

MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2023
TERM 4, WEEK 10

TĒNĀ KOUTOU
KATOĀ!

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Āria School

* Newsletter *



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Board Meetings 2024
6.30pm, all welcome
Tuesday 13th February

End of Year Prize Giving
Wednesday 13th December
At Aria Hall at 7.00pm

Last day of Term 4
Thursday 14th December

First day of Term 1 2024
Thursday 1st February



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to the following children who
celebrate their birthday in the
school holidays.

We hope you all enjoy your
special day!

Isaac Alcock
Nevada Grace-Maurirere

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS...

Welcome to the final week of the 2023 school year and the final newsletter for the year!

The Staff and Board would like to wish you all safe and happy holidays and for those of you returning in 2024 we look forward to your wonderful smiling faces and recharged batteries on Thursday 1st February 2024.

* **Start of 2024...** We will send a start up newsletter / stationery list etc home in late January, before school starts. The stationery list will be uploaded to our facebook page and emailed this week.

* **Choir...** Congratulations to the Titiwai Children's Choir for their outstanding performances at the Waitomo Caves "Carols in the Caves" on Friday and Saturday nights. Our 5 students are very strong singers in the group.

For those who are passionate about singing, I am in the process of organising another combined schools Music Festival for September next year. This will most likely only involve our Room 1 class. There will be other opportunities for younger students as well and I will keep you posted.

* **Piopio Christmas Parade...** Don't forget the School float on Friday 22nd December. Come dressed as an elf or reindeer if you can or just your favourite Christmas outfit. Bring your wheels if you want to, like stake boards, bikes, scooters etc. Meet at the St John Ambulance carpark at 6.00pm for judging. The parade starts at 6.30pm. Hope to see you all there.

* **Lunches in School...** there will no longer be lunches in schools. Please send a packed lunchbox to school for the remainder of the week. At this stage there will not be any lunches provided next year, however the canteen will continue on Mondays and Fridays.

We would like to thank the following people for your support during 2023:

- ⇒ 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 Mokauiti RD for your continued support throughout the year delivering our school newsletters.
- ⇒ Sheryl Johnson (Piopio Pantry) for providing school lunches in school this term.

See you all at prize giving on Wednesday, please be seated by 6.50pm.

**Meri Kirihimete me te Hape Nū I
Pam Voyce.**

ĀRIA SCHOOL VALUES

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| A ttitude | - | I always do my best. |
| R esilience | - | I am motivated and confident. |
| I ntegrity | - | I am honest, kind and caring. I treat all people with respect even when they are different from me. |
| A ccept responsibility | - | I am organised and on task. |

I am an ĀRIA student

OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER, NOTICES AND CALENDAR OF UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE WWW.ARIA.SCHOOL.NZ

SCHOOL NOTICES

ĀRIA 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 **Tuesday 12th December 2023.**

Pool **WILL NOT** be opened to the public until the end of school day on **Thursday 14th 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.



to Donald MacRae and his team of helpers, Brett Johnston & Stefan Mischefski for installing the pool cover on the swimming pool.

We really appreciate your help and support.

WE NEED YOU!!! BOARD POSITION URGENTLY REQUIRED

We currently have an open position on the Āria School Board that **urgently requires filling.**

The role is that of Board treasurer as our current treasurer has moved into the Presiding Members Role. Some financial knowledge would be helpful but not a necessity as the accounts are all prepared by Ed Services in a manner that makes monthly checks and reporting simple. The incoming treasurer will be provided with support from the existing treasurer, Ed Services and there is professional development available also.

Joining the board is a great way to understand how your school works behind the scenes and a great introduction to governance.

If you would like to know more about the role please phone Natasha Cave on 027 278 7509.

Natasha Cave
Presiding Member
Āria School Board



HONESTY AWARDS

The following children have found money on the school grounds at some point and have handed the money into the office. We are very grateful for the honesty of these students in handing in money that doesn't belong to them.

Aria Buttar
Mila Ormsby
Antonia Pardo Yanez
Kadius Young
Laveila Young

A smiling emoji with its hand to its chin.

**A MASSIVE
THANK
YOU**



To the following farmers for nominating Āria School. The donation we received is appreciated.

Papakauri Farms Ltd
(Phill & Marree Gudopp & Matt & Natasha Faull)

GB & DG Hodges Trust

Riley Farming Ltd
(Sarah & Kevin Riley)

Kia ora koutou

This year it is my turn to present the Presiding Member's Report for Āria Primary School, not something I had envisaged undertaking at the beginning of the year but with our then Presiding Member Bevan Brown standing down from the board earlier in the year I have found myself in this role.

As we return to our post covid "New" normal, it seems the year has flown by in what seems like a busier fluster than normal. Whilst we faced the challenge of reducing to a two-teacher school, our wonderful school has returned to doing all the awesome things that make it so special. The annual senior school camp, this year at Rotorua, hosting other kura and hundreds of tamariki for orienteering at St Helen's domain, kapa haka development and performances, seniors attending national leaders' day, attending interschool athletics, cross country and swimming among many, many other activities and day trips our Āria students have undertaken. One of the highlights and something Pam Voyce and her teaching staff should be extremely proud of is the development of our local curriculum, with students learning and connecting with the local history, land and waterways, and understanding how we can protect these taonga into the future. The local curriculum development this year has seen our tamariki visit Pureora and learn the Māori history of the area and see the headwaters and beginning of our Mokau river, visit Wai Ora Rivercare and learn all about growing our native rakau, a stream health day among many other aspects of learning associated to the local curriculum. I see this as a fantastic opportunity for not just our students but also our parents to learn alongside our children, helping our children develop a strong sense of belonging and connection to our community and what makes it so special. This curriculum area continues to develop with some exciting plans ahead.

Whilst we bid farewell to this year as a board our eyes are also focussed on next year and the challenges it poses us. We remain a two-teacher school for now, with an increasing roll, a challenge constantly at the forefront of the minds of our teaching staff, as they ensure all the children receive the attention they need. As a board we have committed to continuing to provide two full time teacher aides to provide our teachers with the support they require. In the meantime, Pam will continue to lobby the ministry for more funding for a third teacher, which is somewhat of a frustrating and thankless task.

I would like to take this moment to thank the amazing teaching and support staff at our school. These ladies go above and beyond for our children, often undertaking tasks outside of their job descriptions, that largely go unnoticed by parents and others, but they do for the general benefit of our school and students, such as taking home the rubbish due to losing our rubbish collection, picking up and running children to and from school in their private vehicles, and being genuinely invested in our children. Also, a huge thank you to our caretaker Donald MacRae, Cleaner Carol Tilyard and gardener Kate Dawson. And most importantly a heartfelt thank you to our super principal Pam Voyce. This lady is a force to be reckoned with. Many of you will not see the blood, sweat and tears this amazing wahine toa puts in when the rest of us aren't looking. Late nights working keeping up with the never-ending paperwork that the education system requires, fighting the good fight with the ministry to ensure our children get their needs met, alongside being a teaching principal. You never cease to amaze me and thank you for making my job on the board so much easier.

I would also like to thank two of our former board members who left earlier this year after many years on the Āria School Board. Thank you to Catherine Terry and Bevan Brown for your time and dedication to the Āria School Board. Your experience is greatly missed.

To our current board members, Phil Watkins, Hannah Bodger-Kearns, Lliwen MacRae, Nicole Hurley and Raewyn Williams, thank you for your continuing contribution to the Āria School Board.

And most importantly, thank you to our wonderful students of Āria School. Your confidence in this world as always continues to amaze me, you always do our school and community proud when representing us at events, face challenges head on as they appear and jump at opportunities to learn with enthusiasm. If you continue in life as you do during your time at Āria you will all excel when you enter the big wide world.

To our year 6 leavers, good luck on your next adventure, cherish your memories and friends made at Āria, and never ever stop learning. I look forward to watching with anticipation to see what great things you will go on to achieve in the future.

That's all from me for now. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Ngā mihi nui, Natasha Cave

2024 Staff

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Room 1 Teacher (Year 3-6)

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Room 2 Teacher (New Entrant - Year 3)

Ms Alicia Benefield

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Teacher Aide

Ms Nicole Hurley

Teacher Aide

Mrs Rebecca Bates

Teacher Aide

Mrs Maria Palmer

Cleaner

Carol Tilyard

Caretaker/Swimming Pool

Donald MacRae

Gardens/Grounds

Kate Dawson

2024 Board

Natasha Cave

Presiding Member

Nicole Hurley

PR/Hospitality

Philip Watkins

Property

Raewyn Williams

Interim Treasurer

Hannah Bodger-Kearns

Communication

Lliwen MacRae

Communications

Pam Voyce

Principal

Ana Wiseman

Staff Rep

Nicola Alcock

Minute Secretary

Aria

2-DAY TRAIL RIDE



Sat & Sun

24 & 25

Feb
2024

St Helen's
Domain

Kumara Road, Aria

Enquiries 027 529 0985



Aria 2 Day Trail Ride

Burn-out Comp | Moto X Track

3 Senior
Tracks

5km
Track

Mud
Run

Rider numbers restricted

★★★ PRE-REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL ★★★

\$60/day • \$100/weekend

Kids (15yrs and under) \$30/day • \$40 weekend

Registrations close midnight Sunday 17th February
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 \$80/day, \$140/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
- No dogs permitted

Info/Registration www.silverbullet.co.nz
or email aria2dayride@gmail.com

Many thanks to all the 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 Kūiti New World • Piopio Lions

MOKAUITI HALL

🎄🎁 Our Mokauiti Christmas Party is on Wednesday 20th December 🤖🤖 Everyone welcome 🍷🍷 Pop it on your calendar now 📅 more details to come...

ĀRIA SCHOOL NEW LOOK WEBSITE

Check out our new school website: www.aria.school.nz

NEW FAMILIES TO MOVING ĀRIA AREA

Do you know of any families in the area, if so please contact the school office so we can send them our information pack.

The good ol' Aria Cosmopolitan Club is putting on its ...

CLUB SHOUT!

Thursday 14th Dec 2023 from 6pm

Same as per usual ...

- BBQ Dinner (meat supplied)
Please bring a salad or similar
- HUGE Xmas Raffles
- Kids Entertainment (The Elf)
- Santa on a helicopter (weather permitting), otherwise he'll walk in the front door :)

XMAS HOURS

The Club will be CLOSED on
Stat Days: Xmas - Boxing
- New Year's - Day After
OPEN every other day
except our usual Mondays



Woohoo let's watch Santa come on down on a chopper!!!
Ho-Ho-Hopefully you can make it (stuttering already)

beef+lamb
NEW ZEALAND



Connecting the King Country

Connecting Farmers with Rural Professionals • Boning Demonstration and BBQ

Wednesday 13 December 2023 | 5.30pm
Waitete Rugby Club, 55 Waitete Road, Te Kuiti

Come along and speak to a range of industry professionals in a casual setting about all things farming business related. Things are tough out there with the impending drought, dropping schedules and costs remaining high. Surrounding yourself with a great support network is a great place to start.

Te Kuiti Meat Processors will be putting on a boning demonstration as entertainment followed by a BBQ Dinner.

Cash Bar operating.

Thank you to our sponsors

RuralSupport
0800 792 254

For further information please contact
Rachel.Jukes@beeflambnz.com

To register please scan the QR code
or visit beeflambnz.com/events and
search for your event

