

# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Ngā mihi mahana mō te tau hau – warm New Years greetings to you all!

I trust you all had a fun summer break, enjoying LOTS of quality time with your whānau. We had a fabulous summer break, staying here in Northland to enjoy our first Northland Christmas. We managed to get away for a few weeks camping and have enjoyed a HOT dry summer. While we had lots of experiences hi-lights for me would have to be the Waipu Glo-worm Caves and FINALLY conquering Maungaraho!

Staff have been working hard over the last few weeks to prepare a fun start to 2020 for your children. We have had a positive start to the school year today and our new staff are enjoying getting to know your children. I hope they have come home happy, and if they are anything like mine, no doubt a little exhausted! It is such a struggle to get them back into routine and into bed at a decent time when the weather is so warm, but I encourage you to persevere. As the programmes pick up at school and we have full weeks they will need all the sleep they can get! Teachers are currently working on establishing routines in all curriculum areas and our Inquiry/topic focus is 'Taonga all Around Us.' We hope to have full programmes up and running in Week 3.

This year in Room 1 you will have myself and Sarah Lucich. I will mainly be teaching Mondays and Fridays while Whaea Sarah will teach Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. We have a great team starting the year in Room 3. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays we have Laura Mitchell and she will be supported by Hayley Crump on Thursdays and Rachael Wilkinshaw on Fridays. These ladies are all experienced teachers who bring many skills to our school and I am excited by what is shaping up to be an awesome year! And of course we are thrilled to have Mrs Brown, Ms Sheryl and Mrs Christie back with us for another year!

This morning we started the day with a mihi whakatau to welcome these fab new teachers and new student, Elsie Gillespie and to ALSO welcome back Jonathan Vincent. See some photos below:





**THANKS:** to Rochelle and Jeff Cleary, Neil Piper, Geoff and Ilija Callis for your work over the holiday period around our school grounds – it is great to see it all looking so fabulous!

**SWIMMING:** We will be swimming everyday while this weather is so beautiful. This is a core part of our curriculum and ALL students are expected to participate. Please send a note along to the class teacher if they are unable to participate for any reason. We will have Renee Anderson, Sport Northland in on Mondays from Week 3 supporting our Swimming Programme.

**KIDSCAN:** A reminder that we are fortunate to be a part of KidsCAN this year which will provide us with additional resources to support our students and their families. Last year they sent us a sample pack of food which included muesli bars, snack packs and fruit pottles. These will be offered to students along with fruit and milk at break times.

**NETSAFE** - We have been invited to attend A Netsafe Presentation at Ruawai College on Monday 24 Feb. Staff will attend a session in the afternoon and they are running a free session for parents and whānau @ 6:30. If you are able to get there I would strongly recommend it – please see ad at the end of the newsletter for info re content.

**STATIONERY** - A reminder that the BoT have opted into the MOE donations scheme and will no longer be charging school fees as this will be covered by MOE. All students will be provided with their stationery, an invoice will be sent home soon regarding this. Please note some Rm 3 students may still need to purchase pens/pencils etc if they do not have their own AND Rm 1 students will need to purchase a book bag if they have misplaced theirs.

### **ARAPOHUE SHOW**

We are looking forward to the Arapohue Show next weekend (8th of February). At school the children will be preparing 4 entries each - a handwriting sample, a piece of artwork, a photograph of nature and a floral display. We will be making the floral displays on Friday 7th. If you have access to flower gardens PLEASE send along any flowers on Friday morning for the children to use. If children would like to enter other categories they can do this at home with their families.

WE will also be entering Agri-kids again this year which starts at 10am. This consists of some great team based challenges and there are some generous prizes up for grabs. Please let me know ASAP if your child is put in a team but is NOT available.

### **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**

This term we would like the opportunity to meet with you individually with a specific focus on Goal Setting. Children will be setting goals in key learning areas and we would like to

share these with you and come up with a plan to achieve them. These Interviews will be held on Wednesday 19th February between 3 and 7:30. More information will come out about this closer to the time.

### **M.A.C CLUBS**

M@C clubs will run again this term, starting in Week 3 from 1:20 – 2:20. This provides children with some different opportunities that they may not usually get to do. It is a chance to explore, make and create and to follow up on interests the children may already have. Examples of clubs last year were: gardening, embroidery, lego challenges, art, building, weaving, cooking, musical instruments, coding etc - the scope is as broad as your imagination. For this to be possible and/or successful we would need some help from our community - do you have a skill/passion/interest that you could come and share with a small group of children? Groups would be no bigger than 5 children unless you felt you were happy to work with more. Please fill out the form below if you would be willing and able to help us out!

### **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 check your childrens 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.

Well, gosh what a FULL newsletter with LOTS of information. Thanks for bearing with me and reading it through to the end!

Mauriora,  
Kylie Piper

### **2020 Term Dates to Remember**

Thursday	6 Feb	Waitangi Day - No school
Friday	7 Feb	Bring flowers to school for arrangements
Saturday	8 Feb	Arapohue A&P show
Thursday	13 Feb	Year 7/8 technology starts BoT Meeting - 6:30
Wednesday	19 Feb	Goal setting conferences
Monday	24 Feb	Netsafe Presentation - Ruawai College
Tues/Wed	25/26 Feb	EPro8 Technology Challenge - Yr 5-8s
Tuesday	10 March	Hearing and Vision testing - new entrants + Year 7s
Thursday	12 March	School closed - STAFF ONLY DAY
Friday	13 March	School Triathlon
Thursday	19 March	Te Manawa Hub at our school
Friday	12 April	Last day Term 1
Monday	29 April	First day Term 2

*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

**PLEASE RETURN THIS BY NEXT WEEK**

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

I have received and read this newsletter dated 30 January 2020:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I am / am not able to help with M.A.C clubs on a Friday for Term 1.

Club focus \_\_\_\_\_

Ideal # of students: