



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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20 May 2024

Kia ora koutou katoa,

CROSS COUNTRY

Friday 31st May we are joining Ruawai School for Cross Country. This year we will be running it as two separate events – 5/6 year olds in the morning and 7 yrs + from 12:30pm. Please see the attached information sheet for further details.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Huge thanks to everyone for supporting Pink Shirt Day on Friday. It was great to see so many students (and staff!) all dressed up in Pink. Our donations will be passed on to the Pink Shirt Initiative.



SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Congratulations to Rowan, Heidi, Aaliyah and Hailey who have applied to be librarians this year. We thank you in advance for the service to our school. These students will be completing some training with Anne Milne from the National Library later this week.

BOARD UPDATES

Our Board have been working on two major projects recently. Firstly we have the Pine Tree clearing on the lower field. Paul Sorensen is planning a second working bee on Kings Birthday Weekend – please phone him on 027-263-3315 if you are able to help. We have also signed up to Schooldocs which is an online policy and procedure platform for schools. This means all of our policy documents that are tailored to our school will be accessible to the whole school community via the online platform. The system allows board members, staff and parents to comment on policies and procedures online, and we are supported by the Schooldocs team of experts to ensure our policies and procedures are robust and remain up to date with any legislation changes.

BUS/PICKUP CHANGES

Please ensure any changes to afternoon bus/pickup routines are phoned or texted to the office prior to 1pm. The office is unmanned after that time and our other staff are in class teaching. While we do our best to accommodate, we cannot guarantee last minute messages are cleared in time.

ATTENDANCE

We are thrilled to have received an email from the Te Tai Tokerau Director of Education, congratulating our students on their excellent attendance in Term 1. Overall we had 92% attendance and 5% justified absences. We hugely appreciate the improved communications from our whānau when your child is away sick and hope that this

continues as we move into Term 2 and winter bugs start to have their impact. Classes are all working on class goals for attendance this term, we want to reiterate that justified absences count towards any goal set!

WELLINGTON TRIP – YEAR 7/8S

Thanks to everyone who has been supporting our seniors in their fundraising efforts – we really appreciate your support! Our parents are meeting this afternoon to plan some further fundraising opportunities – watch this space to see what they come up with.

Parents of campers: as we are getting to the stage where deposits for flights and accommodation are needing to be paid, a \$50 deposit will be required to be paid for your child before the end of term, 1 July. It can be paid in a lump sum or in weekly payments if this is easier. Please let Kylie know if there is any difficulty with paying this in the timeframe given.

NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

On Friday our assembly was run by Māhuri. We can see the fabulous work they have been doing with Whaea Lyn as all students were able to introduce themselves in te reo and in NZ Sign Language – impressive!!!



Classroom awards this week went to: Lily, Acacia-Rose, Whaea Philippa, Azaria, Hailey, Rowan, Zade and Harper. Congratulations everyone.



PATH card prize draw: Congratulations to Azaria, Stella who both won a dip in the treasure chest and to Willow who won a game of pie face with a friend -we just have to wait for some fresh cream!

CALF FUNDRAISER

While this is not officially one of our organised fundraisers this year, we would gladly accept any donations of weaned bull calves 100+kg if any of our farming community would support this. Please contact the office and we can co-ordinate directly with you.

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Year two and three have been working on expanding their ideas in writing and learning to plan before they write. Here are some examples of cooperative writing from Kākano.

The first is explaining how dandelion seeds fly so far.

When dandelions die, they spread their seeds in the wind. At the top of their 4mm, narrow stalk, the seeds have a fluffy head called a pappus. The pappus is made out of 100 flexible, featherlike filaments that make a tornado in the air and stop the seed from falling.

This one explains how hockey is played.

The hockey sticks are one metre long. They also have a curved end for hitting the ball, a narrow rubber handle to hold, and are made of kauri tree wood. With the flat side of the hockey stick, the hockey player hits the ball.

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

What a great start it has been to the term, amazing weather certainly helps, even if slightly cooler.

Māhuri and Rākau kicked off the term researching their whakapapa and genealogy, which they have learnt to recite in Reo.

Researching the meaning of their name and your story of their name has also generated lots of interesting discussions as you can imagine. We have spoken about the importance of artifacts in retelling history and continuing the stories that are important to families. This will continue as we use the Navy Museum 'Museum in a Box' resource to explore stories behind artifacts and tell their own stories.

As we are focusing on wind forces this term, students are currently developing an understanding of the forces that enable flight to occur. This unit of learning cannot be done of course without the 'old paper plane' competition.

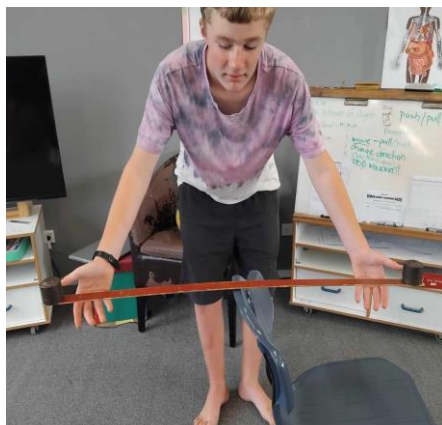
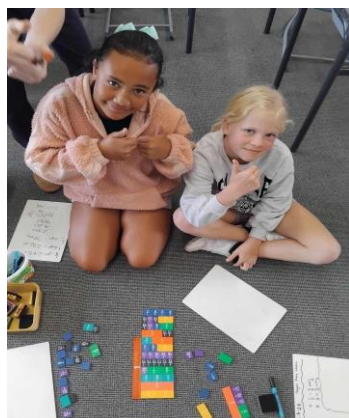
Māhuri is hoping to kick off the Rocket Challenge again this term, exploring further the elements of flight and aerodynamics.

Learning in maths has been two-fold, developing greater problem-solving skills and working with fractions.

Our enviro-schools journey continues as we develop a rigorous composting system with the help of Margaret from Sustainable Kaipara. She will return in a few weeks to check on our progress and possibly start an inground worm farm in the gardens.

Finally, we (in which I mean, the students) have been working on their stamina and fitness for the annual Cross Country in a couple of weeks, training most days. I know they can't wait.

Nga mihi, Whaea Lyn



NEWS FROM RĀKAU

We would love to share some of our amazing writing with you. All students have written some great pieces about Duck Shooting, but unfortunately, we only have room for two!

Duck Shooting
By Zade

The hunter was getting equipment ready for the hunt. His bag was heavy. His bag had a gun and ammo in it. His bag was muddy. Sitting in the māimai he is waiting for some ducks to come.

The dog is excited, breathing heavily, his tongue hanging out, his saliva wetting the floor of the māimai. The dog waits for the command. The dog had a wet smell. The hunter is thirsty for some coffee, he takes a mouthful from his thermos hoping it will wake him up. The hunter is sleepy because he woke up so early this morning to get ready for his day. The hunter can hear ducks quacking in the mist.

He shoots the gun and the ducks start falling like bombs in a city under attack. The dog is thirsty for the duck. The hunter gives the command and the dog gets the ducks. Blood dribbling down his mouth, the dog is proud of his work for the day.

Opening Morning, By Hailey

I was flying low one cloudy Saturday morning. The thick, heavy mist was suspended over the water. The icy, cold and bottomless water reflected the mist which disappeared into the depths. Calm, peaceful, and a dark shade of blue, the water rippled with the slight breeze in the air. Suddenly, I saw my duck friend with a glowing body in a pond nearby. I thought that the moving and glowing duck was actually real. What I didn't realize, my duck friend was just a decoy placed there by the hunter. I flew down to have a closer look. My real duck friends followed me like sheep to the slaughter. |

At the last minute, too late for some, we started to realize what was going on. The hunter aimed, fired, and shot at me. He missed my wing by a quarter of an inch. Before he shot at me, he successfully killed one of my friends. My duck friend, who I was friends with for 5 odd years, died and I was sad. With grief, I felt heaviness and emptiness in my heart. I was angry that my friend was shot by the hunter. Remembering all the good memories I had with my duck friend, I realized that our lives together flashed before my eyes.

I tried to avoid being shot, but I was so distracted that I flew into the hunter's sight. He shot at me again; it was successful this time. Death owns me.

Mauriora,
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2024 Some Dates to Remember

Thursdays	Term 2	Seniors to Technology
Friday	31 May	Ruawai Cross Country
Monday	3 June	Kings Bday- no school
Tuesday	4 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY – no school
Friday	7 June	NW Cross Country
Wednesday	19 June	Mathex
Monday	24 June	Kāhui Ako Matariki Celebration tbc
Friday	28 June	Matariki Holiday- no school
Friday	5 July	Last Day of Term 2



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BOARDING INFORMATION MEETINGS COMING SOON

We are planning visits across Northland and Kaipara, register your interest so we know where we are needed.

We will share the benefits of boarding, how to apply for financial support and answer any questions you may have.

No obligation to enrol.

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