

ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou

And here we are, at the end of Term 2 – the longest term I think I have experienced in 25 odd years of teaching! What we as a school, a community and as a nation have experienced in the last 4 months has been unprecedented and I am sure it has brought some fabulous positives and some very real challenges for all of us. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff who have worked tirelessly to support students and adjust ways and means of teaching to meet the changing needs. Lockdown brought with it, Isolation and our priority was to mitigate that and build connection; to ensure wellbeing was the priority and to then provide learning opportunities to those who were ready for it. I commend the staff, I think they did this well and it has been SO AMAZING to have all of our students back on site learning positively alongside each other showing no adverse effects from this experience. **Laura, Sarah, Hayley, Leanne, Sheryl, Catherine and Rochelle: YOU LADIES ARE AWESOME** - our school is lucky to have you!

TERM THREE

Looking ahead to Term three we have lots of learning opportunities planned. In the calendar further down the page I have included dates to diary for the first half of the term. Just to hi-light some of these: in **Week 1** our focus will be **Matariki** and we would like to finish the week with a whānau evening on Friday night 5 – 7pm. We will (all going well) have made food to share and do some star gazing and sharing of our learning.

We have a **Staff Only Day** on **Wednesday 12 August** where we are working on the Ministry of Ed contract, **Positive Behaviour for Learning**. There is likely to be another day where the school is closed on **Wednesday 23 September** but we will confirm this next term.

NEW STUDENTS

Since our last newsletter we have had three new families join our school community with 7 new students. These students have all been here a few weeks now and I am so happy with how well they have settled in. A very warm welcome to Leah, Aroha and Jordan, to Xzavier and Zikyrah and to Roo and Porscha.



KIDSCAN

Not only do we get food, feminine hygiene products, nit treatments, hand sanitizer and tissues from **KIDSCAN** but this week also saw us gifted a school set of black soft shell jackets. These jackets were sponsored by **ASB** and look fabulous on. We have more than enough for every student, however if your child will not make use out of the jacket please fill out the form below before we begin the naming/distribution process.



WHEELS

A reminder that if your child wants their wheels in the holidays they need to take them home THIS week. Our lovely bus drivers can NOT fit them all in the bus at the end of the week so parents may like to organise pick up or liaise with the drivers.



SEESAW LEARNING

Don't forget to download the FAMILY seesaw app so you can go on and comment as a parent. (Please note this is a different app to the one used for Home learning during Lockdown.)

PROPERTY UPDATE

Half of our playground repairs were completed last week – we are now just waiting on a bark delivery to ensure safe landing spaces – our students CAN'T wait to get back on there! Our Canopy Project which will extend the verandah outside all three classrooms by approx. 3 metres has been approved and the behind the scenes consent process is underway. We are also completing MOE paperwork to begin a Solar Panel Project which will see our school taking one big step in reducing our carbon footprint and saving some big \$\$ along the way!

BREAKFAST IN SCHOOLS

Next term we have been invited to become part of the Breakfast in Schools Project which will provide Weetbix for breakfast for any of children who would like it. Once product has arrived we will start with two mornings a week and may extend this if needed.



SICKNESS

There is so much sickness around at the moment – HUGE thanks to our families who are being really considerate and keeping sick children at home. As we get closer to the end of term and exhaustion kicks in, everyone seems to be more susceptible to these bugs going around!

CROSSCOUNTRY

We will finish this term and begin next term with cross country training. You can help your child by ensuring they have running shoes at school each day and by encouraging them to get active in the holidays! We are still waiting for local schools to confirm dates of events but expect it to be week 2 or 3 of **Term 3**.

TE HA ORANGA THROAT SWABBING

Our school is fortunate to have been gifted three tablets, keyboards and cases from Te Ha to pass on the students who would benefit. Interested students and parents have submitted applications and these tablets will find their way to new homes before the holidays! **THANKS TE HA!**





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 2077649 or 4393013 during office hours 8.00am-5pm 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:

Huge thanks to those parents that got back to us about receiving newsletters electronically. This definitely will save us time and money! Newsletters can be emailed to your inbox but will also be uploaded to our website and Facebook page. This is the last paper copy many of you will receive – we will begin emailing next term.

REMINDERS:

- 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.
- Please check your childrens hair regularly for (and treat if necessary) head lice. Tying long hair back helps prevent these little guys spreading. As part of **KIDSCAN** we have **free nit treatment** at school should you require it - just let us know and we can send it home with your child.
- 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 4397513 or text our cellphone 02108826534 (text only)**

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday – may you and your children get the rest that I am sure is needed!

Ngā mihi nui,
Kylie Piper

2020 Term 3 Dates to Remember

Friday	3 July	Last day Term 2 – school finishes at usual time.
Monday	20 July	First day Term 3 – Matariki week
		Cool Bananas starts (weekly sessions for Term 3)
Friday	24 July	Matariki Whānau Evening, 5 – 7pm
Tues – Fri	28-31 July	CAM enrichment exams
Tuesday	4 August	Ruawai College Open Day
Wednesday	12 August	STAFF ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday	13 August	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm staffroom
Mon – Fri	17 – 21 Aug	ART WEEK
Friday	21 Aug	Bodyjam Competitions

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

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

Name _____ **Signature:** _____

My child/ren _____
would / would NOT like to receive a Kidscan Jacket.



Winter issue OUT NOW 🌨️ ☐

Ear, nose & throat / Brown rice / Sporty kids ☐ **Tots to Teens**

FREE digi-mag for all parents, through schools 📱 💻

Free for school newsletters 📧 Link below for our

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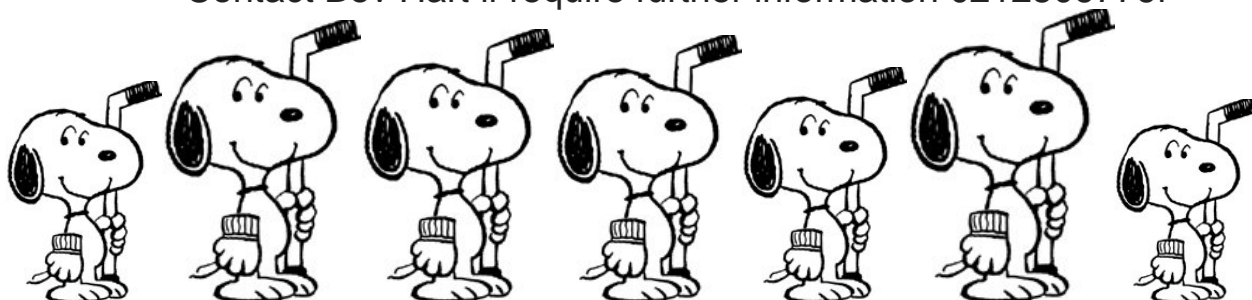
Commencing Wednesday 17th June.

10 weeks (excluding holidays) till 2nd September.

Wednesday's 3.30-4.30pm Dargaville High School turf. \$20.00 per player.

All children welcome.

Contact Bev Hart if require further information 0212506776.



1st Dargaville Girls' Brigade

We're BACK Starting back in Term Three!

Build friendships, Be empowered with skills, Christian qualities, values AND have great girl chats and loads of fun

We meet on **Thursdays**, come straight from school 3pm, for cookie and

drink, **official start time 3.30-5pm** held at

The LightHouse Church,

78 Normanby Street, Dargaville

For more information contact

Pauline Taylor 0212637446



We are back.....Come join the fun 📍

Keas 5-8yrs Mon 3:30-4:30pm

Cubs 8-10½yrs Tues 4-5:30pm

Scouts 10½-15yrs Tues 5:30-7:30pm

Visit us at 23 Onslow St, Dargaville or call 0800SCOUTS for further info.

Term Three : July 2020 Start Dates: Keas: 20th, Cubs: 21st, Scouts: 21st

MONDAY 6 JULY : 10AM-12PM**A 1898 SCHOOL LESSON**

Step back in time in the Riponui Pah School House. Ink pots and pens with nibs, chalk and slates to write on, dressing up and lots of photo ops.

Bookings essential- 24 seats in School House.

10am - 10.50am

KIWI FEEDING

11am - 11.20am

TUESDAY 7 JULY : 10AM-12PM**KAURI GUARDIANS**

Paint a message on your 'guardian' and place it under the kauri tree on Heritage Park. 10am - 10.50am

KIWI FEEDING

11am - 11.20am

BE WITH A TREE ACTIVITIES

Bark bingo, create natural pictures and tree quizzes
11.20am - 12pm

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY : 10AM-12PM**TRANSPORT THROUGH THE AGES**

Vintage cars, waka and trains to explore today!

Will your boat make it to the end of the course? Who can make the fastest car? 10am - 10.50am

KIWI FEEDING

11am - 11.20am

TRAIN AND TRACTOR RIDES

10am - 2pm, extra charges apply

THURSDAY 9 JULY : 10AM-12PM**THE POWER OF FLIGHT**

In the early 1900s farmer and inventor Richard Pearse took off in an aeroplane he designed and built in his shed near Timaru, Canterbury NZ. How many types of flying inventions can you make? Who's creation can fly the furthest?

10am - 10.50am

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FRIDAY 10 JULY : 10AM-12PM**MATARIKI ACTIVITIES**

Kite making, star weaving and other crafts

KIWI FEEDING

11am - 11.20am

TRAIN AND TRACTOR RIDES

10am - 2pm, extra charges apply

FAMILY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES.

PLEASE NOTE CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

PLEASE BOOK BY EMAIL:

BOOKINGS@KIWINORTH.CO.NZ OR 09438 9630

ACTIVITIES EXCLUDING RIDES ARE INCLUDED IN KIWI NORTH GENERAL ADMISSION.

WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ACTIVITY GUIDE

MUSEUM ● KIWI HOUSE ● HERITAGE PARK

Family Pass \$45.

Individual \$20.

Couple \$40.

Senior NOW \$7.50.

School children \$5.

Pre-school FREE



**4TH - 19TH OF JULY 10-4PM
GATE 1, 500 SH14, MAUNU, WHANGAREI**

**PLUS 50% OFF SENIORS ENTRY NOW ON!
PERFECT TIME TO BRING THE GRANDKIDS**