

ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou



Gosh the year is speeding by and here we are welcoming Spring already!

It has been a busy few weeks since our last newsletter with our Cross Country at Ruawai which was a fun day out for everyone. Congratulations to Ilija, Sophia, Leah, Seth, Eden, Noah and Mac who were chosen to represent our school at the Northern Wairoa event.



We had a creative Artweek held in week 5 where we made our mark on the environment by decorating a picket – these will look great when they are displayed around our school. A huge thank you to Tobianne Hart who answered the call and came and helped out for three days!

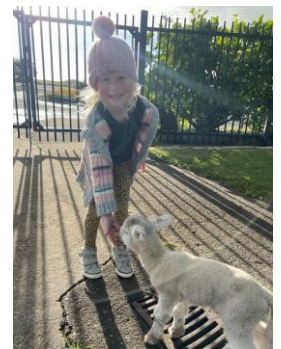


We have also had senior speech competitions – well done and congratulations to Keira, who judges selected to represent our school at the Northern Wairoa Comps on

Wednesday. Keira's speech was on why 10 year olds should be allowed to drive and we wish her the best for Wednesday.

With the resurgence of Covid19 we have not had out Interschool Cross country or Body Jam Comps but we are hoping these events may be rescheduled.

We have joined the Calf Rearing fundraiser and had Fern and Frost join our school. The students are doing a wonderful job of feeding and caring for these calves – it definitely enhances our learning programmes and we would again like to thank Rochelle Cleary for organising this project, David and Brenda Crawford for donating the calves, Milligans for donating milk powder, Stallion for donating a feeder, Ria and Fiberfresh for donating calf meal and Neil Piper for building the pen.



We have baby lambs, Ivy and Ian, at school again this year and they seem to be loving joining in the playtime fun with everyone.



On top of all of this we have also farewelled our Mighty Kauri Tree – yet another casualty of the 2020 drought. Due to Covid restrictions we were unable to invite our community to join us in this farewell but we hope you have been able to check out the movie we shared on our facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/arapohue.school.nz/videos/2300745413405263> We are having the wood milled and hope that in time we are able to make some keepsakes made from it.

A reminder that we have a second **Staff Only Day** on **Wednesday 23 September** where we are continuing our work on the Ministry of Ed contract, **Positive Behaviour for Learning**. A survey link will be sent out to families in the next week – keep your eye out for it, all answers will go into the draw to win a Warehouse Voucher.

NEW STUDENT

As well as welcoming in all of the animals to our school we have also welcomed Jariah and his family to our school community. We know you will enjoy your time at our school Jariah – it's an AWESOME place to be, and we wish you family well as you settle into life in the Kaipara.



SEESAW LEARNING

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

BoT NEWS

At our last meeting earlier this term the Board voted to **NOT** have calves again this year at our Ag Day. The risk is too high and we would hate to put any of our local farms in jeopardy.

The Board have also received Miss Mitchells resignation as she will be finishing to have her baby. We are currently advertising her position.

The Board are happy to have the playground up and running and feel this was money well spent to have this operating safely for our students.

BREAKFAST IN SCHOOLS

Breakfast on Tuesdays and Thursdays has been incredibly popular and we soon hope to be able to provide this every day of the week – we will let you know when/if this becomes possible.



TE HA ORANGA THROAT SWABBING



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.

AG/SHOW DAY

Due to the change in Election Day we have had to change the date of our Ag Day. It will now be held on Saturday 31 October (assuming COVID restrictions allows this). A reminder that all

lambs and goats need to be born between 1 July and 15 September 2020. More information for this event will come out later in the term.

MAC (make and create)CLUBS

We are hoping to start MAC clubs up again next term and would like to call on anyone who would like to run a club for 7 weeks on a Friday afternoon 1:20 – 2:20pm. You would work with a small group of students each week to Make and Create something of your choice. Previously we have had Art, Embroidery, Gardening, Building, Cooking, Problem solving, Ukulele, Drumming, Developmental Play to name a few. Please fill out the form or email me, kylie@arapohue.school.nz if you are keen to be involved.

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)**

Ngā mihi
nui,
Kylie Piper

Dates to Remember

Wednesday	2 September	Northern Wairoa Speech Competitions,
Thursday	3 September	Te Manawa Hub School library
		DHS Open Day 2-6.00pm
Thursday	10 September	Board of Trustees meeting 6.30pm staffroom
Mon – Fri	14-18 September	Maori Language week
Wednesday	23 September	STAFF ONLY DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday	24 September	TINOPAI Spring Into Sports Day
Friday	25 September	LAST DAY OF TERM 3
Monday	12 October	First day Term 4
Saturday	31 October	Ag Day

Name _____

Phone Number _____

I am keen to be involved with MAC clubs.

I could take a group of _____ students doing _____
