



# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Newsletter #2 2025 – Term 1 Week 4

## FROM LISA'S DESK

**Kia ora koutou, Arapohue School whānau,**

It's hard to believe we are already in Week 4! With two short weeks to start the term, last week was our first full week back, and it has been wonderful to see students settling into their learning routines.

I have really enjoyed meeting so many parents and whānau—it has been a real privilege to connect with you all. A huge congratulations to our PATH card winners and our students for their fantastic exhibitions at the Arapohue Show. It was also great to see their enthusiasm in the Agri-Kids competition and to meet some of their much-loved pets!

Kākano and Māhuri classes had an exciting time in the Life Education trailer, learning all about food and making healthy choices with Harold, while Rakau learned about leadership and teamwork. It's also been awesome to see our students out and about, proudly displaying our PATH school values in everything they do.



Looking ahead, I'm excited to see some great learning happening over the next two weeks with the **Science Kit - Food 4 Thought**, and our **Swim for Life** sessions starting on Thursday. These opportunities will give our students hands-on learning experiences in science and water safety.

Finally, a reminder of the importance of reading at home: *"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents."* Taking time to read with your child—even just a few minutes each day—makes a world of difference.

Looking forward to a fantastic Term One!

Ngā mihi,  
Lisa Greville

## MEET THE TEACHER

It was great to meet some of you for the first time, and to catch up with our existing families at our Meet the Teacher afternoon. A reminder that if you could not make that day but would like a meeting with your child's teacher, please let us know and we can arrange another day and time.

## SWIMMING

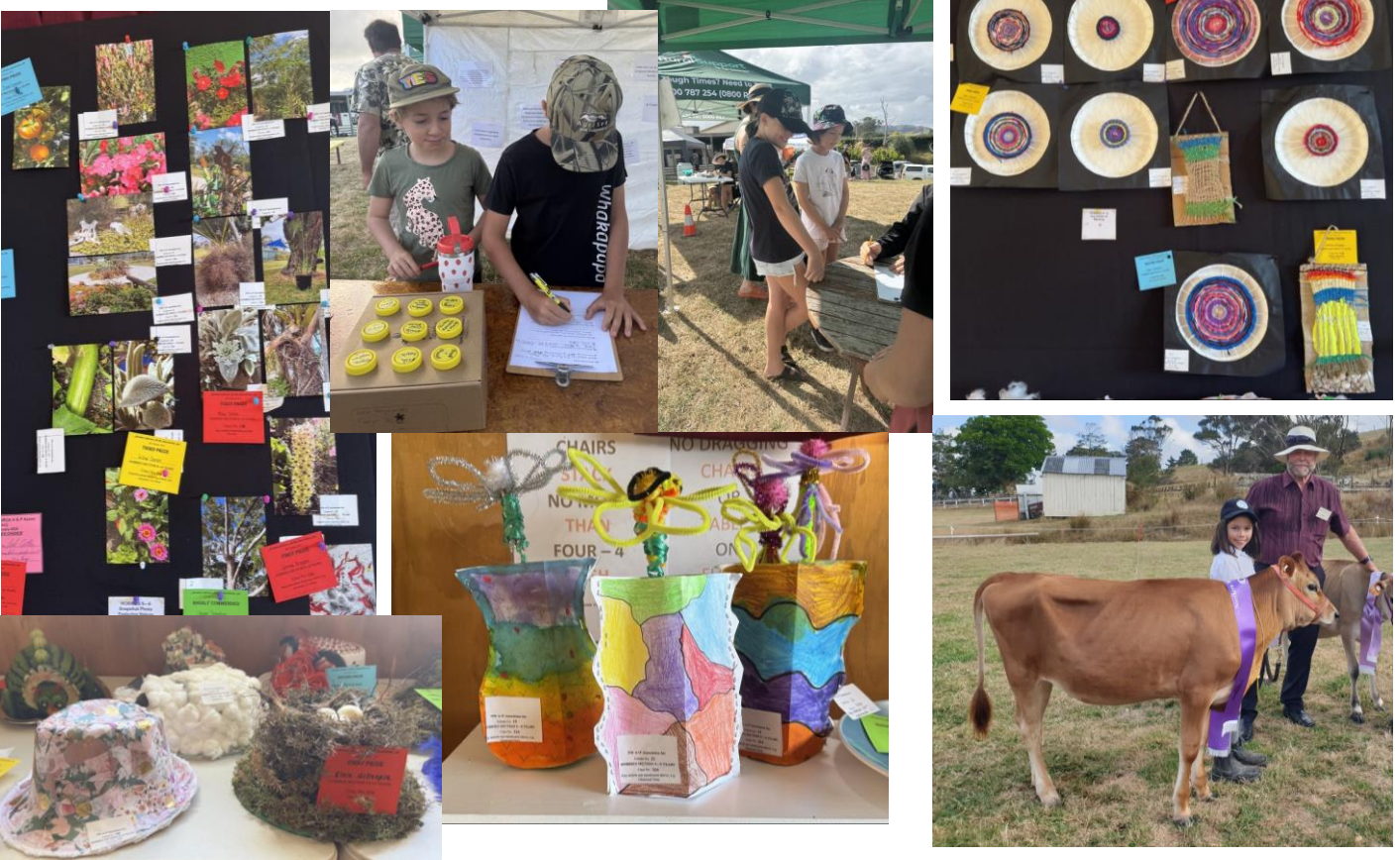
Swimming is part of our daily curriculum during the summer months so children are expected to participate. If there is a reason for your child not to swim please advise the office.

## EOTC/SCHOOL TRIPS ELIGIBILITY

Our Board has introduced a new policy for all our students: Their school attendance level must be of 85% or above to be eligible for EOTC and school trips.

## ARAPOHUE SHOW

We were well represented at the show by our students both for the indoor exhibits and with outdoor activities including Agri Kids and animal entries. Well done to all who participated – we sure have an amazing community!



## ASSEMBLY

Last Friday was our first assembly for 2025! We had a marvelous presentation from Māhuri around their Waitangi Day/Treaty of Waitangi learning. Class awards went to: Elsie, Alex, Heidi, Acacia-Rose, Jackson, Maia, Layton, Bella, Monty and Hazel.





Congratulations to our first lot of Path Card Draw winners: Natasha who had a dip in the prize box, Hazel who won Free Time with a Friend and Keizhlee who won an Icecream Treat!

### BANKING DETAILS

For our new families or anyone needing to update their bank details, our school 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

Term 1 review topics	Review opens 3 February
• <b>Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy</b>	Board review
• <b>Safety Management System</b>	Board review
• <b>Risk Management</b>	Board review
• <b>Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation</b>	
• <b>Healthcare</b>	Board review
• <b>Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness</b>	

### STATIONERY

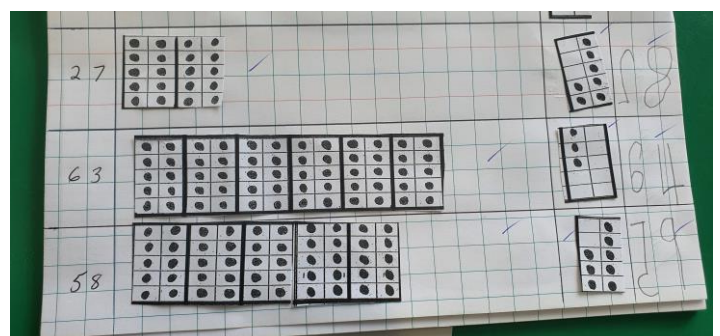
Invoices for stationery have been sent home with students. The packs are \$25 per student and banking payment details are on the invoices – Please use student name as the payment reference.

### BUS/PICKUP CHANGES

Please ensure any changes to afternoon bus/pickup routines are phoned (4397513), texted (02108826534), or emailed (rochelle@arapohue.school.nz) 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.

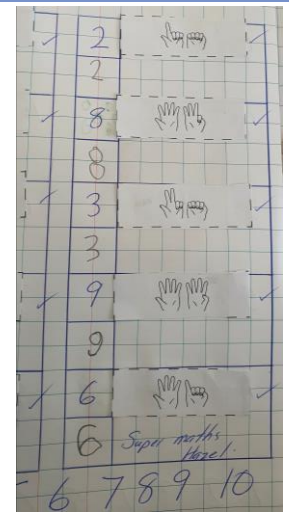
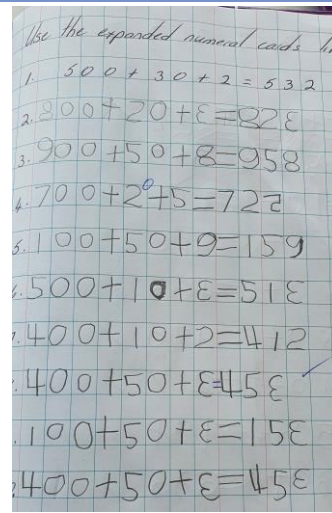
### NEWS FROM KĀKANO

In Kākanō we have been learning about how numbers work. Some children have been writing expanded and compact numerals. If we know about place value, it is much easier to add two digit numbers. While others are learning to remember which numbers go together to add up to ten. These are the ten twins. We played a fast card game to



help us remember them.  
We are also learning to recognise patterns for numbers so we don't need to count them.

Whaea Philippa



### NEWS FROM MĀHURI



It has been a very busy full week at school for our students. Lots of timely learning around the Treaty of Waitangi and the significance of Waitangi Day which was incorporated into our assembly presentation. Swimming has been fantastic with the very warm weather and we are looking forward to our new Science Kit this week.

### NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Kia ora whānau,

It's been a busy and exciting time for Rākau! Last week, we had our first trip to Technology at Dargaville Intermediate, where our students got stuck into hands-on learning in hard materials, technology. We also visited the town pools, where our students demonstrated fantastic teamwork and respect. A lifeguard even commented on how well we look after each other—a wonderful reflection of our school values in action!

In class, we've been exploring identity through creative writing, crafting "I Am" poems and tūrangawaewae descriptions to express who we are and where we belong. Looking ahead, we are beginning an inquiry into sustainability, investigating how we can reduce waste and care for our environment.

Ka pai, Rakau! Keep up the great mahi!

Miss Greville & Miss Mitchell  
[lisa@arapohue.school.nz](mailto:lisa@arapohue.school.nz)

### 2025 Some Dates to Remember

Thursdays	Term 1&2	Year 7/8s Technology and town pool swimming
Tuesday	18 February	First Board Meeting for 2025 – 6:30pm
Thursday	20 & 27 Feb	Sport Northland – Water Skills for Life
Week 6	3-7 March	EPRO8 Week
Friday	7 March	Assembly
Wednesday	19 March	Board Meeting