

Āria Primary School



* Newsletter *

MONDAY 17TH AUGUST 2026 - TERM 3, WEEK 5

Tēnā Koutou Katoa!

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Welcome to week 5 and the countdown to the three performances of "Porridge".

We had a great practice on Friday with a special guest in attendance - Whaea Ana.

* **Practice** times this week are as follows-

- ⇒ Monday 10.00AM - 12.30pm Full Dress Rehearsal FINAL PRACTICE.
- ⇒ Tuesday NO PRACTICE
- ⇒ Wednesday 11.00am Performance 1. (We will head to the hall at 10.00am)
- ⇒ Thursday 11.00am Performance 2. (We will head to the hall at 10.00am)
- ⇒ Thursday 7.00pm Performance 3. (Students need to be at the hall by 6.30 pm)

Feel free to take your children home after each performance to give them a break/rest.

* **Pua Rito Kapa Haka** - Our third session is tomorrow, leaving school at 9 and returning at lunchtime. We had another great learning session last Tuesday.

* **Pet Day 2026...** The Board confirmed Wednesday 21st October in week 2 next term.

A full schedule including seeds to be planted, will be sent home with the newsletter next Monday.

Have a great week, ngā mihi
Pam Voyce

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Principal: Pam Voyce



TERM 3

Board Meetings 2026
Monday 14th September
at 6.30pm - all welcome

School Production
Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 19th August
Morning : 11.00am

School Production
Thursday 20th August
Morning: 11.00am
Evening: 7.00pm

Rippa Rugby Tournament
Tuesday 25th August

Daffodil Day
Friday 28th August

Music Festival
Thursday 24th September

Last Day of Term 3
Friday 25th September

Term 4

First Day of Term 4
Monday 12th October

Pet Day
Wednesday 21st October

Otorohanga Agricultural
Group Day
Friday 23rd October

Āria Primary School
Invites **YOU** to their 2026 School Production

PORRIDGE

Book, Music & Lyrics By
CRAIG HAWES

DRESS REHEARSAL - MORNING SESSION
11.00AM
WEDNESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2026

PRODUCTION PERFORMANCES

MORNING SESSION	EVENING SESSION
11.00AM THURSDAY 20 TH AUGUST 2026	7.00PM THURSDAY 20 TH AUGUST 2026

THERE WILL BE SUPPER AT THE EVENING PRODUCTION.
CAN ALL WHĀNAU PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF KAI/FOOD TO SHARE - THANK YOU

GOLD COIN DONATION AT THE DOOR WOULD BE APPRECIATED

AT ĀRIA MULTICULTURAL HALL, ĀRIA ROAD, ĀRIA

Introducing Samantha Harrison: Āria School Principal for 2027

The Āria School Board is pleased to formally announce that Samantha Harrison has been appointed as Principal of Āria School for 2027.

Over the past few months, with the support of employment consultant Peter Gall, the Board has worked through the process of appointing a new principal to replace our outgoing Principal, Pam Voyce. Finding someone special enough to follow Pam has not been an easy task. After advertising nationally and conducting interviews, the Āria School Board is confident we have found that person in Samantha.

Samantha's passion for teaching, her joy in working with tamariki, her respect for the school traditions our community holds so dearly, and her leadership experience all stood out throughout the appointment process. Her vibrant, approachable personality also made her an excellent fit to lead Āria School into the future.

We look forward to welcoming Samantha and her wife, Liz, into our community and sharing with them the many little things that make Āria and the surrounding area so special to us all.

Samantha will join us for school events when she can over the remainder of this year, giving her the opportunity to begin getting to know our tamariki and school whānau. Her first visit will be at the School Production next week. If you see her there, please say hello, introduce yourself and your whānau, and take a moment to get to know her.



We would like to thank the appointments committee members—Anna Nelson, Hannah Bodger-Kearns, Graeme Hammond, Anthony Darke, Ripeka Price, and Natasha Cave—for taking time out of their busy lives to support this important process.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Peter Gall for his expert support and guidance throughout the appointment process.

Most importantly, we offer a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing Principal, Pam Voyce. Pam, your many years of service to our children and school community will never be forgotten.

Kind regards, Āria School Board

A word from Samantha Harrison

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Principal of Āria School for 2027. It is an honour to join this wonderful rural community and lead a school with such a strong history of tradition with a commitment to its students, staff, and whānau.

I bring a deep passion for education and leadership, having spent over eight years as a Deputy Principal at Mangaroa School. I hold a Bachelor of Education and Diploma of Teaching and am currently completing the Aspiring Principals Course through the Ministry of Education. Throughout my career, I have remained dedicated to building inclusive learning environments where every student is supported to thrive, grow, and succeed.

Outside of school, my family is at the centre of my life. My wife, Liz, and I are proud parents to two daughters—Rory, who is in her first year of teaching at Totara Park School, and Madison, who is completing her hairdressing certification. We currently live on the Wainuiomata coast, love camping, outdoor adventures, dog walks, build lego and read a good book. Our household is also kept lively by our three Shar Pei dogs: Harriet, Willow, and Charlotte. We are excited to fully embrace the rural lifestyle.

Having a strong appreciation for rural education and community involvement, I am truly excited to immerse myself in the Āria community. I look forward to working closely with our dedicated staff, families, and community members to build on the school's strengths and lead Āria School into a bright future.

My door is always open, and I look forward to meeting you all soon.
Kind regards, Samantha Harrison

PET DAY

ARIA SCHOOL PET DAY

Does your child have a pet this year??



Have you registered your child's pet for Pet Day??

Please fill in the registration form below and return it back to the school office by **Tuesday 22nd September**, to enable ribbons, certificates, spot prizes to be organised for Pet Day on...

Wednesday 21st October 2026.



PET REGISTRATION / PERMISSION FORM



Child's Name Room No: Year Level

Would like to register their pet... ..



CALF / LAMB / GOAT (Please CIRCLE your choice)

PLEASE NOTE:

CALVES and LAMBS must have been born after the **1st August 2026** to take part in this years Pet Day.....



ALL Calves will require 2 x "Lepto" Injections prior to Pet Day - please contact the local Veterinary Clinic for further details)... for Aria School's Pet Day being held on **Wednesday 21st October, 2026.**

SIGNED: (Parent / Caregiver)

This form must be completed and returned to the school office by...



Tuesday 22nd September 2026

Friendly REMINDER

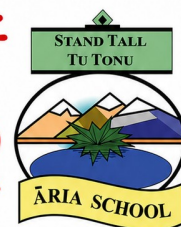
please leave
personal toys
at home.



If these are brought
to school it is at
your own risk.

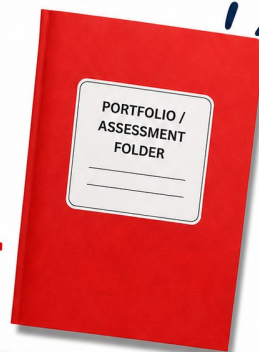
thank you

FRIENDLY REMINDER



If you have finished
reading your child's

★ **RED**
**PORTFOLIO/
ASSESSMENT**
★ **FOLDERS** ★



Could you **PLEASE** be returned
to the office as soon as possible.



These folders are needed for
your child's **end-of-year**
assessment information.



Thank you for your support!

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?



Please notify the office
with a reason why:



(07) 877-7857



office@aria.school.nz



2026 Aria Messenger Page



Use the form on the
Skool Loop app -
this is emailed
directly to the office.



Thank you for helping us keep
our school community informed!

ARIA SCHOOL T-SHIRTS & HOODIES

FOR SALE!



GREAT QUALITY!
SHOW YOUR
SCHOOL PRIDE!



Cost per T-Shirt: \$30.00



Cost per Hoodie: \$45.00



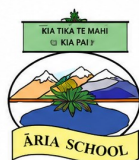
PAYMENT IS REQUIRED
BEFORE ITEMS CAN
BE SENT HOME!



SCHOOL BANK
ACCOUNT NUMBER:
03-0449-0105523-00



ARIA SCHOOL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Āria School Values

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Attitude - I always do my best.

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Resilience - I am motivated and confident.

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Integrity - I am honest, kind and caring. I treat all people with respect even when they are different from me.

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Accept responsibility - I am organised and on task.





Come and visit us!

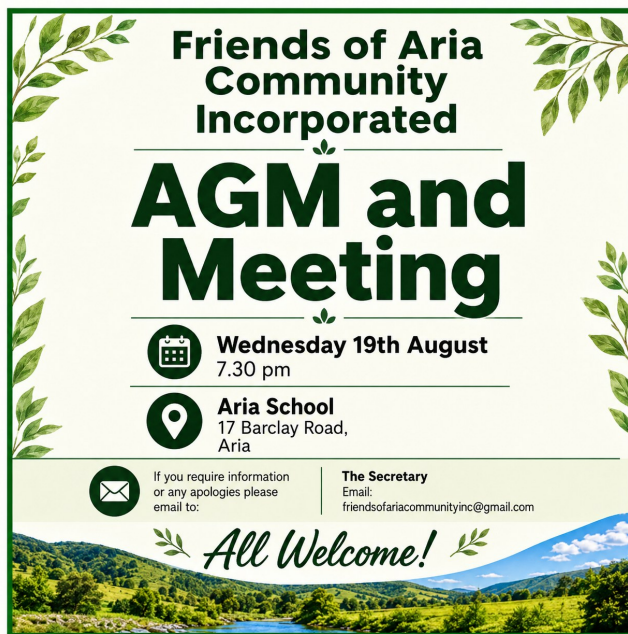
Tuesdays,
9.30am – 12pm

A chance to
play and meet friends.

Aria Playcentre

Barclay Road,
right by Aria School

aria@playcentre.org.nz



Friends of Aria Community Incorporated

AGM and Meeting

Wednesday 19th August
7.30 pm

Aria School
17 Barclay Road,
Aria

If you require information or any apologies please email to:

The Secretary
Email:
friendsofariacommunityinc@gmail.com

All Welcome!



WANTED

DONATED CALVES

ARIA SCHOOL IS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR
DONATED CALVES FOR OUR SCHOOL STOCK SCHEME.

CALVES MUST BE
WEANED AT
100KG
OR OVER

PLEASE CONTACT
THE SCHOOL
OR
ASHLEIGH FOREMAN
027 391 3648

Thank you for supporting our tamariki and helping our school thrive!



BOARD MINUTES

Board minutes are available at the school office if you wish to read these.

TRANSPARENCY
Access to minutes supports open and honest communication.

INFORMED COMMUNITY
Stay informed about decisions that impact our community.

YOUR RIGHT
You have the right to review board minutes upon request.

AVAILABLE AT THE STATED OFFICE *Just ask – we're here to help!*

THANK YOU FOR BEING AN ENGAGED COMMUNITY MEMBER!



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

Stay connected with our school community on Facebook!

STAY CONNECTED
Keep up to date with news, events and what's happening in our school community.

NEVER MISS OUT
Get reminders about important dates, updates and special events.

SEE OUR COMMUNITY
Photos, celebrations and the amazing things our students are doing every day!

Thanks for being part of our community!



SAVE THE DATE!

Farewelling a Legend!

28TH NOV

Pam Voyce

Thank you for the inspiration, leadership and all the memories!

MORE DETAILS TO COME