

Year 5 & 6 Aroha Island Camp 2016



Dear Parents/Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa

1) Celebrating Success

Our 'Celebrating Success' for the week are our top place getters in the Far North Athletics final. They are **Nyah Toia** who placed 1st - Year 8 Girls High Jump and **Waimitikia Perene** who placed 1st - Year 7 Girls Discus and 2nd - Year 7 Girls Shot Put and High Jump. We are all extremely proud of you both. Ka mau te wehi!



2) End of Year Production 2016

Production Date: Thursday 8th December

This year we will be holding a full school dance production. The theme for the production is The Wizard of Oz. Classes have started practicing and developing their items, under the guidance of Nadia Pitchford and Ellen Koland. Nadia and Ellen continue to work tirelessly with each class getting them up to performance level. I believe we will be in for another fantastic night. There will be food stalls available from 4.30 pm - 6.00 pm. If you are interested in having a food stall here, please contact the office.



3) Ahipara School Garden

Next year Ahipara students along with the help of our school community will be creating a school garden. This garden will be able to provide vegetables, fruit and authentic learning to all students and our wider community. Before the end of the year we are hoping to complete the fencing, slashing and fertilizing of the area we have set aside for the garden. Next week there will be a school wide competition to see who can design a remarkable plan of what our garden could look like and all the things we could have growing in it. This is an exciting learning opportunity for all involved and we can't wait to get started!

4) Vodafone Warriors

We have been invited with a number of Far North Schools to participate in an outreach initiative with the Warriors. This project has the primary goals of engaging youth in:

- ☐ Goal setting.
- ☐ Enthusiastic participation in their education.
- ☐ Regular participation in sport
- ☐ Improved health and dietary choices.

The Vodafone Warriors plan to visit Kaitaia for 2½ days from Tuesday 6th to Thursday 8th December 2016, with a primary focus of engaging local youth in sport and exercise. Our year 6, 7 and 8's will be involved in a sports day on Wednesday 7th December with an opportunity of 2 of our school members being involved in a VIP day on the THURSDAY. It is important for our senior school members to demonstrate our values to be part of this exciting initiative. Vodafone Warriors plan to undertake a year long project in the Far North throughout 2017, focused on all four of the goals outlined above.

5) NZ Surf Day

A selection of our Year 5 - 8 students will be given the opportunity to have a go at surfing. Our 'NZ Surf Day' will be held on **Tuesday 13th December**. More information will be given to children closer to the day.

6) Room 10 Herb Bread

On Wednesday Room 10 was lucky to be apart of making some herb pizza bread using herbs from our school garden with Amelia. Thank you so much for the fun experience with our Tamariki.



7) Ahipara School Graduate Profile

Late last term we had a school wide assignment about what it is we want for our Year 8 graduates so we can develop a graduate profile, which will in turn inform our curriculum. I was so impressed with your ideas and vision for our tamariki. After spending sometime grouping these ideas and making statements around

Ahipara learners...

...are literate and numerate and communicate and respond effectively using a wide range of media
...are positive, creative, adaptive, critical thinkers who use a wide variety

of thinking strategies to analyse, solve problems and meet challenges
...know who they are and where they come from; they have their feet in the past, their heart in the present, and their eyes on the future
...are confident walking in both worlds – Te Ao Māori and Te Ao Pakeha, able to work together and belong (Mahi Tahī)
...are confident, able to safely use digital platforms to connect to others locally, nationally and globally
...are able to demonstrate and use the values of the school to empower their internal motivation to do right, their relationships and learning (implicit – build character)
...are effective and responsive citizens and are actively committed to improving their communities (Pori hanga)
...are secure and confident in who they are and what they believe, leading to ethical social action (Manaakitanga)
...have practical skills and competencies to engage successfully and contribute in learning and daily living
...are self-motivated, hard-working, show perseverance and embrace change and challenge
...have an enthusiastic and positive attitude to learning; are self-managing, confident, open-minded and resilient learners
...know and understand themselves as a learner; and know how to learn individually and together

those ideas we have come up with this draft.

We now need your feedback. Have we missed anything? Does this reflect what our collective thinking is? Can we add? delete? reword? Please take the time to read and have a think about this. If you have any suggestions, comment in the box or pop in and have a chat with me. We really value your input.

Kia Ora

Comment Box: