



# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

*Te ara ki mātauranga • The pathway to knowledge*

September 2024

Kia ora koutou,

As always we are racing through another term and as the end of term comes closer we kick it up another gear to ensure we complete the term well. The next few weeks will be a little busier as we have our school speech comp and then the Northern Wairoa Speech Comp, we have Northern Wairoa Body Jam event, Wig Wednesday, Rākau have an Enviro Schools trip, we have a Teacher Only Day and of course we are busy completing all of our work for Ag Day!

Please note we will **NOT** be having a **Learning Celebration** this term – that will be at the start of next term by way of our Ag Day!

## FIREWOOD FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who sold and bought tickets for this raffle. The winning ticket was #58 – Josey. Congratulations! We are grateful to Ruawai Lions for donating the wood which means we made a profit of \$420 From this fundraising venture.

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

At our last meeting the Board welcomed a visit from Whaea Lyn who shared with us the learning our staff have done around SchoolTalks. This is an online planning and assessment tool that visibly tracks student progress against structured progressions so that every learner makes progress in their learning journey. SchoolTalks creates a rich record of learning that is visibly and collaboratively used by teachers, learners and eventually parents to support effective formative assessment, build student agency, and strengthen home/school partnerships. We are impressed by the work the teachers have done and it looks like this tool will not only save time and energy but will also make learning more transparent.

## EDUCATION LANDSCAPE

As you will read in the attached letter written by Northern Wairoa Principals Association we continue to fight back against the current claims and education initiatives being put before us. The challenge around this when schools are already working hard to meet the needs of our learners is ongoing. You will read in the letter that we are in the midst of a teacher shortage which has hit crisis point in Northland. Numbers enrolling in teacher training has dropped dramatically in recent years and the average age of teachers shows us numbers will only decrease over the next ten years. Many jobs advertised are currently getting zero applicants.

We are incredibly fortunate here at Arapohue that we have a stable staff and with the fabulous Miss Mitchell on board we can usually cover all absence. HOWEVER, that is not always possible and as the teacher shortage continues, we may need to ask you to keep students' home if we cannot provide enough staff onsite to keep our students safe. We understand the inconvenience this would cause and would only do it as a last resort, should safety be compromised. We trust that you will support us if we ever have to take this step.

## ATTENDANCE

We continue to monitor attendance and would like to acknowledge and thank you all for keeping your children at home when they are sick. This helps keep everyone else healthy – hopefully! On the other hand, classes have all set goals around their attendance and are currently counting how many full weeks they do at school. If they hit their target they will be invited to a “Pancake Breakfast” on the last day of term – the winning class with the highest stats will also receive an extra special surprise treat!!

## SCHOOL DOCS

School Docs is the online platform for our school policies. We encourage our families to visit the site – you can search, review and provide feedback to our Board.

You will find the link on our website under Parent Information – School Policies or type the link into your browser:

<https://arapohue.schooldocs.co.nz/>

User name: arapohue PW: path

Policies to review this term are: **Concerns and Complaints Policy** (board), **Media, Performance Management** (board), **Professional Development, Protected Disclosure** (board), **Staff Conduct, Staff Leave**

## THANK YOU!

We are the lucky winners of a set of George the Farmer books. Thank you to Rabobank and all those who nominated our school, especially Michelle Harris whose name was drawn out.

## 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.

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

Just a reminder that we have a supply of head lice treatments if any of our families need some. Just give the office a call/text and we can send some home.

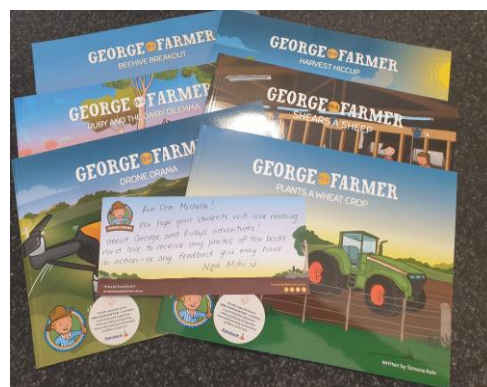
## NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

Due to staff absence, we were unable to have an assembly last week – keep an eye on our facebook page to see which students we celebrate when we catch up on this later this week.

## AG DAY

Ag Day this year will be held at the start of Term 4 on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> of October and animals entered need to have been born between 1<sup>st</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> September. We are hoping to have a good number of animals entered and we ask that you register your animals ASAP on the form sent previously (contact the office if you need another copy). Early entries will receive an animal care package kindly sponsored by Agrisea. **If you are unsure of what is required when rearing/showing an animal, please contact us for guidance.**

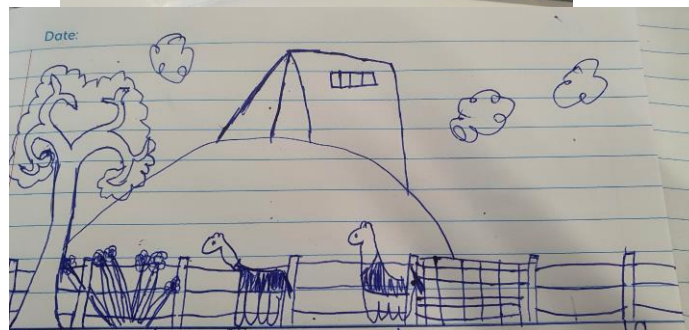
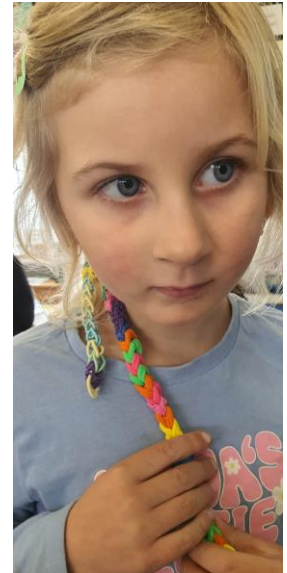
If you are looking for a lamb for your child, please contact Rochelle in the office to join the waiting list. Any lambs that come available are \$50 each and will be offered in order of the wait list.



**Donations:** This year we would like to continue with our grocery raffle, and also repeat last years' success with the White Elephant Stall. We would ask for EACH student to please bring along a **grocery item** or two to contribute to the raffle and if you have any **quality used clothing, toys or treasures** that you would like to donate please send it along. We would like all donations to be brought in **BEFORE** the end of term.

### NEWS FROM KĀKANO

A variety of interests have been shown recently from the children in Kākano.



### NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora whānau,

Although working hard on Ag Day art, students have also managed to fit in learning about the skeleton system for our science unit 'Dem Bones'. Rākau students had the good fortune to build different elements of the skeleton, which was great fun.

With a week to go, some groups of students have been practicing their dances for the Northern Wairoa dance competition next week, while everyone else are preparing their speeches for our school competition. Some great topics have been chosen, which will making presentation very interesting.

Following the Olympics, senior students were given STEM challenges to compete in, which proved to be more challenging than initially thought, but a lot of fun.

The remainder of the term will be full of more art and finishing off items for Ag Day, Yay!

Take care, Whaea Lyn



## NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Rākau and Kākano had a fun morning weaving together last Thursday and their weaving was based on the Kuia and the Spider story. We did paper weaving going in and out and spider web weaving which went round and round. The challenge for Rākau was to actively collaborate with Kākano to help them create their own weaving. The challenge for Kākano was that they had to help their Rākau buddies catch up to them.



Rākau also are writing their speeches and completing them. Rākau was doing Parliament research last week on parties of their choice. More Kandinsky work has also been completed by the majority of Rākau students.

Hailey

Mauriora,  
Kylie Piper

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### 2024 Some Dates to Remember

Tues/Wed	10/11 Sep	School Speech Comp TBC
Wednesday	11 Sept	Wig Wednesday – see following information Board Meeting
Thursday	12 Sept	BODY JAM
Friday	13 Sept	Teacher Only Day
Sunday	15 Sept	Last birth date for Ag Day Animals
Wednesday	18 Sept	Northern Wairoa Speech Competition

WE'RE TAKING PART IN  
**WIG WEDNESDAY**

Child cancer FOUNDATION

Help us support Kiwi kids with cancer

Josh diagnosed age 12  
Johnny diagnosed age 8  
Myla diagnosed age 6  
Theo diagnosed age 5

**DONATE NOW**  
Visit [wigwednesday.org.nz](http://wigwednesday.org.nz) or text WIGWY to 3457 to donate \$3

**Help us support this amazing cause with a gold coin donation on Wednesday 11th September.**

**NORTHLAND CHESS**  
CHAMPIONSHIP 2024  
Saturday 02 Nov 9am-6pm in Kerikeri

AWARDS & CASH PRIZES  
Junior\* (up to 12 Y)  
Youth\* (13-17 Y)  
Senior\* (18+ Y)  
\*Age as of 01 Jan 2024

FAMILY FUN EVENT  
all ages - all skill levels

\$10 player registration fee

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Registration closes on 25/10/2024 or when full

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