

ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou, and here we are already almost at the end of Week 5. It really feels like we have hit the ground running and students and staff are all settled in and some fabulous learning is taking place in both classrooms!

STUDENT SUCCESS: So proud of all of our students who did well at the Northern Wairoa A and P Show again this year. Our school entered over 115 indoor entries and 5 Agrikids teams. There were loads of prizes won on the day and I am impressed (but NOT surprised!) by how well our children did. This year is also the first year we have participated in EPro8, a fun competition where children are asked to complete a range of technology challenges.

As you may have already seen on Facebook our Year 7/8 team came fourth and qualified for the regional finals. Our two year 5/6 teams came first equal and will also be heading to Whangarei for the regionals next week. Unfortunately, this success does come at a cost and if anyone has any business contacts that may like to sponsor this event we would appreciate you asking – entry into the Regionals is going to cost us \$400!

SWIMMING: Thanks for ensuring your child/ren have their togs each day, our pool is averaging 29 degrees and it's great to see the children participating in our swimming programme. On Monday it will be Renee Anderson's (Sport Northland) last session with us and she will be using life jackets.

If you have any life jackets at home that you children use feel free to send them along to get checked.

FRUIT IN SCHOOLS: A reminder that we are fortunate to have Fruit In Schools here. We often have surplus fruit at the end of each week – PLEASE send along a named shopping bag so we can fill it with leftovers for your family for the weekend.

STATIONERY: With our costs heavily reduced this year PLEASE settle these accounts as soon as possible or set up a weekly payment schedule with Mrs Brown. Thanks so much for your support with this.

FACEBOOK: Don't forget to follow our facebook page to ensure you are kept up to date with everything happening at school.

MEET THE TEACHER: Teachers enjoyed meeting with you all last week – really positive to discuss where your kids are at.

M.A.C CLUBS: These clubs have been up and running for two weeks now and we are offering some fun programmes – Science/technology challenges, percussion, developmental play, gardening, ukulele lessons and mural painting.

B.O.T News: Our Board had their first meeting for the year two weeks ago and were sad to receive Pam Parkinson's resignation. She has her hands full with other projects this year and has had to prioritise things. We wish Pam well in her new venture and know that we will continue to see her around! The process for filling her vacancy is currently underway. Joe Simpkin continues in his role as Board Chair and we feel confident that the school is heading in a positive direction.

Major projects for this year are looking at shade provision and improving/enhancing our outdoor environment. This year our school has been accepted onto the Ministry of Education's **Positive Behaviour For Learning** training which is a school-wide initiative to enhance behaviour and learning. This will provide us with a framework for reviewing and potentially reframing our school values to ensure that all stakeholders have a consistent understanding of how our school operates.

And finally, at the end of last year we joined the **Northern Wairoa Kāhui Ako**, which is a group made up of 9 local schools and 8 early childhood providers. Working collaboratively with this group provides multiple opportunities for our school including additional release time, financial support and the ability to access greater levels of professional development as we work together to raise student achievement through our vision of proud and engaged learners empowered through a culture of care.

As the Kāhui Ako explore Student Wellbeing across the schools we have engaged with Dr Melinda Webber from Auckland University. She will be sending out a survey to all staff, students and whānau which should arrive to you within the next few weeks. Taking the time to complete these surveys will help us plan for the future. Thanks in advance!

Mauriora,
Kylie Piper

Reminders from the office:

- School starts at 8:30 (grounds open from 8am) and finishes at 2:30. Please ensure you let Mrs Brown know of any changes to the bus run for your children each day.
- ALL children need to be wearing **sunhats** when outdoors – please ensure your child has their own hat as using the school 'shared' ones also encourages the sharing of head lice.
- And on that note, please check your children's hair regularly for (and treat if necessary) head lice. Tying long hair back helps prevent these little guys spreading.
- **Student Absence on phone or text our cellphone 4397513 or 02108826534 text only** - Please continue to phone **439 7513** leave a message or text to the school cellphone 02108826534 with details of your child's absence.

2020 Term Dates to Remember

Wed/Thurs	4/5 March	EPro8 Technology Regionals Finals - Whangarei - Yr 5-8s
Tuesday	10 March	Hearing and Vision testing - new entrants + Year 7s
Thursday	12 March	School closed - STAFF ONLY DAY - technology still on at DIS
Friday	13 March	School Triathlon
Thursday	19 March	Te Manawa Hub at our school
Thursday	9 April	End of Term 1.
Tuesday	28 April	First day Term 2

Dargaville Junior Tennis

has started on Wednesday 19th February at 3.30pm
at Sportsville Contact Chris Fife 0275951552

Arapohue Tennis Club

Tennis season has started at the local courts in the Show Grounds
Monday evenings from 6.15pm until dark.

If you are interested in a game of social tennis-all ages welcome.

Please ring Raewyn Robinson on 4392512 & Sue 4392154

-----Cut and return as soon as possible thanks-----

I have received and read this newsletter dated 27 February 2020:

Name _____ Signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS BY MONDAY

Year 5/6 EPro8 Teams – Whangarei Regional Finals, 5 March

To those 8 qualifying children we will need to meet at school at 7:30am ready to go to Whangarei. The competition is at Whangarei Intermediate and will run until 12:30pm. We will then have lunch and head back home, hopefully being back in time for the buses.

I give permission for my child _____ to travel by parent/teacher car to Whangarei.

I am able to transport _____ children with seatbelts. Yes No

My car is registered, warranted and I hold a current full drivers licence Yes No

I am available to stay and help supervise Yes No

Name: _____ Signed: _____

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