



Arthur Street School

Friday 6th May 2016

Newsletter No. 6

Term 2

Kia ora whanau,

Welcome back to you all after the term holidays, I trust you all had a wonderful time with your children during the break!

This term looks to be a busy one! Please check the calendar of events in this edition to stay up to date with the happenings at our school.

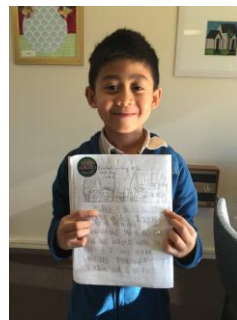
School Assembly for the next two terms will be held every two weeks from week two, on Fridays at 2.15pm. Please note the change of time. Parents and whanau are most welcome to attend.

An important date for you to mark in your diary is the annual PTA Annual General Meeting being held on Monday May 16th at 7pm. The PTA have some exciting things happening later in the year and they would love you, our parent community to be involved.

Just a reminder that school accounts went out at the end of last term and payment can be made at the school office, with cash, eftpos or set up an automatic payment. The details for this can be arranged with Michelle in the office. Finally as a reminder, follow the School Facebook page to stay up to date. www.facebook.com/arthurstschool

Nga mihi,
Kim Blackwood
Principal

Arthur Street Stars



Erfan - Room 3



Daniel - Room 1



The brochure from Scholastic book club has been sent home this week. Just a friendly reminder if you are paying by cheque please make your cheque payable to **Scholastic New Zealand** not Arthur Street School. Many thanks



The Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) need **your** help to make this year's book fair a success! All purchases from the book fair benefit our school.

Helpers are needed to set up the book displays in Room 6 on **Friday 13th May 2016, from 2pm** – with plenty of helpers we expect to be finished by 3pm!

Helpers are also desperately required to help during the times the book fair is open. **Monday 16th May – Friday 20th May (8.30am-9.00am) and (3pm-4pm)**. If you can help during any of these times, please phone/ text **Sonya on 021 220 2312**

To Celebrate our Book Fair we will be holding a dress up day on Friday 20th May. Children are encouraged to come dressed as a favourite book character.



Event - Date and Time

- School Trip – Thursday 12th May Room 1,3,4 & 5 – 'Wizard of Oz'
- PTA AGM Meeting – Monday 16th May 7pm Staffroom
- Book Fair Helpers Needed – Friday 13th May from 2pm – 3pm
- Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 16th May – Friday 20th In Room 6 8.30am – 9am & 3pm – 4pm
- School Trip – Wednesday 18th Yr6,7 & 8 OGHS/OBHS Production "Popstars" 1pm – 2.45pm
- Book Fair Dress Up Day – Friday 29th May
- BOT Election – Friday 20th May Close of Nominations 12pm

Arthur Street School Happenings

'Flowers in a Vase' Art Works by Room 5 Children



Artist - Grace Dong



Artist - Leo Woods

Room 5 Artists spent a number of hours completing Art Works inspired by Vincent van Gogh's still life 'Vase with Fourteen Sunflowers' painted in 1888. This painting can be viewed at the National Gallery, London, England.

The process involved making a symmetrical shape, (the vase) placed on a table cloth, completing the textured background and arranging the stems and flowers within the vase.



Artist - Laurel Dondlinger



Artist - Ramon Quennell

The Room 5 Artists had to consider cutting techniques when cutting out the vase, being careful not to cut the line of symmetry, the placement of the vase and the table cloth, the painting of the stems using green dye, how the textured background was created using paint and the placement of the synthetic flowers to complete the visual art works.

You are most welcome to visit the entire collection of 'Flowers in a Vase' on display in Room 5.

Room 1 News

In Room 1 we are delighted to welcome two new students to our class. Grevel has joined us from Auckland and Madison has moved into the city from Mosgiel. We have been revisiting "Our Class as a Whanau" learning and thinking about what we can do to help people feel welcome, safe and happy in our room.

This term we are looking forward to visiting Rocky Point at Carey's Bay again. We will continue our work with the marine scientists from Otago University to study the impact of dredging on the seashore. We are wondering if we might find more sediment in our quadrants this time and what this might mean for the plants and animals. Please visit Room 1 to learn more about our Marine Metred Squared research and to view our photographs.

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 last term and we are looking forward to you joining us on our adventures again soon.

Nga mihi,

Ruma Tahi and Ms G.

Rocky Point Descriptive Writing

The shiny Brittle Star raced quickly away to its rocky home as it struggled through the mucky sediment on the jagged stones.

Daniel

The greeny, bubbly Neptune's Necklace is waiting for a wave to greet it! The salty water splashes over the beads and froth goes running around them.

Esme.

The bubbly dark green Neptune's Necklace rocked gently back and forth in the waves.

Willow.

On the rocks there was a speedily moving Common Shore Crab. It was heavily armoured with its hard and defensive shell.

Gabriel.

"Look!" I shouted loudly. It was a Shore Crab scuttling along a crusty wall of multi-coloured wet jagged rocks.

Rai.

