

ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou

As I reflect on the last three weeks of having our learners back on site I felt a newsletter was needed to share with you how amazing they have all been! Our students adjusted perfectly to the new routines and expectations and we are settled in this new normal. We continue to make regular moves towards 'normal' while still maintaining high standards around hygiene. Can I thank YOU ALL for supporting us in this and keeping your children home when they are unwell. Also, thanks for supporting us by NOT accessing the school site unless you HAVE to. As of this week our gate is no longer locked and parents are welcome to come onsite, however if you do we would ask that you report to the office first and sign in, even if it is a short visit.



Over lockdown we were sad to farewell Teelah and her family, Falco, Loce` and Meadow and their family and then last week Ruby and her family. We wish all of these families well in their new schools and homes. Next week we are looking forward to welcoming two new families to our school who have moved up from the Waikato.

Some examples of the fun we have had since we have been back:



MID YEAR REPORTS

Due to the reduced time we have had with students onsite during the lockdown periods we will not be completing mid year reports this term. Please feel free to contact class teachers if you would like to discuss any aspects of your child's learning.

SEESAW LEARNING

One of the success staff took from lockdown was the ability to be able to connect with so many families virtually and to share more closely in the learning journey with you. We feel that Seesaw was a great AP that supported this process and attached to this newsletter is login info for you as a parent to join. Our goal is for students to post one "WIN OF THE WEEK" each week until the end of term. By logging in you can see what your child has been doing and can provide them and/or teachers with feedback.



TE HA ORANGA THROAT SWABBING

While Te Ha are not currently doing testing in schools (as any children showing symptoms will **NOT be at school**) I just wanted to let you know that Te Ha Oranga can still treat children who are symptomatic. If parents/Caregivers cannot access the Dargaville Medical Centre for sore throat management, they can contact Kirsten Mason on 027 270 1434 or our Kaimanaaki Virginia Wati on 027 2076749 who can arrange antibiotics and a throat swab. It's important that children should remain home if they're unwell or have a sore throat and they can opt to also have a covid swab.



NEWSLETTERS:

Over the lockdown period another new experience was moving our newsletters to a digital platform. This meant newsletters' could come directly to you rather than being buried at the bottom of the school bag for days and also saves on our photocopy budget. Moving forward I would like to explore how this might look in the future. We have a school website up and running now (<https://www.arapohue.school.nz/>) where we also upload our newsletters each time. We can set this up so that you get a notification when a new letter is posted, with links also provided on our Facebook page. Please fill out your preferred method of receiving info on the form below and return to school asap.

TE MANAWA HUB

On Thursday 11 June Te Manawa Hub will be open in our library. This HUB is a collaborative approach between schools, Ministry of Education and Resource Teachers for Learning and Behaviour (RTLb) where representatives from all will be available onsite to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your children. They are available to meet with parents between 9:30 and 12:30 – please see Kylie if you would like to make an appointment.

KAHUI AKO

As part of the Northern Wairoa Cluster of schools we have the privilege of having Mātua Matt Colville in working at our school each Thursday. Matt has been appointed by the Cluster in the role of Learning Support Coordinator to help access additional supports for students who require it. Initially Matt has just been spending his time in classrooms getting to know staff and students and also, thankfully, has been helping out with transporting our seniors to tech which is a huge bonus!

REMINDERS:

- Fruit in Schools has started up again this week – please send fruit bags along on Fridays if you want spares sent home for the weekend.
- Please send drink bottles with your children each day as we are not currently using our drinking fountains.
- Follow our facebook page to see regular updates on what is happening in and around school.
- 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.
- 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.
- **Student Absence on phone or text our cellphone 4397513 or 02108826534 text only**

Ngā mihi nui,
Kylie Piper

