



# Arthur Street School

Friday 8th April 2016

Newsletter No. 5

Term 1

## Kia ora whanau,

As our first term for 2016 draws to a close, you will be able to see from this letter there are many things that are and have been happening. Please take the time to read all aspects of the newsletter so you are up to date with everything happening at our school at the moment.

I'd like to invite parents/caregivers to the school on Monday afternoon at 2pm to the school hall, to listen to Lina Lastra, who will come to talk to the children about refugees, in preparation for the refugees who are coming to live in Dunedin from late April. If you can spare the time, I'm sure it will be an interesting talk.

Also next week, we invite you to attend our final assembly for the term, on Friday 15th April at 11.30am - Please note the change of time. This assembly will be a special assembly which commemorates ANZAC Day and also a small farewell to Ms Parker who has been on staff here for over 13 years. We hope you can join us.

Preparations are currently underway for the elections for our school Board of Trustees. Information can be found in this newsletter about this process. We encourage any parent who is considering this opportunity to talk to any of our current trustees about what is involved. If you are unsure who these people are, please come to the office and we can point you in the right direction.

Have a great weekend.

**Nga mihi,  
Kim Blackwood  
Principal**

## Swimming Sports

What a great effort from all swimmers! The time spent in the Otago Boys' High School Pool/Moana Pool has certainly paid off, with some excellent racing witnessed. It is fabulous to see the improvement in the confidence of swimmers, the development of stroke techniques and endurance. Congratulations to Wickliffe for winning the house competition. Many thanks too, to all the parent/caregiver support the children received - it was great seeing you all there! Thanks to Miss Elvines for great organisation!

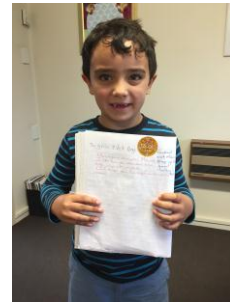
Swimming continues in term 4 for all students.



## Arthur Street Stars



Cora & Dora - Rm 3



Mikaira - Rm 3



Adam - Rm 3



William - Rm 3



James, Dahye, Esme & Gabriel - Rm 1



Assembly Award Winners



Nalani, Jesse, Sunia, Samuel, Paul, George, Phoebe, Maggie - House Captains - 2016

## ST JOHNS BE SEEN GREEN ANNUAL APPEAL TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Many thanks to all who donated to this appeal, we raised \$175.80

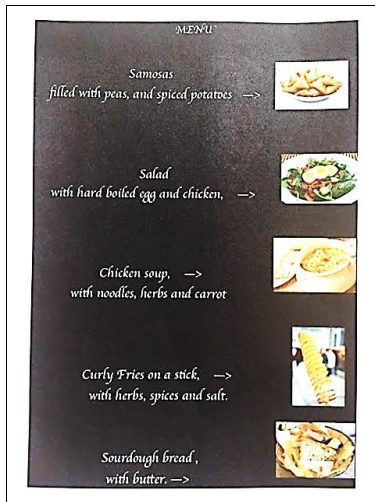


## Arthur Street School Happenings

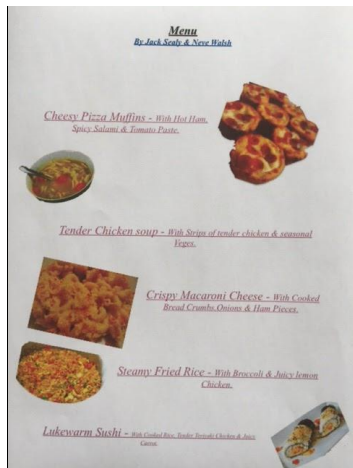
This week the year 7&8 children have been finishing their food technology. They have been learning how to survey, create food safe posters, design a menu and cook lunch and dinner options

The year 7 children made sushi and samosa.  
The year 8 children made mini pizzas and spicy wedges.

The children learnt a lot about cooking times, seasoning and not to contaminate our vegetarian options with the meat options.



George's Menu Room 7



Jack's Menu Room 7

**What's ON!**

Event Date and Time

- Book Sale – School Hall Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
8.20am – 9am then 3.00pm – 5.00pm
- Anzac Assembly – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 11.30am
- Last Day of Term 1 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

## ROOM 3

Room three students have been doing some fabulous descriptive writing. We have been busy describing what insects look like, how they move, their habitats and eating patterns. Their personal voice has shone through their writing, particularly in their missing pet posters. Additionally, we are in the midst of creating wanted posters for mischievous characters. Room three students are looking for the person that has stolen their shadows, taken the magic out of Christmas and even stolen the sparkle out of the stars. Please pop in and read their creative, descriptive writing.

Our Science Unit is almost at an end, much to the children's dismay. We have accumulated quite a collection of insects! The students have planned and discussed specifications for individual Ant Farms. Our final week will be spent creating them.

We have really enjoyed our Perceptual Movement Programme which has been run by the students from the Otago Polytechnic. This happens twice a week and has been great for the children's co-ordination, movement, concentration and co-operative skills.

