

*Kia ora parents and caregivers,*

*This term has started well with the children settling straight back into the routines of the school day. Once again, we would love to invite you into our school to help in the classroom, in any way you can. We are still in the process of revamping our book room and would like some more volunteers for this job; an hour a week or fortnight would be a big help. Our classroom programmes are under way and a highlight for the children is our gymnastics programme. On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of August, there will be scooter training given to yr1 children. If you have a scooter and helmet at home please bring it to school on the day. We will also be visiting Auckland Zoo on the 9<sup>th</sup> September; further details will follow shortly.*

*Thank you for your continued support, Aroha teachers*



**Room 29 Artists**  
experimenting  
with water  
colours.



The tamariki have completed the fire fighters jigsaw puzzle. Now they are taking turns making up sentences for their story.

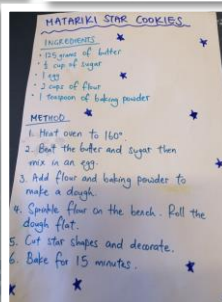
*The house is on fire!  
Quick, let's work as  
a team and bring  
our fire extinguisher  
and water hoses.*



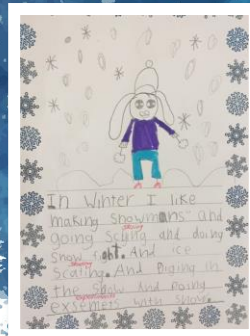
*Someone has called 111. We  
have put on our protective  
gear ... Ready to save  
people from the dangerous  
fire.*

**Room 31 and Room 30**  
*Tamariki made star-shaped cookies to  
celebrate Matariki, the Maori New Year. We  
had milk with our chocolate chip Matariki  
cookies. They were delicious! A big thank-you  
to all the parent helpers, particularly Ebba  
and Helen, Mia's mother and grandmother  
(from Room 30), and Alice, Hermia's mother  
(from Room 31). Would you like to bake some  
cookies at home?*

**Room 28**  
*Room 28 is excited to be doing gymnastics every Wednesday.  
The way we can balance, crawl, hop, skip and jump is pretty  
amazing!*



# Āniwaniwa



Our theme for our room is "Winter Wonderland". Our tamariki are enjoying all the different ways we can explore this.

We have been writing about what winter feels like, looks like and everything you can do at winter time. Our children have made some beautiful art work making snow-covered trees.

We have been playing in our snow cave in our classroom and having pretend play fights with the snow.

And we have been very busy making our igloo, which is nearly finished! We have estimated how many milk bottles it will take to finish the igloo during maths.

Ms Ashley showed us how to make a swirling, whirling snowstorm in a jar. It was so cool!

We can't wait to show all of our parents when it is finished.



## Room 30 & 31

This term Room 30, along with Room 31, are learning how to skip. As with most skills to do with coordination, the children are quickly realising that it will take more than just one lesson to be able to skip properly. For a few lucky children, it'll be a skill that they'll be able to master by the end of the term. For most children, however, it'll be an ongoing skill to aim for and master from one year to the next. They just need to keep trying, they just need to persevere. Thus, the children should take solace in the words uttered by one of our most famous New Zealand celebrities – that "it won't happen overnight, but it will happen."

