

# ARARIMU SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

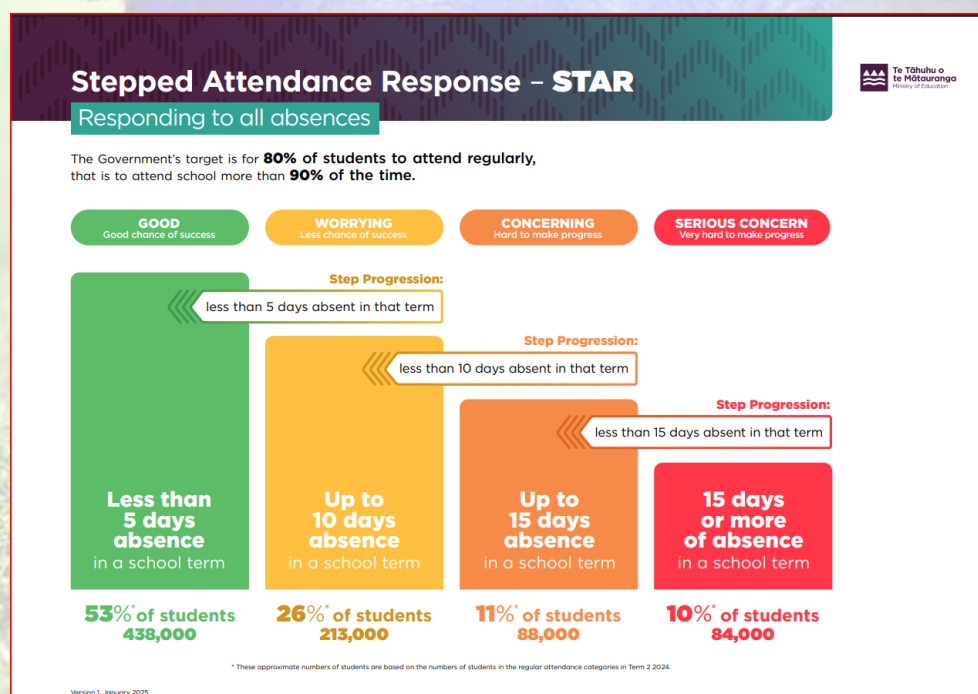


31 July 2025

### Term 3 Week 3

This week we held conferences, despite the challenging weather conditions, and we extend our gratitude to the parents who made the effort to attend. These conferences provide valuable insights into your child's learning progress. A special thanks goes to our dedicated teachers who went above and beyond, spending extra time to meet with parents, as well as the hours that go into writing your child's Mid-Year Report.

We are currently experiencing a rise in winter 'flu cases affecting students and parents alike. Please remember to inform us if your child is unwell, as we will reach out if a student is absent from school. This communication helps us ensure the safety and accountability of all students. Each child's year-to-date attendance percentage was shared on the report sent home last week, with a goal of maintaining attendance above 90%, in line with the Ministry of Education's National Goal. Starting in 2026, the Board will need to implement a clear attendance plan, requiring specific actions from the school, based on various attendance levels. Families with children who have low attendance rates (except for health reasons) of 80% or lower will be affected by this plan. Those whose children have an attendance higher than 90% will be left untouched.



On a positive note, our playground is bustling with activity as students engage in games such as tag, ball tag, football, touch, tennis, basketball, and gaga ball. It's wonderful to see the children staying active. Additionally, many students are utilising the library during lunchtime for quiet reading or playing games. It seems that our focus on the Zones of Regulation is yielding positive results, especially in our playground.

I have had great feedback regarding the Mud Run last Friday. I know our students really enjoyed the day and had many stories to tell. A special thanks to those parents who helped prepare for the day and then supported children.

## **ECCS Cross Country Success**

Twelve of our students represented the school at the ECCS Cross Country held on Wednesday, July 23rd at Te Puru Park. It was a fantastic day, supported by a strong showing of parents and grandparents. Congratulations to all who took part, particularly:

- **Braxton Crane** – 2nd in Year 4/5 Boys
- **Jacob Hunt** – 9th in Year 4/5 Boys
- **Jack Cunningham** – 12th in Year 4/5 Boys
- **Sam Austin** – 7th in Year 6 Boys



**We are proud of the determination and sportsmanship shown by all runners.**

**Craig Henderson  
Principal**



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 1 Aug	School Reward Day – See Poster below.
Mon 4 Aug	ICAS Digital Technologies Exam – am Snr Team Speech Competition 9:15 am Sports Camp Practice – 1:45 pm PTA Meeting – 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Wed 6 Aug	ECCS Speech Competition – am
Thur 7 Aug	ICAS Writing Exam – am
Mon 11 Aug	ICAS English Exam – am Hungerball – 10:00 – 2:30 pm Sports Camp Practice – 1:45 pm
Thur 14 Aug	ECCS Basketball
Sat 16 Aug	Ararimu Winter Market in the Hall

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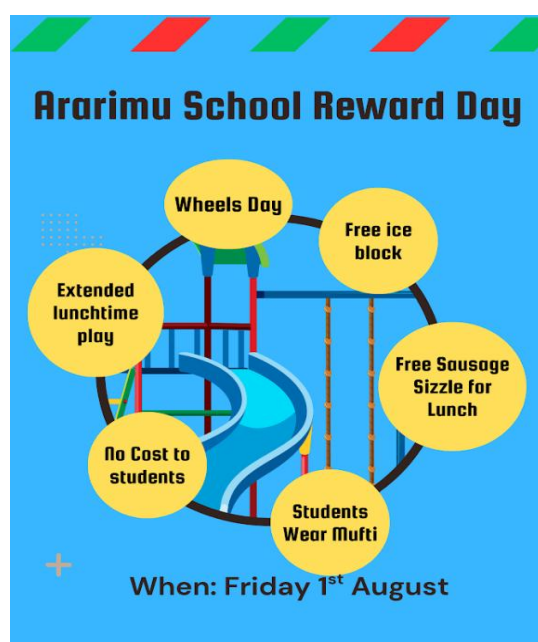
<b>SUBWAY</b>	7 & 21 Aug – 4 & 18 Sept
<b>YR 7 &amp; 8 TECH.</b>	Every Wednesday – 11:00 to 1:40pm Rosehill Intermediate
<b>KAPA HAKA</b>	Every Thursday 2:00 – 3:00pm In the Hall or Room 7
<b>LAUNCHPAD (Bible)</b>	Every Friday 2:25 to 3:00 pm
<b>PIANO LESSONS</b>	Piano Lessons with Kathy Every Wednesday (for booked students)
<b>GUITAR LESSONS</b>	Guitar Lessons every Monday with Sean Oasan – starting Week 5 (11 Aug)

**Help needed please to collect our Subway Lunches from Bombay – please contact the School Office**

## ATTENDANCE

Please contact **the School Office**, preferably by Skool Loop or phone call to the school office **before 8:30 am** if your child is going to be absent.

If you are taking **holidays during term time**, please contact the Principal with details **before the holiday**. **We do not encourage holidays during Term Time.**



## Ararimu School

### Beanie Hats

**Help keep your child warm**

**For Sale from School Office**

**\$14:00**



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 3 PARENT REPRESENTATIVES



*A Learning Pathway for Future Success*

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### Ararimu School Board Elections

#### Parent Election Notice

Nominations are open for the election of **three** parent representatives to the Ararimu School Board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with this notice, and the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, please contact the School Office.

Nominations close at **noon** on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025**. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.

Signed:

Mrs Alison Downen  
Returning Officer

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE - 12 noon - 6 AUGUST 2025**

**PLEASE CONTACT**

**ALISON DOWEN, RETURNING OFFICER**

**AT ARARIMU SCHOOL**

**IF YOU REQUIRE FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE ELECTION**

### **People who are not eligible to be school board members**

The following people are not eligible to be school board members.

A person who:

- is an undischarged bankrupt; or
- is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the [Companies Act 1993](#), or the [Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013](#), or the [Takeovers Act 1993](#); or
- is a permanently appointed member of the Board staff, unless they are standing for election as a staff representative; or
- contracts or sub-contracts with the Board without the approval of the Secretary of Education and receives payments exceeding \$25,000 in any financial year. This would also cover situations where a person has a 10% or more shareholding in the contracting company or a company that controls the contracting company; or
- is subject to a property order under the [Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988](#); or
- has been convicted of a specified offence identified in [Schedule 2](#) of the Children's Act 2014, unless that person has obtained a pardon or been granted an exemption; or
- is a person in respect of whom a personal order has been made under that Act that either the person is not competent to manage his or her own property affairs, or does not have the capacity to communicate/make decisions relating to his/her welfare/personal care; or
- is a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for 2 years or more, or who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any other offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon, served the sentence, or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed on the person; or
- is not a New Zealand citizen, **and** is –
  - a person to whom [section 15](#) or [16](#) of the Immigration Act 2009 applies; or
  - a person obliged, by or pursuant to that Act, to leave New Zealand immediately or within a specified time, being a time that was less than 12 months; or
  - deemed for the purposes of that Act to be in New Zealand unlawfully.

A returning officer for an election (or by elections) of board members is not eligible to be nominated as a candidate in that election.

For more information:

- see clauses 9 and 10 of [Schedule 23](#) of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the list above is a summary of these clauses).
- call NZSBA Advisory and Support Centre 0800 782 435, option 1.





**Braxton Crane, Chloe Cunningham and Georgie Dady  
feeding their lambs in the School Animal Creche**



**CLASS AND PRINCIPAL AWARDS**





**RILEY AWARD WINNERS**



**CROSS COUNTRY 2025**



# P.T.A. NEWS



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## ARARIMU SCHOOL CALF CLUB

**20TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

## ARARIMU SCHOOL CALF CLUB 2025



Dear Ararimu School Families,

On behalf of the Ararimu School PTA, we're reaching out to ask for your support for our much-loved Calf Club Day, happening on Saturday, 20th September 2025.

This annual event is a highlight for our students, families, and the wider community. It celebrates the hard work and involvement of our children and their families—and it also gives us the opportunity to raise important funds for things like learning resources, school improvements, or teacher support.

If you are a parent who is able to help us—or if you're connected to a business, or know someone who is—we would love your support. We're looking for donations of products, vouchers, services, or promotional items for our raffles and silent auctions. Cash donations are also appreciated and will go towards key parts of the day, like the bouncy castles and kids' prize tent.

If you, your business, or someone you know is able to support us, here's how you can help:

- Drop any donation items to Alison at the school office
- Email us at [ararimupta2025@gmail.com](mailto:ararimupta2025@gmail.com) to let us know what you're providing, along with your family name or your business name and logo, if applicable

All sponsors will be acknowledged at the school entrance on the day and in our Ararimu School newsletter, giving great visibility and appreciation for your support. The deadline for donations is Friday, 29th August 2025, so we can organise everything and promote our sponsors ahead of time.

Thank you so much for helping make this special day a success.

Every bit of support helps us continue to grow and improve what we offer our students.

Warm regards,

Michelle Crane  
Ararimu PTA Member  
Email: [ararimupta2025@gmail.com](mailto:ararimupta2025@gmail.com)  
Phone: 021 379 828

*Thank you for your support!*



# WELCOME

to your 2025 Calf Club calendar. We've given you all the important dates you need before our world-famous Calf Club on the 20<sup>th</sup> September.

## Important Dates:

1<sup>st</sup> July - first day animals are born  
11/8 - entry form sent home  
18/8 - trophies to be returned  
31/8 - last day for animals to be born  
5/9 - entries due in  
12/9 - all diaries are due in

## Items Needed:

Week one - non-consumable items  
Week three - mystery bottles  
Week five - jar items  
Week seven - packet items  
Week nine - lollies/chocolate  
Week ten - homebaking

### Ideas for Lollies / Chocolate Week

Whittaker's blocks  
Lindt blocks (Excellence, Swiss Classic)  
Cadbury Dairy Milk (including special flavours)  
Nestlé blocks (KitKat, Aero)  
Cadbury Roses  
Cadbury Favourites  
Lindt Lindor Balls (bags or boxes)  
Skittles bags or boxes  
Fruit Burst / Minties / Fantaes bags  
Gummy bears/worms / snakes  
Chupa Chups lollipops (bagged)  
Sour straps or belts  
Eclairs  
Werther's Original  
Fruit-flavoured boiled lollies  
Freddo Frogs  
Kinder Bueno bars  
Maltesers bags or boxes  
Peanut M&Ms / Choc M&Ms bags  
Candy necklaces  
Milk bottles  
Licorice allsorts  
Chocolate almonds  
Chocolate peanuts  
Chocolate sultanas  
Jaffas

### Homebaking ideas

Anything made by you for our cafe, or a packet of store-bought biscuits or a cake

## SEPTEMBER



2025 ARARIMU CALF CLUB CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	01 Week eight	02	03	04	05 Entries due in by today	06
07	08 Week nine	09	10 Lollies / chocolate week	11	12	13
14	15 Week ten	16	17	18	19 Homebaking brought in	20 Calf Club
21	22	23	24 School Holidays	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 School Holidays			

### Ideas for Jar Items Week

Anything in a jar must be sealed  
Pasta sauce  
Jam  
Fruit

### Packet Items Ideas

Boxed chocolates (Cadbury Favourites, Roses)  
Biscuit packets (Tim Tams, Toffee Pops, Biscoff)  
Fancy marshmallow bags  
Lindt balls (bagged)  
Ferrero Rocher (boxed)  
Shortbread (Walkers, supermarket brand)  
Tea boxes (Dilmah, Twinning's, herbal blends)  
Coffee sachets or instant jars (Moccona, Nescafé)  
Gourmet crackers (Arnotts, Olina's)  
Savoury biscuits (Shapes, Ritz, Cruskits)  
Pretzel bags  
Premium chips/crisps (Kettle, Proper)  
Pasta packets (gourmet shapes)  
Spice mixes/grinders  
Muffin or brownie mix packs  
Cookie mix pouch  
Cake mix boxes  
Pancake mix bottles

## AUGUST



2025 ARARIMU CALF CLUB CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
03	04 Week four	05	06	07	08	09
10	11 Week five Entry forms sent home	12 Jar items week	13	14	15	16
17	18 Week six Trophies brought in	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Week seven	26 Packet items week	27	28	29	30
31 Last day for animal to be born						

# CALF CLUB DISCOUNTS



## School Ag Day

Come in to PGG Wrightsons Pukekohe and tell us what school you are from to receive 8% discount on selected Ag Day items.

*Discounts valid from 16th June – 10th October 2025*

***We look forward to seeing you!***





**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.

**Sean Oasan**  
**021 151 5077**  
 seanosasan@gmail.com  
 www.nzsmcounties.co.nz




**Guitar Lessons at school will now start on Monday, Week 5 (11<sup>th</sup> August 2025).**

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



**WE'RE HAVING AN OPEN MONTH IN AUGUST!**  
**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Have you been thinking about swimming lessons but haven't made the leap?  
 Come along, explore our classes and experience what we are about.



**GET 1 TRIAL LESSON FREE**

For the month of August, you can experience any of our full 25 minute classes on us!  
 One Free Trial lesson per student. Standard fee's apply after the free trial. Standard T's & C's apply. Valid until 31st August 2025.

**BOOK NOW - ONLINE OR AT THE POOL**

[www.fultonswimschool.co.nz](http://www.fultonswimschool.co.nz)  
[info@fultonswimschool.co.nz](mailto:info@fultonswimschool.co.nz)

### **August is Open Month at Fulton Swim School!**

Fulton Swim School is celebrating Open Month this August by offering free trial swim lessons for new customers throughout the month at our Patumahoe and Puni locations. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to experience a fun, safe, and structured lesson with qualified instructors in a warm indoor pool. Bookings are essential - visit [www.fultonswimschool.co.nz](http://www.fultonswimschool.co.nz) or pop into the pool to book your free trial today!

# TERM 3 ADULT ART ADVENTURES

IN 6 X 1.5 HOUR EVENING SESSIONS WE WILL CREATE WITH A VARIETY OF  
MEDIUMS IN THIS ART GROUP TO INCLUDE ACRYLIC PAINTING,  
WATERCOLOURS & OTHER MEDIUMS.

**WEDNESDAY'S, 6.15PM - 7.45PM.**

WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY - 3RD SEPTEMBER, 2025

**COST: \$235.00 INCLUDES 6 X EVENINGS & ALL MATERIALS**

PUKEKOHE / TUTOR: ANNA MOLINEUX / 16YRS-101YRS



<https://www.youngatart.co.nz/adult-workshops/>

## SEASONS FOR GROWTH

‘Seasons For Growth’ is a grief, loss and change programme for children 6-12yrs dealing with changes and challenges in their lives, e.g. separation, death or other family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next term on Thursdays 4-5pm, is held in Pukekohe and runs once a week for 8 weeks. An optional Parent Programme also runs at the same time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Mencarelli-Skilton on **021 142 5812**, office **(09) 238 7228**, or email [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).





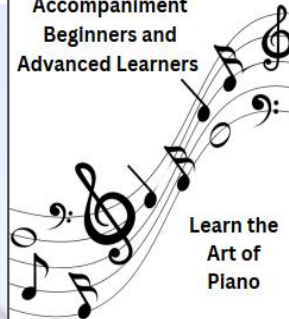
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## COUNTRY KIDS CLUB

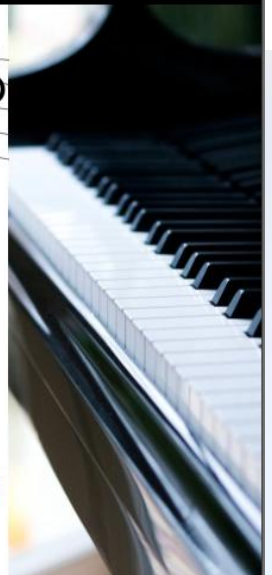
BEFORE SCHOOL AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
AMY KENNEDY 021 685587

# JO'S PIANO LESSONS

Private Lessons  
Accompaniment  
Beginners and  
Advanced Learners



Learn the  
Art of  
Piano



Jo Barwick ATCL AIRMTNZ  
Piano and Keyboard teacher  
Bombay Hills Studio, Auckland  
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## YOUNG AT ART

CHILDREN, TEENS & ADULT'S ART CLASSES

PUKEKOHE



Term 3, Art Classes  
Tutor: Anna Molinieux



- Monday, 3.45pm-4.45pm 6 yrs+
- Monday, 5.00pm-6.00pm 9 yrs+
- Monday, 6.30pm-7.30pm 12-16 yrs
- Tuesday, 1.00-2.00pm \*home school 6-16 yrs
- Tuesday, 3.45pm-4.45pm 6 yrs+
- Tuesday, 5.00pm-6.00pm 9 yrs+
- Tuesday, 6.30pm-7.30pm 13-18 yrs
- Wednesday, 5.00pm-6.00pm 8 years +
- Wednesday's (6x weeks), 6.15pm-7.45pm Adults
- Thursday's (4xwks), Acrylic Course 9yrs+

*\*For term class dates please refer to our website*

**What We Do:**  
Every term at Young at Art we teach our students tried and tested skilled techniques in drawing, painting, printing, sculpture and many other mediums, always encouraging our students to explore their creativity.

Our students constantly learn all about

- Colour theory
- Composition
- Value
- Perspective
- Learn to SEE and THINK as an artist

HOME STUDIO, 117 Valley Road, Pukekohe, 2120 (side entrance)  
Places limited, booking essential.



We also offer Holiday, Term Time & Weekend workshops and  
Arty Parties for Children, Adults and Corporate events!

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