



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2025

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***“Kia pono, kia māia, kia whakakotahi ai tātou”
“Let us be honest, let us be brave, so we all unite”***

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,

Welcome back everyone to Term 4!

Term 4 is exciting for many reasons, we have Year 6's who are enjoying their last term at APS before moving onto Intermediate School, we have lots of end of term celebrations and all the while, squeezing in as much learning as we can before the end of the year. Be rest assured, we will be working hard right up until the last day which is **Wednesday 17th December**.

We have now set our 2026 dates so you can add these to your calendar.

Term 1

- Wednesday 4 February - Thursday 2nd April

Term 2

- Monday 20 April - Friday 3rd July

Term 3

- Monday 20 July - Friday 25th September

Term 4

- Monday 12 October - Wednesday 16th December



Term 4 - Hats, hats, hats!



At Anchorage Park School, we promote sun protection practices to reduce the risk of sun-related harm to students as part of our commitment to providing a safe place to learn and work. Our core sun protection practices apply during school hours and/or activities **in terms 1 and 4**. We require **ALL** students to wear hats in term 4. School hats can be purchased from the office for \$14.00 each and are available in sizes small, medium and large.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S HAT IS NAMED AS THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME!

A heads up - Strike Day, Thursday 23 October The NZEI has announced a full-day strike for its members, who are primary school teachers, primary principals, school support staff and Ministry of Education specialist staff on Thursday 23 October. Unions are only required to give 3

days' notice (this includes weekends) of any strike action, so you likely won't receive formal notice until the week of the strike. Please keep your eyes out for further updates. Our School Board has made the decision to **CLOSE** our school on the strike day as the health and safety of students would be impacted as we are unable to provide adequate supervision.

Measles update - please read

As you may or may not be aware, recent measles cases linked to overseas travel have been reported in Te Tai Tokerau (Northland) and Queenstown. Cases were active in the community while infectious and there is a risk of measles circulating there, and more widely in Aotearoa. Measles is one of the most dangerous and contagious diseases. One in 3 people with measles will be admitted to hospital. Measles could cause significant disruption to education settings from kaiako (teacher) and ākonga (learner) absences due to prolonged illness and isolation/quarantine requirements. Please watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash.

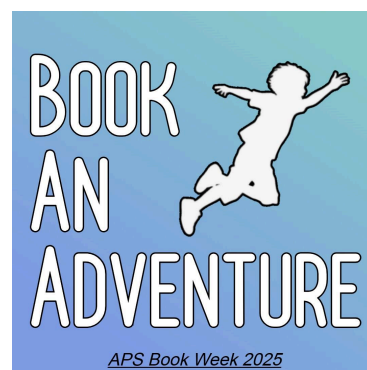
- If anyone in your whānau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116.
- Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check all whānau are immunised.
- Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received **two** MMR vaccinations cannot attend school/kura for at least eight days

APS Book Week - coming up next week!

Next week is our annual Book Week. The purpose is developing our love of reading and having some awesome fun along the way!. The Book Character Parade will be **MONDAY 13th OCTOBER at 9:30am**. If it is fine, the parade will be on the junior deck otherwise, if wet, it will be in the hall. Please help your child create a fantastic costume and come along and enjoy the show.

Other activities include:

- The Scholastic Book Fair in Room 11
- Junior and senior "Book in a box" competition
- Drawing competition
- Mystery Readers
- Literacy Quiz
- A visit from Pakuranga Library..... and lots more!!!!



October dates to remember.....

- Monday 6th October - Term 4 begins
- Monday 13th -17th October - APS Book Week (including the Scholastic book fair in Room 11 all week)
- Monday 20th October - Duffy Theatre performance
- Monday 20th October - Cricket sessions start
- Tuesday 21st October - HPPA Touch tournament
- Monday 27th October - Labour Day , school closed
- Thursday 30th October - Board Meeting at 6:30pm on the school staffroom

Ngā mihi nui

Tracy - Tumuaki/Principal