

Monday 23rd March 2020
Term 1, Week 8

Tena Koutou Katoa!

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Aria School

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Principal's News...

Welcome to week 8!

What an unsettled time for us all. All our families are suffering and it's a time for us all to pull together and look after each other. Be understanding and supportive as everyone's situations are different. I am including some of the advice I have received for you to read.

- ♦ **Senior Camp to Rotorua...** We had a wonderful week and wish to thank all our wonderful adults who supported us during the week's activities; Nicole Hurley, Nicola Alcock, Mandi Barnsdall, Ljubo Radosevic, Ana Wiseman, Dani Darke, Bevan Brown, Liz Brownlie and Catherine Terry. We were indeed very fortunate that the camp went ahead and without these wonderful generous people, we could not have continued. Our children are very fortunate to have had such a wonderful week of experiences.

**Have a great week,
Pam Voyce.**

BOT NEWS

I'm sure everyone is holding their breath about this COVID-19 and what is going to eventuate in NZ and the implications from it. Know that Pam and the BOT are following very closely the updates and emails that are coming out of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education and following any recommendations. Watch this space. In the mean, time carry on with the thorough personal hygiene (hand washing and sanitising, coughing and sneezing into elbow etc). If you are sick for feel unwell, STAY AT HOME.

Bit of a recap from Feb - On behalf of the schools Board of Trustees, staff and students, a huge thank you to all land owners, businesses, parents, and the community who in some way contributed to the success of the Aria Trail Bike Ride 2020. It was a great weekend and another awesome event that we are all very proud to be involved with and we are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those who support this fundraiser. On the fundraiser note; Big thank you to both John Roper and Richie Newton for their work organising marshalls for the TARGA rally that went through Totoro Rd on the 7th March.

Big thank you and thumbs up to Donald for keeping the swimming pool and school grounds in tip top shape, not just over the summer but all year round. Carolyn Webster also does a fabulous job around the school with her gardening and spruce ups – The ARIA rock garden is very cool. Thank you to Carol Tilyard for your efforts with cleaning the school.

We are on the hunt for new potential board members. If you are keen or know of someone who is, give them some encouragement and send them in our direction. Board members don't have to be parents, they could be grandparents, caregivers or community members who would like to bring something different to the table.

At the end of the day the Board of Trustees is here to give every student the best possible opportunity.

Cheers

Catherine Terry – BOT Chairperson

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BOT Meetings 2020
Monday 6th April

Last Day of Term 1
Thursday 9th April

Good Friday
Friday 10th April

Anzac Day in Lieu
Monday 27th April

First Day of Term 2
Tuesday 28th April

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COVID-19

Send your kids to school, they're safe there – that's the message to parents from **Education Minister Chris Hipkins**.

But in the effort to slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus, parents should consider making other arrangements for the school holidays if they had planned for their children to stay with grandparents.

Hipkins said there was currently no scientific reason for schools and universities to close, despite the Government banning gatherings of more than 100 people in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

That's because there's not been a confirmed community outbreak and the transmission rate among young people is shown to be very low internationally.

"My message to parents is send your kids to school. School at the moment is a very, very safe place for them for to be.

When is sick, sick?

The messaging remains clear – that if you are feeling unwell please stay home, and the same goes for children and young people. However at the tail end of a cold, there will be runny noses and probably some coughing. This might be worrying for some people who are being vigilant about their own and others' health.

A diagram has been developed by Dr Siouxsie Wiles to assist you when considering symptoms (sent to us by a teacher who found it useful). What it tells us is:

- ⇒ A dry cough and a high temperature are common to both flu and COVID-19
- ⇒ Sneezing is not a symptom of COVID-19, however if someone has COVID-19, then sneezing can spread droplets containing the virus

SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, FLU AND COLD

	DRY COUGH	FEVER	RUNNY NOSE	SORE THROAT	BREATH-LESSNESS	HEADACHE	BODY ACHES	SNEEZE	FATIGUE	DIARRHOEA
COVID -19	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	~	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✗	✓✓	~
FLU	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✓✓	✗	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✗	✓✓✓	✓✓
COLD	✓	~	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✗	~	✓✓✓	✓✓✓	✓✓	✗

✓✓✓ FREQUENTLY
✓✓ SOMETIMES
✓ LITTLE
~ RARE
✗ NOT

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SOURCE: WHO, CDC

CC-BY-SA

We are getting the most up to date advice and guidance so that we can confidently make informed decisions about the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

SCHOOL NOTICES



Armi Whitiora

who have celebrate his
birthdays last week.

PIOPIO YOUTH SPORTS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The 2020 rugby, football and netball season
is **ON HOLD** due to COVID-19.

Once we know more in the beginning of
Term 2, we will update you.

BOOK CLUB

Book club issue #2 has been handed out.

Orders need to be **ordered online** - details can be
found on the brochures.

Please do not send cash or cheques to school.

Orders are open until Friday the 27th March.

If your child did not receive one and you would like a
brochure please let me know.

Thank you, Sarah O'Connor



YUMMY APPLE STICKER PROMOTION

Start collecting Yummy Apple stickers to assist us
in receiving free sports equipment.

Collection sheets are available from the school
office. .



SUN HATS ARE COMPULSORY IN TERM 1!

Please ensure your **child/ren have a named sun
hat at school.** The preferred style of hat is a
bucket style hat which protects the ears, neck and
face. **Sunscreen will be available at school.**

SKOOL LOOP APP

Aria School has changed to using the Skool Loop
App. Please download this app. If you have any
problems with downloading or using the app
please contact Nicola in the office.



ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent please notify the
school office before 9:00am each day with a
reason as to why your child is away. There is an
absentee form on the Skool Loop app you can
complete and this will be emailed directly to the
school office.

AFTER SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Please advise all changes to after school
arrangements **BEFORE 3:00pm** each day either
by phone or sending a signed note with your child
to the school office.

We require **Parent/Caregiver notification** and
will not accept this verbally from the child. If
you phone **AFTER 3:00pm** please ensure you
speak to the person in charge of buses for that
day.

MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

Our school policy states that if your child has to
take ANY MEDICINE whilst at school that this is to
be brought to the office and will be administered to
the child by a staff member.

Please send any medication in a sealed clearly
marked plastic bag with the instructions of what
the child is to have administered.

ARIA PLAYCENTRE

Billie and Maggie Jones, Taihana Bodger Kearns and Kaylee and Amber Rasmussen had fun at playcentre playing with gloop on paper and squirting water with syringes like the insects they were reading about that squirt poison out of their bottoms.

They extended this play by trying to squirt old birdsnests out of the roof, and squirt the big school kids that were sneaking over the fence. They also loved drawing hopscotch, their names and patterns with chalk.

Please note: Due to COVID-19 Aria Playcentre is CLOSED till further notice - stay safe!!

