

Ararira Springs Primary

Week 1 Term 1 2019



Opening Day

Thanks so much for joining us on Monday at our mihi whakataua. It was a magical morning and a positive start to the school year and our work together. Lily did a sensational job of making and icing a cake to mark our celebrations, and thanks to Lynne for speaking on behalf of you all.

Our official opening will be 10:30am on March 22, so make sure you save the date. More information about that to come.

Kaiako Connect – Meet the Teacher – Family Picnic

You should have Weds 13th February already marked in your diaries. This is an opportunity to come to and socialize with other families and meet the teachers in your child's learning hub.



5:00 pm	Arrive for dinner
5:30 – 6pm	Teretere Year 0-1
6 - 6:30pm	Huarapa Year 2-3
6:30 – 7pm	Kaunuku Year 4-8

Teachers will share a little about themselves and key points in how the learning hub will function.

This will be followed in another week by an information sharing session. This is your chance to share key information with teachers and for them to share how your child has settled into life at Ararira. We will send booking information for this very soon.

Uniform

There have been a few issues with supply but we have been assured these will be resolved shortly. Just to confirm that the senior polo tops are for Year 7 and 8 students.

Hats – we are a sun safe school so navy bucket hats need to be worn. These can be purchased from the school office.

Socks – we would prefer if these are navy or white.

Senior polos for sale - Contact Mark if you are interested in purchasing senior tops in size 10 for \$30 each, 0221031336.

Trips, Visits and Donations

We are planning to utilize the outdoors for learning. To help us manage this effectively we would like to charge a one-off fee of \$25 per term or \$100 per year. We will send further information in a separate communication with payment information. A reminder that our \$150 donation may take any form that suits your family; time, services, goods or money!

Top Town Event – 14th February

We are hosting a fun, team building event from 1:30 – 3pm. If you would like to help out by working on a station please email Matua Blair, blair.cook@ararira.school.nz.

Lunches and Breaks

Our breaks are organized a little differently, with two half hour breaks from 10:30 – 11am and another from 12:45 – 1:15 pm. These are followed by a 15-minute session for eating. You might need to pack more food than in the past.

Lunches are 'pack in/ pack out' so children will bring home any rubbish.

High Vis Vest

Your child will be soon issued with a high vis vest to wear to and from school. Particularly important if they are biking or scootering.

Kelly Club

The Kelly Club is up and running for afternoon care. It was difficult to ascertain need for before school care as Busy Bumbles was offering this service. We believe we have the numbers to support before school care and are pleased to let you know that this service will be running by the start of Term 2.



Arrive late, visiting school, leaving early?

Should you arrive late or leave early, please ensure that you sign your child in at the office. Children arriving after the roll has been taken need to go to the office for a late pass. This is purely to ensure that everyone arrives safely and is accounted for.

Sprinkler Fun

This will be a treat for very hot days. If you know the mercury will be in the high 20s please send togs (or a change) to enable the children to cool off under the sprinklers.

Medication

Any medicines need to be left with Trine in the office for your child. We will ask you to complete a permission slip in order to administer them safely.



What a team!

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has contributed to a successful opening and helped

get us open and up and running.

The Establishment Board has worked tirelessly behind the scenes supported by Linda Youl from the MOE and Tom Scollard in his role as Governance Facilitator. Tom will shortly be running sessions for anyone interested in being on our elected Board of Trustees. Special mention must go to Suzy Petersen, our Board Chair, who has been

phenomenal and put in many hours to ensure the school's success.

The South base team, led by Phil Crow and

supported by Laura Lahiff from the MOE have done a superb job in the physical aspects of the school building.



The teaching team has been working solidly for the past few weeks getting learning spaces ready. Donna and Blair have had extra areas of responsibility. Donna has coordinated the set-up of the library. Special thanks to Cathy Kennedy, Desna Wallace and Mandy who have put hours into processing books. Blair has been working with RevIT to set up the digital systems in the school.

Establishing a school is a once in a lifetime experience for most. Getting on site is just the beginning and we will be continuing to work hard to set up everything that makes a school become a community.

We look forward to working with you.

Claire

Claire and the Ararira Springs Team

Dates to Diary

13th February – Kaiako Connect | Picnic | Meet the Teacher
14th February - Top Town Afternoon
20th and 21st February - Information Sharing Sessions (15 mins)