



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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July 2024

Kia ora koutou,
I trust you all enjoyed a great Matariki weekend and that your children are refreshed and ready for one more week of learning! It was lovely to see so many of you joining us for our Learning Celebration last week. We trust you

enjoyed playing a game or two with your child/ren and filled your bellies with the delicious soups and dessert made by our staff and students.



REPORTS + INTERVIEWS

Today you will receive an interim report for your child/ren. I hope you find this informative and useful. Week one of next term we will hold parent interviews, where we would love to see every family to either discuss the report, identify next steps or supports required, and to celebrate successes. We hope you can make it. Teachers have chosen to run these for two evenings, rather than during the school day to minimise disruption for families.

SENIOR CAMP FUNDRAISER

Our quiz night held on the 15th June was a fun night and we had amazing support from everyone who came along and helped us raise \$1900 towards our camp fund. Huge thanks to our fabulous sponsors: Snazzy Gifts, B'Arch, Pukeatua Woodwork, Bulbs Direct, Compac, Riverview, Agrisea and Silver Fern Farms for the prizes and raffles! And, of course, thanks to Arapohue Bowling Club for the use of your facilities.

Especially proud of our staff team who came second!!

A reminder to Year 7/8s that your deposit for camp should have been paid by TODAY as we will need to book flights over the holidays,



ATTENDANCE

We are pleased with overall attendance data this term. Student data shows 91% attendance, 7% justified absences and only 2% unjustified absences. Our students set class goals earlier this term and chose rewards that they would get so I am quite certain that there will be some extra treats happening on Friday!

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.

SICKNESS

Winter illnesses are taking hold across the motu, with 'flu season' arriving earlier than normal. Aotearoa is also at a high risk of a measles outbreak with immunisation rates dropping off since COVID-19. Please see below the Te Whatu Ora advice, particularly that the best protection against an outbreak of measles is the MMR vaccine.

[Measles - Te Whatu Ora](#)

NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

On Thursday we finished our week with a beautiful assembly run by Kākano. They shared some great Matariki artwork and writing along with some fun alphabet raps.

Classroom awards this week went to: Kyeisha, Mrs Piper, Cooper, Heidi, Phoenix, Sara, Kharmillia and Kiana.

PATH card prize draw: Congratulations to Zade, Krysharn and Natasha who won a spin on the prize wheel which meant Principal for an hour and free time with a friend.



We also caught up with Heidi who reached her 25 milestone earlier in the term and chose a dip in the treasure chest.



We celebrated our Mathex representatives and in particular would like to acknowledge our Year 7/8 team who finished in second place in their section.

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. Thank you to those who have already contacted us regarding this.

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

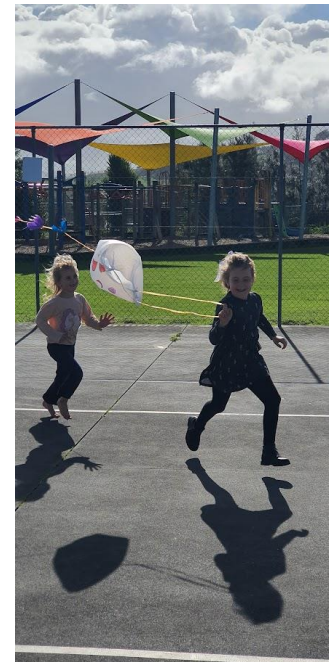
Stories about kites and Matariki

I saw the seven sisters and their kites turned into stars. We don't see the kites, but we do see the stars. – Lachlan

'Matariki has seven kites but they flew away. - Willow

We are sisters flying our kites. - Ava

Long, long ago before dinosaurs roamed the land, there lived nine sisters. The youngest sister was finally old enough to make a kite like her older sisters. One night all nine of the sisters tied the kites they made to the branch of a tree. All the sisters fell fast asleep, one by one. Except the ninth and youngest sister. The wind was howling, and the moon was shining brighter than ever. "Wake up! Wake up!" the youngest sister cried. "Our kites! They have flown away." In the morning the youngest sister told the others what had happened, but they just ignored her. The kites had turned into stars. - Harper



NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

It'll be great to catch our breath this week following the busy few weeks we've had. We were so proud of the student's performance at Ahurei Matariki, Te Kopuru, and at our learning celebration last Wednesday. Such a great opportunity to catch up with so many parents, in such a fun way.

Māhuri completed the final House of Science unit for this term; Weather Ready, with Rākau students doing a mini cloud study. They should be able to predict the weather based on cloud formation. Māhuri are still busy creating their own myths that explain different aspects of New Zealand culture or landscape, and we're finishing off our statistical investigations, finding correlations between age or year, gender and height growth.



Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to a whole lot more learning next term.

NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Students from Rākau have been busy working on Wellington Literacy Projects. They have had to research facts about Wellington. Planning itineraries, budgeting and designing logos and t-shirts has got us super excited about our Wellington trip in Term 4. We are so pleased that we have raised \$8000 so far – well over half way!

After a visit from Megan Topia from Northland Regional Council who taught us about possum and rat trapping we



have been busy setting traps and monitoring the pests around our school. So far we have caught 5 possums and 1 rat!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

This term, four students volunteered to be our librarians, and have recently completed training in library processes. They have the library open Tuesdays and Wednesdays for everyone. Mrs Piper brought back some new books from her Canada conference trip – these are now available for everyone to read. Our pick from these new titles was 'Brave Like the Buffalo' by Melissa Allan and Jadyn Fischer-McNab. It is about a young buffalo calf who fears an unknown storm on the horizon. His mother is unfazed and shows the calf how to charge through the things he fears. "A beautifully illustrated children's picture book with a heartwarming message".

As this is the last week of Term 2, please return all your issued books to the library.

Many thanks

Your Student Librarians

HUI AHUREI O MATARIKI

On Monday 24th June we travelled to Te Kopuru School to take part in Hui Ahurei O Matariki Festival. It was an amazing day which was not just about us taking the stage and performing but also



about the amount of learning we were able to do by participating in this cultural experience. I am sure all those families who joined us will agree that it was an amazing day!

LOOKING AHEAD

As a heads up our Ag Day will be held on Saturday 19 October and animals entered need to have been born between 1st July and 15th September. There will be more information about this next term but I am sure some students may already be picking their animals over the holidays.

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2024 Some Dates to Remember

Thursdays	Term 2	Seniors to Technology
Monday	1 July	Wellington Camp deposit due today for all Yr 7/8 students
Friday	5 July	Last Day of Term 2
Mon	22 July	First day of Term 3
Wed/Thurs	24/25 July	Parent Interviews 3 – 6pm
Thursday	5 Sept	Body Jam Competition
Fri	6 Sept	school cooking comp entries
Thursday	19 Sept	Kāhui Ako cooking competition