

# The Echo

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Akaroa Area School

## Senior School picnic full of sizzling fun and food

By Scarlett Ryan



Enjoying their day at the beach, Josh Rogal, Josh Crew and Mason Rogal cooking up a storm at Sandy bay.

Last week year 7 to 10 walked to Sandy bay. It was a very long and exhausting walk! When we arrived we split up into previously sorted teams and then we built and lit a fire to cook lunch on. My group was Charlotte and Georgie and we had wraps and smores with hot chocolate. "I liked that we could cook and eat whatever we wanted" says Charlotte Calcutt. After we had lunch and we had packed up some of us went for a swim in the lovely cool water of Sandy bay, "I liked making the fire and cooking my burger patties and boiling water for tea" says Bella Aislabie. Overall I loved the day and would definitely do it again.

## Students art work selected for exhibition

Two Akaroa students, Annabelle McLaughlin and Kanok Namkam, have been selected to have their art work on display at the Akaroa Museum as part of the 'Pop-up Penguin Trail'. Below they describe how their creation came into being.

Making it was fun. When we tried to make purple... We got a sad mess instead. For the back of the penguin, we did a full moon and the rest of the back was black. It didn't all work out like in the picture. For the water at the bottom of the penguin, we used paint brushes and stripe the paint on.

For the wings, as you can see, there is a blend of: yellow, red, and orange. Again, we stripped the paint on, the paint was wetter than the normal paint that I(Annabelle) has used. The designs on the front are: flowers, a fanny pack, and a sunset, two sunsets actually.

The paper Kanok put her "original" design on, has a hat and sunglasses... Real sunglasses and hat, not a painting. As the background at the front, we used different shades



of blue. And I think the flowers did have painted on sunglasses actually. For the penguin's wings, we used a gradient

technique using red colour, orange and yellow.

## Farewell Mr Woodill and Mrs Le Lievre

Sadly we are losing two long standing staff this year, Molly Osborne spoke to both of them.



**How long have each of you been here?** Mr Woodill: 20 yrs; Mrs Le Lievre: on and off since 1980 so between 30-40 ish years. **Do you have one special moment that you remember about Akaroa?** Mrs L: I just think we are lucky to live here in this place. Mr W: I don't know. What I can't get over really is how good the kids are, you know? They're really good, that's what I think anyway.

**Are there things in particular that you enjoyed about being here at Akaroa compared to other places?** Mr W: I wouldn't like to be anywhere else, I'm telling ya. If someone would give me a million dollars to go to Christchurch I still wouldn't. Mrs L: When I first came here I couldn't get over the number of children who walked to school and already the town schools wouldn't allow that to happen because it was unsafe and so far we have been extremely lucky to have such a safe environment for the kids.

**Question for Mrs Le Lievre: What subject did you teach when you came here?**

English and you won't believe this but also Maths. The principal rang me up and asked if I was interested in the job and said what are you like at Maths? I said well I am not very good actually but I ended up teaching maths classes.

**Did you teach Miss Tainui? What was she like?** I did. I'm going say this and it's not because it's going out in public. She was a perfect student, she always did her homework, was on time she always did everything properly and you couldn't have had a better student and that's actually the truth.

**Do you have one thing in particular you will miss about Akaroa?**

Mrs L: The children here are different and it's actually quite nice to be in a place like that where you actually know everybody in the school, you know just about everyone's name, where they came from and you can't do that at town schools.

Mr W: Yeah that'd be for sure. I will miss the whole school.

And we will miss you both. All the best for your retirement.



A couple of weeks ago years 6 - 10 started their annual activities week. There was a lot of adapting to the schedule but we managed to handle it. While year 8 - 10 were loading up the cars to go to Le Bons Bay, the 6 and 7's were busy getting ready for a walk to Aylmers Waterfall. As Ms Lean led us down to the main wharf the others were whizzing off to Le Bons Bay to participate in some water activities, including Surfing, Kayaking, and going out on Mr Brittenden's boat. Then the next day we switched activities. Next week was a lot more chill, Yr 6 & 7

did "La Amazing Race" (I'm sure you've heard the rules from someone) while 8-10 watched a movie and did a fun quiz. Then once again, we switched. For a "celebration" at the end of the Activities week, we went on the Black Cat. "It was fun saying hi to the dolphins!" says Elliot Gilbert. The waves were reasonably big out by the heads and I can think I can speak for everyone when I say we had heaps of fun! Thanks Black Cat for the amazing boat trip and also the parent volunteers for helping out over the two weeks.

By Penny Osborne



Above: Kayak launching at Le Bons, below left Lily, Josh, Josh and Alex on La Amazing Race and below, out on the Black Cat



Hinewai and Pohatu make morning tea for Senior Citizens

By Elliot Gilbert

Last week the Senior Citizens came for a visit to the wonderful junior hub. While the elders were getting seated, Hinewai and Pohatu welcomed them in. We sang Christmas carols like, Summer Wonderland and Kiwi jingle bells. We gave them some tea, coffee, lamingtons with whipped cream and cucumber sandwiches for morning tea. We then talked and got to know them a little bit. After that, they said what they did when they were younger like Peter Farrel climbed Mount Cook 10 times! When they were leaving they had to take two trips because there were too many people, as a gift

and a thank you for coming, we gave them some flowers. "I was feeling nervous since I was supposed to be playing violin with; Lara, and Elliot... Sadly, Lara was sick and Elliot forgot her violin... I ended up

not doing it." - Annabelle McLaughlin

Pictured below -Piwai handing out homemade Christmas cards to all the senior citizens who came for the morning tea.



### Year 9 and 10 provide lunch for the community

By Olivia Nicols

A few weeks ago the Year 9 and 10 class decided to put on a lunch for the community. Under the expert guidance of Ms Mann they put together a feast. As well as preparing the food the students also sang Christmas carols and performed kapa haka items. Alyssa Greenlow, pictured at right with myself, thought it was a great day. "Getting out and seeing all the locals together was lovely and especially helping with the



catering to give them an amazing feed"





By Maia Nicholls

2020 has seen many things running a bit differently to normal - and the year 11-13 formal was no exception. Typically an event held with other Canterbury Area Schools, this year the host school cancelled it - so, not wanting to miss out, the senior students decided we would have our own, smaller, local formal. After months of planning by the year 13 students, the event was able to take place early in November, at Humphrey Rolleston's renovated barn (which many will know as the

red building on the hill by the Rhino). The venue's idyllic location and views made it a hit with students, and compensated for the fact that the toilet was a long drop (a bit of a contrast to the glamorous outfits we were all wearing, which made it quite entertaining). As well as this, the formal wouldn't have been possible without the support of a number of local individuals and businesses that meant we could host it without it getting too pricey - this included catering by Bully Hayes, Daniel

Matakia as online DJ, decorations by Jodie Nicholls, photography by Mark Bamber and even a fruit punch made last minute by Mr Brittenden when we realised we'd forgotten to organise drinks. All in all, it turned out to be an awesome night full of dancing, laughter and fun, and produced some iconic moments that won't be forgotten any time soon. A big thank you to everyone who helped out and made this event possible, it was a great way to end the year.

### Project Based Learning in Hinewai

By India Ryan

In Hinewai we do PBL (Project Based Learning) so each year the teachers chose a topic, for example the last few years it's been Sustainability. You chose some people to work with or you can work alone and you choose a topic like gardening the school gardens or making bird feeders.

My group of Penny, Elliot and I were thinking about making a Shreks toilet (it would have a noughts and

crosses board in it) but we thought since we have a tee pee and they made a nought and crosses board already. So we made a bird feeder and lots of other people have made them too. If you go around the back of Hinewai you will see a lot of bird feeders, the black one with spoons is ours.

In Pohatu they do play based learning which is making sculptures with some sort of toy.

### Parihaka day at Okains

By Jake Davies



In November our school went to Okains bay to perform kapa haka with other schools Little River, Duvauchelle and Okains bay.

Okains Bay did a song to welcome all the schools. Akaroa school performed four different items including the haka.

All the schools got to perform our songs that we have been practising for a

long time. Mason Rogal was our leader for the boys, while Tilly and Scarlett were the leaders for the girls.

Our formation was with the boys at the back of the lines and the girls were at the front lines.

It was a great day out, with Penny Osborne saying she really enjoyed the food because "there was so much variety".

### Stunning Spring Show

By Bella Aisable

A couple of weeks ago the Spring Show was held. It was a tad rainy so the stalls were held inside the gym. There were all sorts of things on sale-bookmarks, plants, books, paintings, bird feeders and more.

"I liked it that at Spring Show we could bring our pets and hang out with them" said Charlotte Calcutt.

The best dog competition was held on the main field and there were lots of entries. "I liked looking at the dogs and seeing how fluffy they were" said Penny Osborne.

Along with the best dog there was best dressed dog and much

to the excitement of Scarlett Ryan her dog Stanley won.



Sam Uren with his winning pig Jules

## Year 13 class's parting thoughts

The Year 13 students were asked about their thoughts on leaving and their plans for next year.



Year 13 2020, from left, Jodie Osborne, Chloe Church, Josh Nichol, Alyana Bamber, Jada Henare, Maia Nicholls and Lochlyn Gilbert

**Maia Nicholls:** I will really miss the family-like atmosphere of Akaroa Area School. The opportunity we have here to bond with students and teachers alike and make life-long connections is really special and unique, and it makes the students' education all the more worthwhile. I will also miss the way learning is wholeheartedly centred around students wellbeing and quality of life as well as academic achievement, ensuring as many memorable experiences as possible so that they can develop a skill set that will allow them to thrive in life. Not one student goes unnoticed, and having been here for all my education, that is something I am truly grateful for.

Next year I will be attending Canterbury University, doing a Bachelor of Arts at this stage majoring in Cultural Studies, but I'm also taking Psychology, Sociology and Media and Communication papers.

**Lochlyn Gilbert**

The thing I will miss most about AAS is the opportunities it presents. There's never a dull moment, you'll

rarely have a week of just book work and it's an excellent chance to explore BP and interact with the community during school hours and thus granting the encouragement to step out of my comfort zone. Also I'll miss the incredibly friendly, welcoming and warm ensemble of students, teachers and parents who make up AAS and I wish them, especially my fellow classmates who made 2020 my best year ever, a happy, productive and good adult life.

My plans for next year are to get my foot in the door of the Navy: getting my training out of the way, making new friends, setting sail and getting comfy with the NZDF. The tide is high and I say my goodbyes as I set sail to my dream career.

I'd also like to finish and publish my book by the end of next year.

**Alyana Bamber:** The thing I will undoubtedly miss most about AAS is the people, both students and teachers. We are so lucky to have such a strong sense of family here at Akaroa and that is something that I will miss so much but something that I really cherish.

Next year I'm heading up to Wellington to go to Uni at Vic. I'm doing a BA in Theatre and Development Studies. Very much looking forward to it.

**Chloe Church**

What I will miss most about being here at school will be all the relationships that I've made, between both friends and teachers. I've formed so many close connections with so many people here and I will really miss having more good times with them at school.

Next year I will be starting a Bachelor of Nursing at Ara in Christchurch, and I'm really looking forward to both learning more about what I'm interested in, and the opportunities that being a nurse will offer later in life.

**Jodie Osborne**

Next year I am going to study at Ara doing an Outdoor Education and Sustainability degree.

I have been at the school for the past 13 years and it's all I know. Next year will be very exciting but I am really going to miss the community and all the love and support from school.

## School has its own beehive and student beekeeper

By Josh Crew

Who would have thought Akaroa Area School would be the first and only school in New Zealand to have a beehive and a beekeeping student. About a term ago a bond developed between Year 10 student Eden Liddle and retired beekeeper Phil Narbey. Now Eden, the school and Phil are working together to help the bees create honey. Eden is an intelligent student who first got into beekeeping after discovering his love for bees, and his parents showing him the land.

Eden highly enjoys getting to look through the hive and finding the queen bee and getting to be able to hold the frames that the bees lay their eggs and put their honey/nectar onto.

He also enjoys being able to see the bees work and how they produce honey. It was perfect timing really with Eden starting to like bees and beekeeping and Phil just across the road being a retired beekeeper.

The honey will be collected in the autumn and sold to the local community.



Eden inspecting one of his frames

## Mai time for Year 7 and 8 class

By Charlotte Calcutt

This year the Year 7 and 8 class spent two periods every Friday being able to focus on what they wanted to do...it was 'Mai Time'!

Some students did art work, others mine craft, coding, sewing and even cooking.

"I liked being able to choose what I did each week" said Scarlett Ryan, while Bella Aisablie added "I liked being able to pick an individual interest"

There were only a couple of things that the class

were not allowed to do- Tik Toks and Among Us. Honestly, I think it was definitely one of the best classes of the week.

Below-a Mai Time culinary creation from Alex and Maddison

