



August 2023

Newsletter #9

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Week 7. It was lovely to see the sun last week and let things dry out slightly. We enjoyed a day out in the gardens on Friday afternoon – it was great to be able to get out and weed around all of the native trees that were donated to our school last year as part of the Te Wā project. Great to see MOST of the plants have survived the weather and are growing well!



AG DAY

Last week your child/ren should have brought home a newsletter regarding Ag Day coming up at the start of Term 4. Masks and goggles were also provided as a base for some home creations. A reminder please that we would like grocery item donations and any second hand items for our white elephant stall to be brought

to school before the end of Term 3.

NEW STAFF

We are thrilled to welcome Whaea Annie Horvath – Cunningham to our team. Annie started today and we know she will be an asset to our already fabulous team.

BOARD NEWS

A reminder that the policy due for review this term is the Documentation and Reporting Procedures – which came home in our last newsletter. Please email Kylie if you have any queries or concern regarding this policy.



KIDSCAN JACKETS

If your child/ren has outgrown their Kidscan jacket, please return it clean to the office to swap with a larger size. Also, if your child has not been issued a jacket please let us know.

EAR CARAVAN

We are expecting a visit from the ear caravan next term. If you have any concerns regarding your child's hearing or ear health please let us know ASAP so we can book them in to be checked – spaces are limited.



NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Recently our school was lucky enough to have a group of Japanese exchange students visit Kākano. They had come to see what a small rural school in New Zealand was like, as they had come from a small island at the very bottom of Japan.

POHUE SCHOOL

We welcomed them and introduced ourselves, performing several waiata, with our special guests performing a song as well.

Some of the Kākano students gave our visitors a tour of the school and the classrooms. In the afternoon the exchange students did an activity in each class, and showed all of Kākano, Māhuri and

Rākau how to make a variety of origami creations. It was an awesome ending to

the week.

Miss Mitchell





NEWS FROM MÄHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

Term three is racing along with much happening in class. You're probably aware that the children are busy preparing their speeches for presentation in week eight. With many fun topics, some interesting language and a few nerves. This week, Māhuri hosted Kākano, learning more about the beautiful native birds we have here in Aotearoa. I wonder if you can guess which bird these students did?









Last week I had the opportunity to take some of our students to the ASB Body Jam competition held at Dargaville Intermediate. Although somewhat nervous, our students did themselves proud. Well done guys.

POHUE SCHOOL



NEWS FROM RĀKAU



BodyJam happened on Friday the 18th of August. A total of 58 teams entered BodyJam and danced. Lots of different schools were there. I did my dancing to Vivaldi's Winter, Aaliyah and Acacia did their dancing to Shotgun and Kaycee and Mac did their dancing to Old Town Road. Kaycee and Mac got 3rd for Year 7 and 8 2s or 3s, and I got 2nd for Year 7 and 8 Individual. Whaea Lyn, Mrs. Christey and my mum came to the BodyJam event. I enjoyed dancing to the music because the music was graceful. I would recommend BodyJam to other people because it helps them be passionate to dance and express their moves. Hailey

In Rākau we have also been doing a lot of learning about 3D printing. The first thing we have been told to make is a spinning top. Spinning tops have been around for ages in all different shapes and sizes. We are doing a 3D printed model that will be entered into a class competition to see who can spin for the longest. We are also starting to make some extra extensions for our Aquabots that will also be entered into a Northland competition later in the year. Mac and Nelson





NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

On Friday our assembly was run by Māhuri where they shared with us some great work that they did during the week about native birds.

Classroom awards this week went to: Hailey, Elsie, Heidi, Rocco and Miss Mitchell.

PATH card prize draw: Three lucky winners today – Bella, Jackson and Locě who won dips in the treasure chest and Pieface with a friend!



PATH cards: we had more students to acknowledge who have earnt 25+ PATH cards so far this year. Congratulations and well done to Elsie, Jackson and Bella.

A number of students have also hit the next benchmark of 50 PATH cards and Postcards should be turning up in the mail any day now!







And finally a **MASSIVE** congratulations to **Alex**, our first student to have reached the third milestone – 75 PATH cards this year. This has earned him a Pizza Picnic with the Principal – YIPPEE!

Mauriora, Kylie Piper <u>kylie@arapohue.school.nz</u> Term 3 Dates to Remember



Friday	8 September	Arapohue Speech Comp
Wednesday	13 September	Northern Wairoa Speech Comp
Thursday	14 September	Aquabot Time Trials – moved to term 4, date tbc
Wednesday	20 September	Learning Celebration
Friday	22 September	Last Day Term 3
Monday	9 October	First Day of Term 4
Saturday	14 October	Ag Show Day – NOTE change in time to Term 4.





(a) 4375 State Highway 12, Ruawai 0549 (c) 09 439 2216