



# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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**Newsletter #3 2025 – Term 1 Week 7**

## FROM LISA'S DESK

Kia ora whānau,

It has been a busy few weeks here at Arapohue, with our tamariki engaging in so many fantastic learning experiences. From cricket coaching to the Food for Thought science kit, E Pro 8 in-class events, and Swim Safe sessions, there has been no shortage of hands-on learning and collaboration. It's been awesome to see our students working together, problem-solving, and embracing these opportunities with enthusiasm.

We also want to wish good luck to our swimmers heading to the South Zone Swimming competition this Friday—ka mau te wehi! Next week, two of our teams will head to Whangārei to compete in the E Pro 8 competition, and we are excited to see their creativity and teamwork in action.

## Attendance Matters:

Arapohue School is committed to working alongside you to support your child's attendance. We continue to build a culture that encourages attendance every day by ensuring:

- Our staff have strong, positive relationships with students and whānau.
- We recognise and value your child, your family, and what is important to you.
- We take all practical steps to support your child to be at school and engaged in their learning.
- Our school is a safe, welcoming, and inclusive place for all.

If there are any challenges affecting your child's attendance, please reach out—we're here to help. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Ngā mihi,  
Lisa Greville

## EPRO8 IN SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Since last newsletter, our Year 5 – 8 Students had the opportunity to challenge themselves with the Northpower EPRO8 kits in class. This initiative involves the ākonga working in teams to complete building challenges using supplied material kits and directives to achieve the desired result. Teams are scored stage by stage and the top team of each age group goes forward to the Inter-School finals at Kamo Intermediate next week. Our students showed great collaboration and perseverance in tackling the tasks and some strategic decision making during the process.

## 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.

## ASSEMBLY

Last Friday's assembly was run by Rākau who shared their interesting learning around sustainability amidst some technical difficulties.

Class awards went to: Stella, Natasha, Leon, Leo, Lily, Lachlan and Kurt. Congratulations to you all!



Path Card Draw winners were Bella who won free time with a friend, and Jonathan who spun Principal for an Hour!

## PAPER BAGS

If anyone has surplus paper shopping bags we have many uses for them and would be grateful to receive any you may have available.

## 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

A reminder that we are running the 'Win your stationery Free' again this year. All accounts paid up by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025 are eligible to enter.

## BUS/PICKUP CHANGES

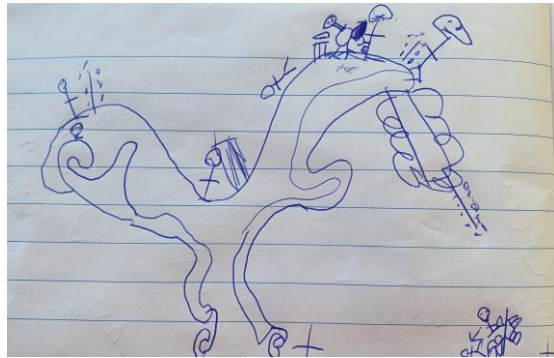
Please ensure any changes to afternoon bus/pickup routines are phoned (4397513), texted (02108826534), or emailed (rochelle@arapohue.school.nz) to the office prior to 1pm. The office is unmanned after that time and our other staff are in class teaching. While we do our best to accommodate, we cannot guarantee last minute messages are cleared in time.

## NEWS FROM KĀKANO

After swimming we climb the tree by the sandpit. We wrote about how we feel about the old tree...

I went up the big tree. Hazel and Willow and Ava. It was fun. **Ava**

This tree can't be chopped down because it is good to climb. It is grippy. I wonder if I could make a swing. **Phoenix**



At school there is a tree that is old as old, but it is a good tree to climb. It is so good to rub your legs on. I have a good place to go and I'm the only one that can go there to have peace and quiet. **Monty**

I love the tree because it is great to climb in and it's fun too. After the pool we get to play in the tree if we get time. I think the buds grow into flowers too. I want them to stay how they are because they are beautiful just the way they are. **Bella**



## NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whanau,

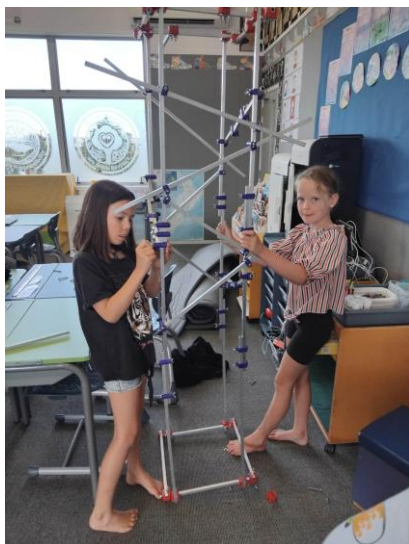
Such a lot of learning packed into three weeks.

Week three; Māhuri students had the pleasure of meeting Harold, from the Life Education. This kicked off learning about food groups and healthy portions. This was followed by science - experimenting and investigating mixing food ingredients and observing and explaining the reaction and changes.

As part of our food unit, students made several food products from scratch – bread rolls, butter and apple juice, from the left-over apples.



Week five was extremely busy with EPro8, and a little stressful at times with some very challenging tasks, but we managed to work our way through. Congratulations to the Yr 5/6 team who have been selected to compete in the next stage at Kamo intermediate in week 8.



Lastly, Māhuri would like to thank Arapohue School board for their amazing new desks. They certainly brighten the place up a bit.

### NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Rākau students have been thoroughly enjoying their technology lessons, where they have been busy creating pencil cases and soap—a fantastic way to develop practical skills and creativity! Back at school, their learning has focused on sustainability and the United Nations' Global Development Goals, sparking some incredible discussions and deep thinking. It has been inspiring to see our students critically engaging with these important topics and exploring ways they can make a positive impact on the world around them.

In addition, Rākau students have been making the most of their time at the town pools, working on their stroke development and building up their swimming mileage. It's been great to see their confidence in the water growing with each session!

Ka pai, Rākau—keep up the great mahi!

Miss Greville & Miss Mitchell

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### 2025 Some Dates to Remember

Thursdays	Term 1&2	Year 7/8s Technology and town pool swimming
Friday	14 March	South Zone Swimming
Wednesday	19 March	Board Meeting
Tuesday	18 March	EPRO8 – Yr 7/8 Inter-school final @ Kamo Intermediate
Wednesday	19 March	EPRO8 – Yr 5/6 Inter-school final @ Kamo Intermediate
Friday	21 March	NW Swimming
Wednesday	2 April	Learning Celebration
Wednesday	9 April	Sports Day
Friday	11 April	Last Day Term 1