



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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September 2024 – week 10

Kia ora koutou,

Here we are again, at the end of another term! We have lots of tired children and have battled with sickness throughout the term BUT here we are, still standing!

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the New Zealand Principal's Federation Australasian Conference in Christchurch which was a fantastic time of learning and connection. Top keynote speakers for me would have to be Dr Hana O'Regan who spoke on the impacts of coloniality and the deliberate and intentional actions we need to take to address inequality and bias, and Gilbert Enoka who was firstly the mental skills coach and then manager-leader for the All Blacks for 23 years. He shared the lessons he has learnt on his life journey, on how to manage the moments, balancing performance and pressure. He shared so many gems, one that I will aim to constantly remind our children is:

You become unstoppable if you work on the things others can't take away from you – character and mindset!

I am excited to now be back at school and am ready to enjoy our last week of learning before the end of term 3.

ATTENDANCE

For the second half of this term our classes have been working on their identified attendance goal and the classes that have met this goal will be invited to a celebration breakfast on 8:30am Friday morning. Invites for this will be sent home on Thursday.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

At our last meeting the Board welcomed another visit from Whaea Lyn who shared with us the learning our staff have done around Writers Toolbox. This is an educational writing programme powered by patented AI. It is designed to help students master writing—without doing the work for them—and gives real-time, individualised feedback at scale: in every topic, for every student, at their most teachable moments. Our staff and students are finding the programme motivational and supportive in the writing process and report positive gains made in writing.

Our Board also started the process of looking ahead to 2025, setting the term dates which are listed below and are now looking at staffing and budgets.

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/>

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This is the last week to make your contributions to our term policy review.

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!

Thank you to all students and families who donated for our Wig Wednesday fundraiser two weeks ago. We made \$70.00 which we have send along to the Child Cancer Foundation to support this important cause.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kyeisha who was selected by our panel of judges to



represent our school at the Northern Wairoa Rotary Speech Competition held last Wednesday night. Kyeisha did us proud with her speech about



the importance of Kura Kaupapa Māori and we congratulate the overall winner, Myles Shannon of DIS with his speech on organ donors.

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, and feminine hygiene products 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

Our assembly on Friday was run by Māhuri, and their team of acting principals, Elsie, Stella and Rowan. From what I hear they did such an admirable job that I was tempted to stay away for another week!

Classroom awards this week went to: Zade, Devon, Miss Mitchell, Gemma, Monty, Ava, Leila and Jackson. Well done everyone.



PATH card prize draw: Congratulations to Bella who won pie face with a friend, Willow won free time with a friend, Kiana – an icecream treat and Phoenix – Principal for an hour.

AG DAY

Ag Day this year will be held at the start of Term 4 on Saturday 19th of October ALL animal entries were due last week. We look forward to seeing our 15 students working with their animals then.

Students have been busy at school completing all of their school entries and we are hoping that you are all supporting this programme at home by ensuring your children complete some home entries – a perfect activity to keep them busy in the holidays.

We would also like to remind you that we would ask for all grocery raffle and white elephant donations be sent to school by this Friday so we have time to get these organised. To date our grocery raffle looks incredibly sad which is surprising given our roll is the biggest it has been in a number of years.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help with the set up, running of stalls and pack down and clean up afterwards. If anyone has a connection to a business that may like to donate a prize for us to raffle we would love you to let us know.

Please fill in the form attached and return ASAP.

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

We have been learning about shapes. There are flat shapes called 2D like square, triangle, octagon and pentagon. Quadrilaterals are 2D shapes that have 4 sides - quad means 4. Some quadrilaterals have square corners and they are rectangles that can be squares or oblongs. We made 3D shapes called prisms and pyramids using toothpicks and bluetack. A pyramid has edges that meet at one point and prisms have a square, triangle, octagon or any other 2D shape at both ends.



NEWS FROM MĀHURI

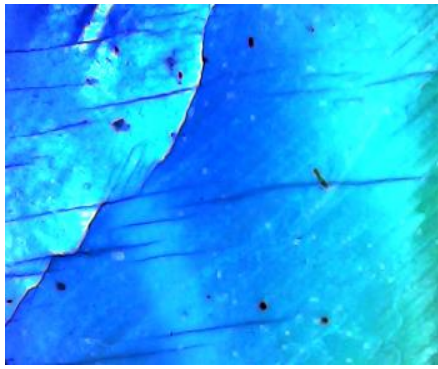
Kia ora e te whanau,

As we approach the end of the term, Māhuri and Rākau are busy completing Ag Day art and crafts ready for judging and selling, with anticipated excitement.

Students have done well, presenting speeches, performing in the dance expo and hosting our final assembly with the help of our acting principals.

Our final science component for the term has been learning how to use digital microscopes to capture images 500x – 1000x. It's quite something being able to observe the world around us in such detail.

Paua shell



Cloth



Hair follicles



Māhuri concluded their persuasive writing unit, writing book reviews about their favourite book to present at assembly. They shared a range of books from the Pigeon wants a Hotdog by Mo Willems to the 2024 World Guinness Record book. Great to see the range of reading material our students prefer.

“Holly Webb wrote a lovely book called ‘Oscars Lonely Christmas’. It is a book about a little puppy that had no family on Christmas. I think it’s a lovely book to read because it’s breath-taking, heartbreaking and a thrilling book.

I recommend this book to 10-12 year olds, because some kids aren’t ready for eight chapter-long books. My favourite part was when Oscar got a home.

But, I’m warning you, that there a thirteen other books, so be prepared for your room to be filled with tissues.”

Written by Zane Gillam.

I look forward to seeing the wonderful crafts students produce over the holidays and catching up with whanau on Ag Day.

Haere pai, Whaea Lyn.

NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Last week, Mrs Piper and her play team went to Wellington to perform their awesome play and then she went on to Christchurch for a Principal Conference. During her absence, we had Miss Mitchell in for the week. During that time, Rākau made poroporo hoa (friendship bracelets). We have made quite a few (3 types so far), and are going to sell them for our Ag day next term. We also participated in some Maori Language Week challenges such as trying to say the longest place name, sing or say our pepeha. We can't wait to see what prizes Mrs Piper has bought for us!

Another Ag day thing we have done is planting sunflower seeds to also sell, alongside pumpkin plants and about 4 or 5 different types of tomato plants.

See you next term at Ag Day.

Devon and Zade.



(Pumpkin plants)

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2024 Some Dates to Remember

Thursday	26 Sept	Rākau Enviro Schools Trip
Friday	27 Sep	Pancake Breakfast
Friday	27 Sept	Last day of Term 3
Monday	14 Oct	First Day of Term 4
Friday	18 Oct	Indoor entries to school (bring flowers for school options)
Monday	14 Oct	First Day of Term 4
Wednesday	16 Oct	Save Your Teddy First Aide Day – BYO teddy to school!
Saturday	19 Oct	Ag Day
Thursday	31 Oct	Board Meeting
Wednesday	6 Nov	NW Centrals
Friday	15 Nov	T O Day
Monday	18-22 Nov	Senior Camp to Wellington
Wednesday	11 Dec	Prize giving TBC
Friday	13 Dec	Last Day TBC

AG/Show Day Return

There are always multiple jobs to be done building up to and on Ag Day. If you are able to help with any of the following please let us know.

- I can help on Friday afternoon with grounds set up Yes No
- I can help with pack down/clean up Yes No
- I can help on the day with manning a stall Yes No
- I can help with Sponsorship of prizes/raffles Yes No

Name: _____ Signed: _____