email you received when you first signed up.

If you have trouble accessing the page, please contact the school office to arrange a time.

Nga mihi,
Kim Blackwood
Principal

Arthur Street Stars



Erfan - Room 3



Zion - Have a go day!



Ra - Room 7



Thomas, Abdul, Nalani - Rm 7



Next Friday 24th June
\$1 per sausage

Available for you to order,
Plain, Vegetarian or Gluten Free
sausages.

**Order and pay at
the office by Thursday 23rd June.**

Senior Sewing

CALENDAR

- **Friday 24th June:** School Assembly 2.15pm
School Reports sent home
PTA Sausage Sizzle at School
- **Monday 27th June:** BOT Meeting 5.30pm Staffroom
- **Tuesday 28th June:** School Interviews
- **Wednesday 29th June:** School Interviews
- **Thursday 30th June:** Yr8 King's/Queen's High School
Open morning – Information to follow
- **Friday 8th July:** School Assembly 2.15pm
Last Day of Term
- **Monday 25 July:** Term 3 Starts

Arthur Street School Happenings

Room 1

The term is racing by and we have enjoyed going on two trips recently.

MM2 – Carey's Bay

We revisited Rocky Point at Carey's Bay to continue our Marine Metered Squared (MM2) research. As this is a longitudinal study there wasn't a great deal of change noticed on this visit. However, there was lots of learning around the *Nature of Science*. This means thinking about how we are working as scientists and looking more closely at our research methods.

We are continuing our studies in the Classroom and have two more MM2 visits coming up.

The first is a visit to school from Otago University staff who will share the collective findings of all the schools and community groups who have participated in MM2 around the Otago Harbour.

Following this, in August, a small group of children from Room 1 will attend a presentation about the collective MM2 research project at Otago University.

Have a Go Day – Edgar Centre

This week we took part in an energetic *Have a Go Day* organised by Sport Otago. The children rotated around six different sports and enjoyed mixing with children from other schools. Our children were fantastic ambassadors for Arthur Street School, displaying positive attitudes, enthusiasm and a good sense of fair play.

School Fair

We are excited about the school fair and plan to make environmentally friendly cleaning products for our class stall. To assist us with this we would like families to collect empty spray bottles and dishwashing liquid bottles for us please. The bottles can be left in Room 1 or the school office. We will reuse them to package our products.

Thank you to all the family members who helped us this term and we are looking forward to you joining us on our adventures again soon.

Nga mihi

Ruma Tahiri and Ms G.

Room 5



Traffic Light Drinks

Hi Room 5 Children,

Whilst enjoying my holiday in Akaoroa, I had a traffic light drink during dinner last night. I wonder how easy it is to stack three different coloured liquids? We will try to make this drink when I get back to school. I wonder what science will be involved?

See you soon

Regards

Mr Keen

The Science

This week the year 5 children in room 5 made traffic light drinks to help them understand that the density of liquids can affect the way in which they behave. This experiment has also helped the class understand how oil spills can be contained with booms.

By using 3 different liquids - raspberry cordial, orange drink and green food colouring mixed in water, we were able to layer the liquid substance because each one had a different density.

It was very important to put ice in the bottom of the glass first, and then pour the raspberry cordial in first. The orange juice was poured in next; you had to make sure the orange juice ran down the inside of the glass and landed on the ice. Finally the green food colouring mixed with water was carefully added using a syringe squeezer, once again this green liquid had to be squirted onto the ice that was now floating on the top of the liquids. We now understand that the solution with the highest density will stay on the bottom of the stacked colours (raspberry cordial) and the least dense liquid (green food colouring mixed in water) will float on the top of the other liquids.

So when there is an 'Oil Spill' the salty sea has a greater density than oil. This density causes the oil to float on the surface of the sea water enabling a more effective clean up.

We really enjoyed working on this science activity and a lot of the group went home to make 'Traffic Lights' for family members. You can still buy 'Traffic Light' drinks at 'Fat Harry's'!

Georgia is using the syringe squeezer to put the green food colouring mixture on the top layer



Rohan is using the syringe squeezer to suck up the green food colouring mixture

