



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

Te ara ki mātauranga • The pathway to knowledge

10 December 2024 – week 9

Here we are, at the end of another successful year! I hope you enjoyed reading your child/ren's reports last week – our teachers spend a lot of time reflecting on progress made and next steps for all students which shows in their reports. While reflecting we thought we would finish this newsletter with the students favourite things in 2024. When we look at all of the ideas they have come up with it is little wonder that everyone is a tad exhausted.

After Prizegiving on Wednesday we will spend Thursday packing up and cleaning the school – if we get this done we are planning some Water FUN for Friday. Can children please bring their togs and towel and make sure they are well sun blocked. At the risk of jinxing things, they could also bring their togs on Thursday - just in case we finish our cleaning early.

STAFFING 2025

Last week all students got to have a visit in their 2025 class. We have minimal changes for next year and it will look like this:

Kākano: Yr 1 - 3 with Whaea Philippa

Māhuri: Yr 4 - 6 with Whaea Lyn

Rākau: Yr 7 - 8 with Miss Greville (Monday, Thursday and Friday) and Miss Mitchell (Tuesday and Wednesday). For 2025 Rākau will run as a full time class.

Our students start back in 2025 on Wednesday 29 January. To ease staff and students into it we will have a three day week in week 1 and then another three day week in week 2 as Waitangi Day is on Thursday and we will stay closed on the Friday.

PRIZEGIVING

A reminder that we will be having our annual Prizegiving in the Arapohue Hall, starting at 11am tomorrow. If you are keeping your children home with you for the morning please have them at the hall by 10:50 at the latest. Please bring a plate to share for lunch. As with our school Ag Day trophies will no longer go home with students – there will be a chance to get a photo of your child with it at the conclusion of the ceremony and then it will need to come back to school.

THANK YOUs

We have so many people and businesses who support our school in so many ways, we are grateful for them all! Spotlight for this newsletter goes to our local AFFCO supplying farmers who have nominated our school for the Cash for School programme and also to those who use Fern Fuels from which we benefit through the point rewards programme.

BANKING CHANGES

From late November 2024 the country's banking industry is phasing in Confirmation of Payee when you are paying someone online. This may mean you need to alter saved banking details for us.

Our exact account name and number are as follows:

Account Name: Arapohue Primary School

Account Number: 12-3098-0257114-00

SCHOOL DOCS

Don't forget to log on to Schooldocs to complete this terms reviews:

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

User name: arapohue PW: path

Our Term Four policies for review are:





- Finance and Asset Management Policy (board)
- Managing Income and Expenditure (board)
- Financial Conflicts of Interest (board)
- School Donations & Student Activity Payments/Attendance Dues & Other Income
- Expenditure
- Asset Management and Protection (board)
- Property Planning and Maintenance
- Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft

STATIONERY 2025

We have worked hard to keep stationery packs at \$25 per student. Stationery will be issued in the first week of school and an invoice sent home.

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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thanks for all of your orders - we are hoping that these will be ready to send home on Thursday. Once again, huge thanks to Paula McInnes who was our star photographer.

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Our favourite things.....

- *I liked the mystery bus trip because we went to two places and we had an ice block and pizza. It was so much fun. Lily*

At the beginning of the year we do swimming and we have to lie on our backs and do a whirlpool. When we turn around you have to try to push through it. Sara

- *My favourite thing was Flipout because I front flipped off the green Lamborghini and I almost did the splits on the way down. Lachlan*

I liked the Waitotira show because of the kiwi and I also liked the guitar. It was interesting that they used a pulley to pull up the kauri tree. It was called "Trev and the kauri tree.

Monty

- *At Flipout I twisted into the giant air cushion and it made me dizzy a bit. George*

I loved jumping into the pit and I learnt to read this year. Ava

- *I liked learning about how to make paper out of papyrus. Papyrus grows near The River Nile and all the Egyptians depend on it because that's where they get their water from. I liked moving to Arapohue because it's a much smaller school and we go on Mystery bus trips every year. Harper.*

I liked the cross country because it's lots of running and I like running and jumping over the hay bails. Bella

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Meri Kirihimete e te whānau, Merry Christmas,

Somehow, we find ourselves in the final week of school. In between Mystery Bus Trips and Prize-giving practices, Māhuri have been busy finishing work for the year; learning about pollutants in the air and completing narrative writing.

When asked, students claimed some of their '**Stand Outs**' for 2024 have been... Bodyjam, the Matariki (kapa Haka) Festival, EPRO8, Writer's Toolbox and Enviro-heroes.

Other students preferred... Mathex, swimming, athletics, triathlon, Champions, Steps, Quick 60, speeches and Winter sports Taster.

Makes me realize how much we have done and how far we have come over the year.

I wish you all relaxing and enjoyable time with family for the holidays. See you next year. Ka kite koutou i tera tau. Whaea Lyn

I leave you with a few final photos from the Mystery Bus trip.



NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Hailey - My best thing was the Northern Wairoa Bodyjam Competition because I got to dance to one of my favourite North Korean songs and I got first place in my category.

Nelson - My best thing was Wellington because I got to go to my first ever protest.

Devon - my favourite thing was going to Wellington because we got to go somewhere different and do loads of cool activities.

Zade - My favourite thing has been sailing because I learnt new things and the weather was better this year.

Cooper - My favourite thing was Wellington because I got the opportunity to go and do all the fun things there

Aaliyah - I enjoyed going to the Matariki Kapa Haka Festival because I enjoyed all of the practices, and it was fun performing on stage for the first time outside of our own school.

Heidi - My most favourite part of school this year has been the curriculum learning - I love getting stuck into work and learning new things.

Leon - My favourite thing this year has been going to Technology at DIS because I really enjoyed making all of the different things and that we got to go for a swim in the town pool afterwards.

Jariah - I really enjoyed doing the Save your Teddy day because I liked bringing my dinosaur Barney to school for the day - fortunately I managed to save his life too!

Have a safe and happy summer holiday - I hope that Santa is kind to you all and that you are able to find time to rest, relax and enjoy your families.

Mauriora,
Kylie Piper
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2024/25 Some Dates to Remember

Wednesday	11 Dec	11am Prize giving & Shared Lunch
Friday	13 Dec	Last Day - water fun - 12.30 Finish - No afternoon bus run
Tuesday	28 Jan	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday	29 Jan	Students start back for 2025
Thursday	6 Feb	Waitangi Day holiday
Friday	7 Feb	School closed.
Wednesday	12 Feb	Goal Setting conferences - school finishes at 2pm. Life Education
Wednesday	19 February	Year 7/8s Technology and town pool swimming First Board Meeting for 2025 - 6:30pm.

Secret Agent School @ Kaipara Libraries
Super sleuthing spies

TOP SECRET
Speak to a Kaipara Librarian to receive your mission pack

YOUR MISSION... IF YOU CHOOSE TO ACCEPT IT
Speak to a Librarian at Dargaville, Mangawhai or Kaiwaka Library to receive your mission pack and get involved in the Kaipara Libraries summer reading programme!

Enroll in secret agent school, complete challenges, crack codes, and read your way to graduation!

We have heaps of prizes up for grabs, so don't forget to enter your prize tickets to be in to win!

- 2x Night mission binoculars
- 2x JBL bluetooth speaker
- 2x KidsRobots
- 2x Squishmallows
- 2x Tabletop spider robots
- 2x Reading lights
- 2x Minicraft lego sets
- 2x Nerf guns

DON'T FORGET TO ENTER YOUR PRIZE TICKETS INTO BEANSTACK

Free Breakaway School Holiday Programme
with **CIRCUS KUMARANI**

10am til 2pm ages 8+
20th - 22nd December
Dargaville
Selwyn Park School

Register at www.circuskumarani.co.nz

All Saints Church Mititai

Christmas Carols Service

Friday 20th December 2024

6:30pm

Followed by supper - bring a plate of food to share.