



# ARARIMU SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

20 November 2025

### Term 4 Week 7

Wow, this term is flying by! We are already nearing the end of Week 7. I want to remind everyone that our last day of school for 2025 will be **Wednesday, 17th December, at 1:00 pm**. It will be here before we know it!

The school pool is now open and we are selling pool keys. The current temperature is 28 degrees. We have the heater running and have scheduled maintenance for later this week as it is leaking. Let's hope for some fine weather to help keep the water warm! Students are already enjoying swimming during classes and at lunchtime. Our focus this term in classes is water safety. We will be collecting life jackets next week for students to try out. That is always fun and entertaining!

Our Kapa Haka performance last week was outstanding! The students performed brilliantly and received strong support from parents and family. It is evident that they have been working hard during Kapa Haka practice to perfect their performances. A special thank you goes to our Kapa Haka tutors and to Sarah for all the effort they have put in this year. I am looking forward to a smaller performance at our end-of-year prize-giving.

Congratulations to our small group of 10 athletes who participated in the ECCS Athletics competition last week. They all performed admirably and served as excellent role models for Ararimu School. A special mention goes to Evie Frew, who won the Year 6 girls' 100m race, Sam Austin, who won the Year 6 boys' high jump, and Roman Wright, who made it to the Year 8 boys' 100m final. What an outstanding effort!

A reminder about students leaving school grounds at 3.00 pm. There is an expectation that they are collected from inside the gate. Our car park is exceptionally busy and we do not want any accidents. Please do not park over our temporary crossing as students know they should be crossing there.

Our property project is progressing along to schedule, or even earlier; however, we are still not likely to have this classroom block back until the end of term one, 2026. Next week, after our board meeting, I will release more details about year levels, classes and teachers for 2026.

*Craig Henderson - Principal*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 21 Nov	Extra Guitar Lessons with Sean Assembly in the Hall – 9:10 am
Mon 24 Nov	Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Tue 25 Nov	PTA Meeting 8:00 – 9:00 pm
Fri 28 Nov	Assembly in the Hall – 9:10 am
Mon 1 Dec	RILEY Reward Day
Fri 5 Dec	Helpers Morning Tea Assembly in the Hall – 9:10 am
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<b>SUBWAY</b>	<b>13 &amp; 27 Nov, 11 Dec</b>
<b>YR 7 &amp; 8 TECH.</b>	<b>Every Wednesday – 11:00 to 1:40pm</b> Rosehill Intermediate
<b>KAPA HAKA</b>	<b>Every Thursday 2:00 – 3:00pm</b> In the Hall or Room 7
<b>LAUNCHPAD (Bible)</b>	<b>Every Friday 2:25 to 3:00 pm</b>
<b>PIANO LESSONS</b>	<b>Piano Lessons with Kathy</b> Every Wednesday (for booked students)
<b>GUITAR LESSONS</b>	<b>Guitar Lessons every Monday with</b> Sean Oasan – (for booked students)

## Key Term Dates

Mon 15th December - Year 8 Graduation  
Tue 16th December - End of Year Prize-giving  
Wed 17th December - school finishes at 1.00 pm  
Wed 4th February - 2026 School Year starts

## New Enrolments

If your child(ren) has siblings turning 5 years old within the next year, or if you know of anyone in our area who has children coming up to school age and would like to enroll them, please could you let us know so that we can plan ahead, especially if they are wanting to start in Term 4 2025 or Term 1 2026.

## **FAMILY ACCOUNTS**

**All outstanding accounts to be paid please.**

**Thank You**

**We appreciate your help in keeping up-to-date with your payments.**

**Please contact Alison in the Office if you have any queries.**

## ARARIMU SCHOOL UNIFORM

**If you wish to purchase school uniform items, including hats – please note:  
We will require the payment in advance of purchase.**

**You can pay in cash at the School Office or by direct banking.**

**Our bank account details are as follows:-**

**Ararimu School Board – 12-3032-0741640-00**



## Teacher and Principal Awards – Week 6



## Riley Awards – Week 2



## RILEY REWARDS DAY

Students have filled the RILEY Awards jar, and all students are invited to participate in a reward day. Please see the flyer.

### Ararimu School Reward Day

**Date: Monday 1<sup>st</sup>  
December**

#### **Reward Days Includes:**

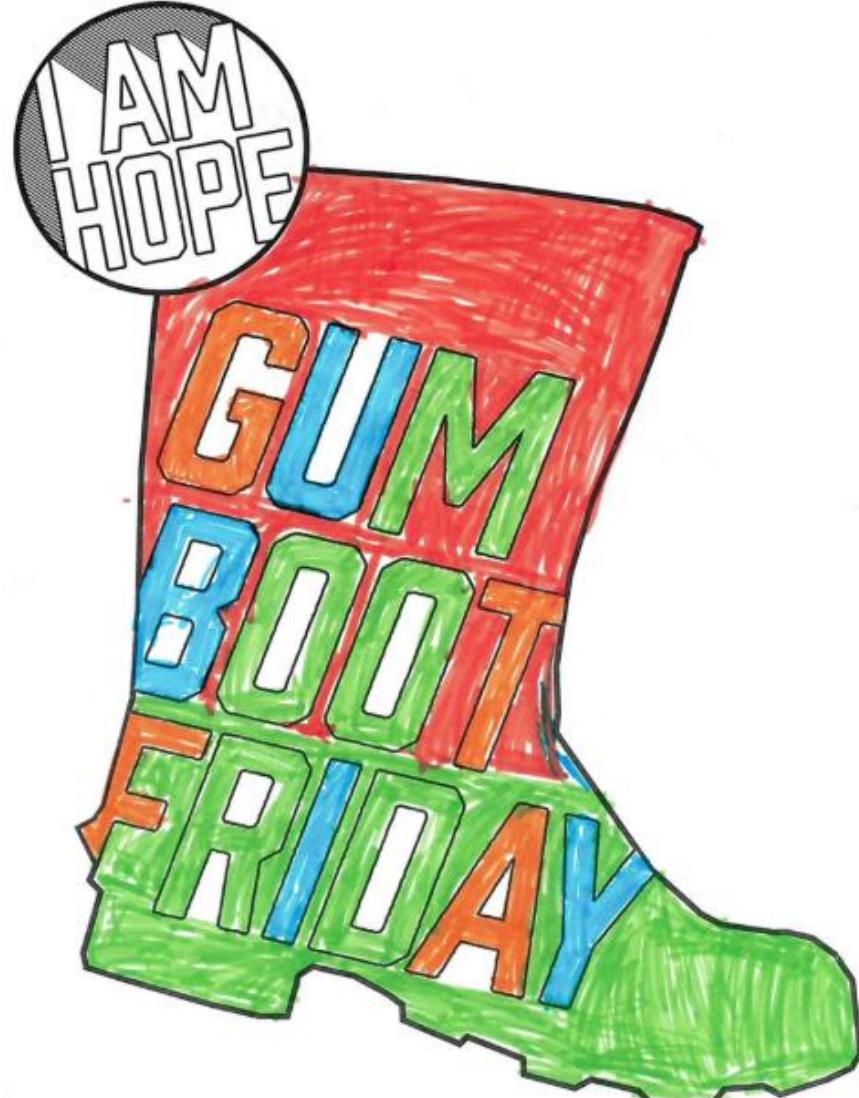
- **Mufti Day**
- **Sausage Sizzle (Free)**
- **Ice Block (Free)**
- **Wheels Day - bring helmet and covered shoes**
- **Extended play until 2.15 pm**



## Harlan Morgan

### Gumboot Friday!

Today is Gumboot Friday and the most important thing to me on this day, is mufti, hotdogs and ice blocks. Really it is about your mental health.



# Step Into Room 2's Fantasy Worlds!

This term, Room 2 has been diving into the art of fantasy writing. From enchanted forests to brave heroes, students used vivid descriptions to create imaginative stories. Using Canva, they also designed stunning images to match their writing. Here are a few highlights from their creative work.

## Gemma and the Dark King of Shadows

In the middle of the shadow filled attic, sat a tall girl with bright blue eyes and wavy blonde hair. Her name was Gemma. Gemma enjoyed being alone in the dusty motheaten attic as it separated her from the worries and busyness from outside in the city. She lived with her aunt and uncle although they did not pay the least amount of attention to her. But the reason why she was sitting in the middle of the attic is because she was fascinated by a small carving on a wooden plank on the floor. It looked like some sort of cave with a tree on one side, a cloud on the other side and under it there was a small fire. And lastly there was a droplit of water next to the fire.



Suddenly it started to glow in a neon purple colour and the light started dancing around Gemma in a soothing manner. Then Gemma started floating up, coming closer and closer to the roof until Gemma felt a tingly feeling in her hand then it crawled up to her arm and then her other arm Gemma was writhing around and tried to force a scream but there was no sound. She was still floating until she fell and fell and fell. It seemed like there was no ground. Until she noticed she was in a portal!! "Ahh!" "Help me!" she screamed.

By Anri van der Veer (Year 6)

## A Tale Yet to be Told



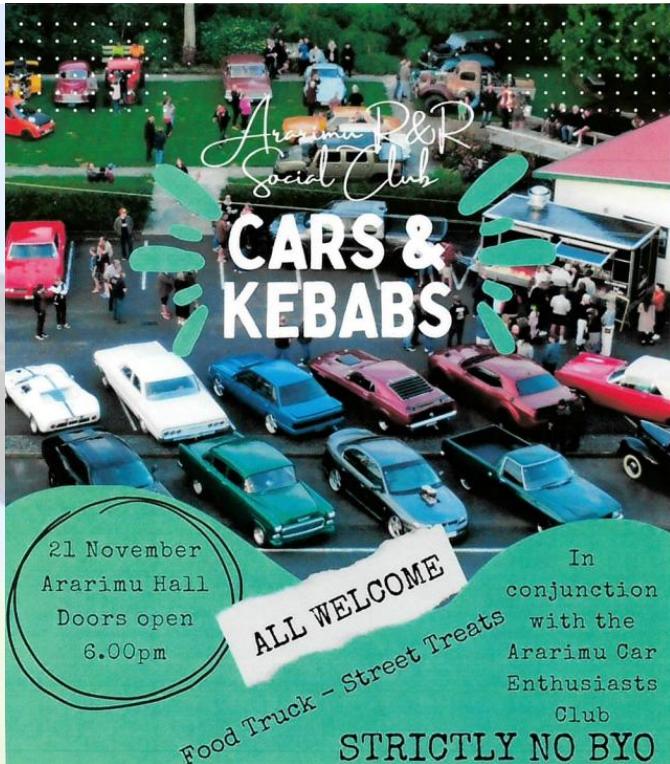
“Have fun Aaron”, mum bellowed. “I will!” I called back. My voice already starting the echo of the massive mountains. Our small red car disappeared into the horizon. The Alaska back country was surprisingly beautiful when it was not snow season. My heart ached for my poor mother - with my father not being in the picture she was left alone. This was the reason I cam to this hiking trail - to get away from my brutal life. I found myself running. I slowed my pace, already out of breath. The route twisted between two upcoming mountains before coming to the small cabin I had booked. A looming sense of oppression washed over me as the mountains glared from above.

Tree tops emerged as I passed between the giants. Is that my cabin? Nestled between trees, I saw a small wooden roof, barely visible, but it was there. Dark began to creep around as I reached the cabin. A porch protruded from the place. I stumbled through the door right as night fell...



I ripped my maroon red bag from my back. It hit the ground with a satisfying thud. The place was depressing: walls stained from water damage. I wandered out the door, glancing at the stars, flickering as if they were watching me. ERR! ERR! A sound like a thousand beating drums echoed through my ears. I clutched my ears, yet it made no difference. My head whipped towards the sound. Blue sparks ripped through reality. Then, all of a sudden the sound was gone...

By Lachlan Hinton (Year 8)



**FULTON SWIM SCHOOL**

**GET SUMMER-READY WITH FULTON SWIM SCHOOL!**

Secure your child's spot for the summer season by booking in for lessons now.

We're also excited to offer one week of Holiday Intensives from 19th-23rd January — the perfect way to boost skills quickly before school goes back for the new year.

Book Holiday Intensives before 30<sup>th</sup> November to receive \$10 off booking fee!

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**MUSIC LESSONS  
@ ARARIMU SCHOOL**  
TIME TO ENROL!

Acoustic or Electric Guitar and Ukulele  
FUN \* CREATIVE \* CONVENIENT

Learn to play your favourite songs.  
Plus opportunities to perform and enter music exams.

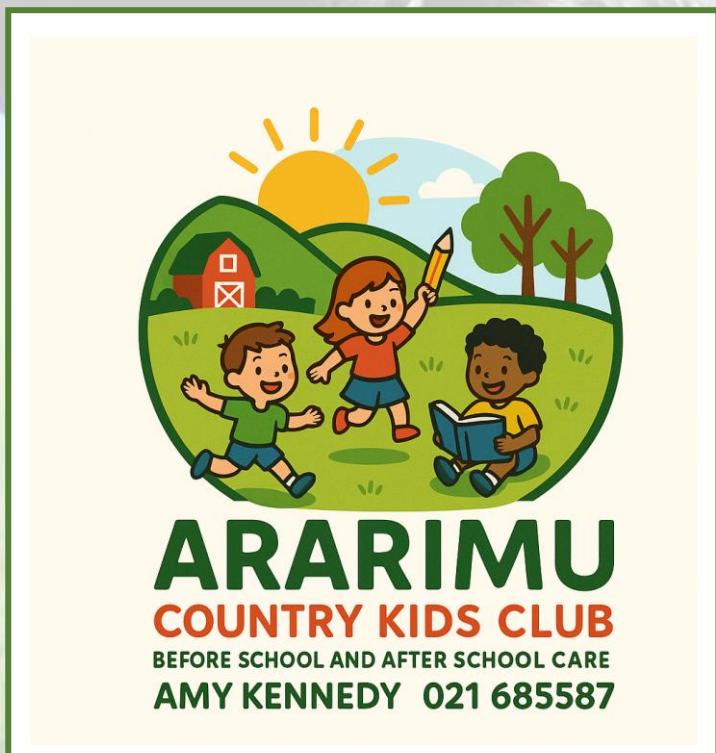
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**NZ MODERN SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

**PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS IN BOMBAY**

**Guitar Lessons at school take place each Monday.**

**Please contact Sean if your child is interested in Guitar Lessons.**



**ARARIMU  
COUNTRY KIDS CLUB**  
BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
AMY KENNEDY 021 685587



**JO'S  
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### SEASONS FOR GROWTH

"Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives such as separation, divorce, death, or other family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next term on Thursday 16th October. It is held in Pukekohe and runs once a week on Thursdays, over 8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact me at [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz). For more info please go to [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons](http://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons)."