

# Aria Primary School



## \* Newsletter \*

MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025  
TERM 4, WEEK 10

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### PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

#### Tēnā Koutou Katoa!

#### Welcome to the final week of the 2025 school year!

The Staff and Board would like to wish you all safe and happy holidays and for those of you returning in 2026 we look forward to your wonderful smiling faces and recharged batteries on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Thank-you to you all for your support during 2025.

We will send a start up newsletter/ stationery list etc home in late January, before school starts.

- \* **Annual Report...** The 2025 Annual Report will be available at the hall door on Thursday night. If you do not collect yours we will post it to you on Friday or send it home with your child.

- \* **Reports and Assessment Folders...** These were sent home on Friday. If you have not received these, contact the office IMMEDIATELY.

Parent Interview: for those of you wishing to discuss student progress, classes for 2026 etc, please contact the office to make a suitable appointment time this week.

- \* **Classes 2026...** included in this newsletter.

- \* **Swimming Lessons...** Unfortunately our lessons with Auckland coach Lisa Patterson have had to be cancelled for this year due to Lisa's work commitments. We hope to reschedule.

**Swimming lessons continue daily this week with our staff, all of whom are well qualified to teach swimming.**

- \* **Prizegiving...** Thursday night starting at 7.00pm sharp. Please be seated by 6.55pm.

Please bring a plate to share for supper.

If you have transport difficulties please phone the office and we will arrange for someone to collect you.

- \* **Library Books and Readers...** We still have a small number of books missing from our Library shelves and reading boxes. Could you please check that you do not have these at home. You can return these at any time.

- \* **Thank-you...** to those at the working bee on Saturday for cutting down that tree of concern. Amazing Job!!!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### TERM 4

End of Year Prize Giving  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
At Aria Hall at 7.00pm  
Shared Supper

Last Day of Term 4  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

#### TERM 1 2026

First Day of 2026  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

2026 Āria Two Trail Ride  
21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February

All Year 4-6 Senior Camp  
Rotorua  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March to  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
\$175.00 per person

2026 Staff  
Room 1  
Mrs Pam Voyce

Room 2  
Whaea Nards Sisley

Room 3  
Mrs Sarah Fagan

Classroom Release (Room 2 & 3)  
Ms Donna Harper

Office Manager  
Mrs Nicola Alcock

Teacher Aides  
Mrs Rebecca Bates  
Whaea Nicky Monson  
Mrs Amanda Jones

Cleaner  
Carol Tilyard

Caretaker/Swimming Pool  
Donald MacRae

Gardens/Grounds  
Karen Jones

2026 Board of Trustees  
Acting Presiding Member  
Graeme Hammond

Ellie Barron, Hannah Bodger-Kearns,  
Anthony Darke, Lliwen MacRae and  
Connie Yanez

- \* **Wednesday Fun Day...** The staff have organised fun art activities for Wednesday morning. This will be followed by a barbecue lunch and strawberries and ice cream! There will be a few Christmas treats and of course a much needed swim in the afternoon.
- \* **Christmas Float - Christmas Eve in Piopio...** Charley Richardson-Douch has again offered to organise our school float. There will be further information on our school messenger page.

### We would like to thank the following people for your support during 2025:

- ⇒ The parents/whānau who have supported the school in some way this year.
- ⇒ To the community for all the donations we have received this year.
- ⇒ Threeway Motors for your continued support.
- ⇒ Donald MacRae (Aria RD) and Raewyn Cunliffe Mokauti RD for your continued support throughout the year delivering our school newsletters.
- ⇒ Many thanks to Lisa Watkins, Joanne Darke, Maria Palmer and Kaye Nelson for being our reading support people this year.

**Happy Holidays and Meri Kirihimete Pam Voyce**

## PROVISIONAL CLASS LIST FOR 2026

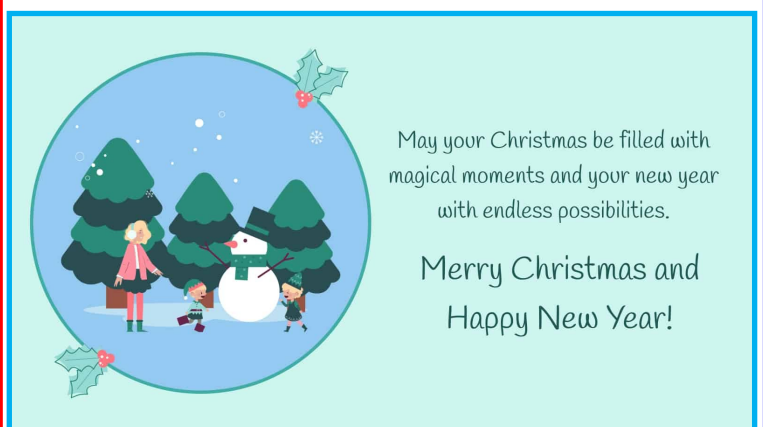
ROOM 1 MRS VOYCE / MRS BATES YEAR 5-6	ROOM 2 WHAEA NARDS NE – YEAR 2	ROOM 3 MRS FAGAN MS HARPER YEAR 2 – 4
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
Hatu Andrew	Michael Domaschenz	Dantez Haupokia
Aria Buttar	Vinny Le Feuvre	Willow Le Feuvre
Quayde Cannons	Emilia Pardo Yanez	Nui Mclvor
Hunter Cox		Rocky Williams
Lacey Demchy		Rylee Williams
Billie Jones		
Eli Le Feuvre		
7		5
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
Isaac Alcock	Lochie Craig	Millie Bates
Taihana Bodger- Kearns	Vinny Demchy	Elliot Cave
Austin Cave	Teilon Inia	Toby Craig
Dylan Darke	Piripi Wehi	Ivy Darke
Lucas Foreman	Maori Winikerei	Sarsha Foreman
Brayden Jones		McKay Hudson
Manw MacRae		Maggie Jones
Kaiani Muraahi		Nara MacRae
Antonia Pardo Yanez		Amber Rasmussen
Kaylee Rasmussen		Xylah Stinson-Carr Jacobsen
Kobe Ritchie		Taimana Winikerei
11		11
	<b>New Entrants</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
	Spencer Hudson	Harvey Deere
	Lara Gloyn	Briar Robinson
	Nant MacRae	
		2
	3	
<b>TOTAL ROOM 1: 18</b>	<b>TOTAL ROOM 2: 11</b>	<b>TOTAL ROOM 3: 18</b>
<b>TOTAL PUPILS (ROLL) = 47</b>		

Another year is about to end, as is my time on the Āria school board. Each year seems to go by in a blur, but taking time to reflect you realise how much our awesome wee school achieves in a year. Our students are extremely lucky with the full and rich education they receive here, with as many opportunities to learn and flourish put in front of them as possible. From the most amazing school camps - this year Motutapu Island, daily swimming in our heated pool and our mammoth annual production that never ceases to amaze me just what our kids can achieve when given the opportunity. But all this would not be possible without the dedicated team of staff at Āria, led by our steadfast principal Pam Voyce. As a board member I get to see just how dedicated this team is to ensure our children's needs are met, often well beyond the call of duty. As parents it is often easy to find the flaws or things we think should be done differently and pass comment, but we often forget to acknowledge the extra mile that the teachers and support staff go to ensuring your children receive the education and support they need. And often it's not just teaching, it's taking the rubbish home, dropping recycling off, running students to practices to help out stretched parents, applying for additional funding so our children get those little extras like fruit at school, or patching up those playground ouchies. So next time you pop into school make sure you show our staff some appreciation, you have no idea how much your recognition will help brighten their day.

I would also like to take a moment to introduce our new Presiding Member, Graeme Hammond. Graeme has kindly stepped into the position temporarily to relieve me of my duties after many years dedicated to our board. Graeme brings with him years of board experience, serving on both local school boards and the Waikato Board of Trustees. I have enjoyed getting to know Graeme over the last 6 months and feel confident leaving the board in his capable hands, not that I am going far! I have a vested interest in the school for a few years yet with two boys still to complete their Āria education.

As I step away from the role, my heart remains firmly with Āria Primary. To our parents, students and community, thank you for your ongoing support—it is the heart of our school. And to our tamariki, never stop asking questions, never stop exploring, and never stop believing in what you can achieve.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Natasha Cave





## LAST WEEK FOR KEYS ARIA SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL KEYS

Swimming pool keys are available from the school office. Pay, sign the documentation and receive your key.

Last day to collect pool keys is end of school day **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

Pool **WILL NOT** be opened to the public until the end of school day on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December!**

### Cost for keys for 2023/2024:

- ⇒ Key: \$60.00
- ⇒ Bond: \$20.00

Pay directly into the school bank account:

Bank: Westpac  
Account Number: 030449-0105523-00  
Account Name: Aria School BOT  
Reference: Pool Key

You will receive the \$20.00 bond back when you return your key at the end of the season.



## ARIA 2-DAY TRAIL RIDE

**Sat & Sun  
21 & 22  
February  
2026**

St Helen's Domain • Kumara Rd • Aria



**Burn-Out Comp**



**Moto X Track**



**3 Senior Tracks**



**5km Track**



**Mud Run**

Rider numbers restricted  
**PRE-REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL**  
\$70/day • \$110/weekend  
Kids (15yrs and under) \$35/day • \$45/weekend  
Registrations close midnight Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb  
or when event is at full capacity  
Late registrations will only be accepted if numbers allow, and will be required to pay increased entry fee of \$110/day • \$160/weekend

- Tracks open 9.30am on Sat - no briefing - rolling registration
- Side-by-side passengers full price (must register)
- All rules and guidelines on registration form
- Breakfasts/dinner and all-day BBQ available to purchase
- Lions Caravan open Friday night
- Camping available Fri & Sat (please take home your rubbish)
- No dogs permitted
- ZERO TOLERANCE for bike noise after 8pm

Many thanks to all our numerous property owners, supporters and ...


- King Country Honda • White Ridge Contracting • A & L Earthworks
- Tucker's Quarry • St Mary's Scout Group • T & K Alcock
- Progress Transport • Te Kuiti New World • Piopio Lions



Info/registration [www.silverbullet.co.nz](http://www.silverbullet.co.nz)  
or email [aria2dayride@gmail.com](mailto:aria2dayride@gmail.com)



Aria 2 Day Trail Ride



## Happy Birthday

**Harvey Deere  
Issac Alcock  
Nara MacRae  
Nui McIvor  
Maori Winikerie**

who celebrates their birthday in the school holidays.

We hope you all have a lovely day!!

### Aria Primary School Scale A Principal Release Teacher 0.4 (2 days/week)

Position commences beginning term one 2026.

Multi-level classroom, years 4-6. Days worked are negotiable.

We are seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic teacher who will inspire and motivate students to learn. Must have a strong curriculum knowledge particularly in literacy and numeracy. Strengths in working collaboratively, commitment to your own professional growth and strong classroom management skills are required. Our school has a passionate and supportive staff culture. We look forward to hearing from you.

Please send brief CV plus covering letter and names of two referees to The Principal, Aria Primary School, 17 Barclay Road, Aria 3979 or e-mail to [office@aria.school.nz](mailto:office@aria.school.nz).

For further information, contact the principal Pam Voyce. Applications close when a suitable applicant has been found.





## ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Two bedroom Cottage or similar, with garden space, needed for single woman, within reasonable driving distance to Aria school.

Anything considered.

Please Call Marilyn (07) 222-6187 or 027 424 9401



## AGM

St Helens' Domain Board  
Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm  
St Helens' Domain

ALL WELCOME

If you have any queries, please contact:  
**Blair Nelson (Munta)**  
027 490 0502



**Aria Cosi Club**

# Farmers potluck dinner

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of December**  
**4pm - Late**

BRING A PLATE TO SHARE,  
YOUR BEST STORIES, AND A  
BIT OF CHRISTMAS CHEER!

FOR ALL YOU  
HARDWORKING  
FARMERS

**Aria**  
COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TRADING HOURS

**CLUB CLOSED: KITCHEN HOURS:**

- Christmas Day
- Boxing Day
- New Year's Day
- Day after New Year's

Open as usual on all other days

The Kitchen will be closed from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and will reopen on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

*Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!!*

ARIA COSI CLUB PRESENTS FOR MEMBERS & AFFILIATED GUEST

# CLUB SHOUT

**WED 17TH DECEMBER 2025**

**FROM 5PM TILL LATE**

BBQ DINNER - MEAT SUPPLIED  
MEMBERS PLEASE BRING A SALAD OR SIDE DISH

**XMAS HAMPER RAFFLE**

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT - ELF

**LOLLIE SCRAMBLE**

SANTA COMING IN BY HELICOPTER (WEATHER PERMITTING)

**A VERY MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**and Happy New Year!**

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