

Aroha Team News



Welcome back!

Firstly, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new students and families. We pray you settle quickly into learning and make wonderful friendships as you learn, serve and grow in God.

Our learning this term:

- Christian Living – Love
- School Value - Kindness
- Topic – Fizz! Whizz! Pop! Bang!
- Maths – Revision
Maths Strand - Mass
- PE – Athletics

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As the weather warms up, children are **required to wear school hats** this term. There will be a week's 'grace' period then there will be a 'no hat, limited play' policy. Please ensure hats are named.

This term, we will be practising for our upcoming **Athletics** on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Students are welcome to bring a pair of sport shoes to change into for these practises.



We have children at our school that have **nut allergies**. Please help us keep them safe by not including any nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox.

We encourage students to bring a **named water bottle**, particularly with the warmer weather.



Wednesday is **small wheels day**. Helmets and safety gear must be worn.



School Events

Upcoming school events to diarise:

Monday 28th October
Thursday 31st October
Friday 15th November
Monday 2nd November
Monday 11th November
Tuesday 10th December

Labour Day
Cultures Day
Primary Athletics Day
Top Tribe Day
Teacher Only Day
End of Year Celebration



As always, please read the school newsletter each week or check the website for any changes and for the latest details.

This term as part of our 'Sharing the Love of God in our Community', we would like to give to The Backpack Outreach.

The **Backpack Outreach** - "We make care packages for at risk children to make them feel loved, to feel a sense of pride and belonging with practical items that encourage a creative outlet, good hygiene and self-care."



We would love the children to appreciate the value of giving to others. In order to achieve this, we would like the children to earn 'backpack' items by completing chores at home.

For example: they can pack the dishwasher for a stationery item, help sort the laundry or fold the socks for a cuddly toy, clear the table for a bar of soap, water the garden for colouring pencils or even feed the family pet for a toothbrush.

These items can be brought into school until the end of week 7.



A few examples of 'backpack' items:

- Drink bottle
- Lunch box
- Soft toy or ball
- Colouring book
- Colouring pencils
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Wash cloth
- Soap



Team Notes



- We request **all toys remain at home**, unless requested by a teacher.
- **Punctuality is important** to us. Students arriving ten minutes before the bell have a chance to organise their belongings, socialise with their friends and parents can catch up with teachers if they need.
- For your child's safety, we request students are dropped off after 8.30am as staff are generally in meetings until then. Students arriving after 9am need to report to the Student Office for a late slip.
- **Should you need to collect your child during school hours, please sign him/her out at the Student Office.**
- Students are to be collected before 3.20 pm. After this time, students will be taken to the office and parents contacted.
- **Please notify the school office** if your child is going to be late or will be absent for the day.
- We have buses that run between school and Feilding and Ashhurst daily. Please email your child's teacher, as well as Gemma Stewart, our bus teacher, if your child needs to use the bus.
gemmas@cornerstone.ac.nz



If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. If you require further assistance, please contact our Aroha team leader, Karen Burrows, in A3 or by emailing karen@cornerstone.ac.nz. We appreciate your support.

Aroha Team Teachers