

ARAPOHUE SCHOOL



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Kia Ora, Talofa lava, Guten Tag, Bon Jour and Hello

Week 6 and the busy-ness just does not stop! Since our last newsletter we have had Mr 4Eyes visit and test all of our students. This is an awesome initiative and saw 8/38 of our students referred for further vision testing. We also had our Year 7/8 Contributing Schools camp at Tangihua Lions Lodge, a visit from Dargaville High School transitioning our Year 8 students AND a lot of practicing for Athletics to then have our Athletics Day at Paparoa on Wednesday. (No wonder we are all looking tired!)



WELCOMES

In the last week we have welcomed Sula Lucich to Room 1 – we know you are going to love being at our school Sula!

ATHLETICS

Hi-lights as reported by some of our Room 1 students:

Brax and Jariah: "The tug of war was fun!"

Elsie and Roo: "I liked throwing the 'fares't in shotput!"

Sula: "Jumping over the high jump was fun!"

Aaliyah: "I came second in my race!"

Zane: "I like the Frisbee throwing"

Xzavier: "The sprints were entertaining."

Zikyrh: "I liked winning two times in the sprints!"

Hi-lights as reported by some of our Room 3 students:

Payton: "I loved doing all of the activities like the tug of war!"

Sophia: "I like how everyone was very supportive."

Jordan: "I liked the running race and meeting new people"

Summer: "I really liked the long jump because I tried my best!"

Teara: "Even when I failed on the first time in high jump, I still tried my best for my second and third try!"

Aroha: "Meeting other people and making friends is not often what I do, but I'm glad I did!"

Leah: "I enjoyed doing the high jump – I bet my high score!"

Devon: "I liked the discus and the playground!"



A finally a big **"THANK YOU"** to **Joe Simpkin** who attended camp last week with our senior students. Three days with 42 pre teens was loads of fun but was definitely exhausting – thanks Joe for being a part of this event!

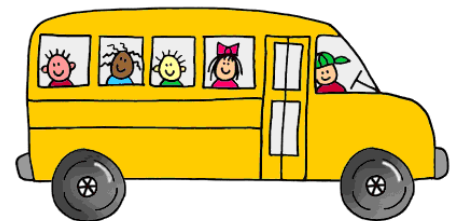
BOT NEWS

Our Board have been busy completing our appointments process for our 2021 staff. We are thrilled to announce that Whāea Sarah Lucich has been appointed to a permanent position at our school – the Board are pleased with the way that Sarah has contributed to our school this year and love the stability that her reappointment brings to our school. Also appointed in a fixed term full time role is Mrs Philippa Kelsall. Philippa is currently teaching in Auckland but has a home in Ararua and is looking forward to working closer to home! She is an experienced teacher and will bring many skills to our teaching team.

END OF YEAR

Being such a short term the end of year is coming around much faster than any of us would like. As a school we are not able to participate in the **Church Carols Service** due to timing, however I would like to encourage you to all attend their Carols Service for the community on Wednesday 16 December at 6:30pm. This will be followed by a supper – please bring a plate.

On Wednesday 9th of December we have our **End of Year Fun Day**. This is a **mystery bus trip**. We will be leaving school just after 8:30 and will be back by 2:30 in time for the buses. Children will need to bring their togs. Please fill out the permission slip below and let us know if you can join us to parent help on the day.



Prizegiving will be held at the Showgrounds on **Thursday 10th of December** at **11am**. We will likely need you to help by picking up your child from school and bringing them down to the showgrounds. We will have a shared lunch after the prize giving, please bring a plate! Most families take their children home from the Showgrounds but we will happily take any remaining children back to school in time for the buses. (We will also be having a rehearsal for this on Monday 7th- **extra permission slip below**)

Our **last day** for the 2020 school year is on Friday the 11th and this is a half day with us finishing at 12. Buses will not be running so if parents choose to send their children they will need to pick them up at 12pm. This day will be gardening and grounds clean-up day.

REPORTS

These were due to come home today however we have had a couple of technical hiccups and they will not be sent home until early next week. Teachers have put hours of work into these to provide you with full detailed information about your child. We hope that you enjoy reading them and would encourage you to make contact with your child's teacher if you would like to discuss any aspects of the report.

TERM DATES FOR 2021

Term 1: Wednesday 3 Feb – Friday 16 April

Term 2: Monday 3 May – Friday 9 July

Term 3: Monday 26 July – Friday 1 October

Term 4: Monday 18 October – Wednesday 15 December

Mauriora,
Kylie Piper



2020 Term 4 Dates to Remember

Monday	24 November	Reports come home
Thursday	26 November	Te Manawa Hub in the library
Friday	27 November	Northern Wairoa Athletics
Wednesday	9 December	END OF YEAR FUN DAY - Mystery Bus trip
Thursday	10 December	School Prize giving + shared lunch
Friday	11 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2020 - please note school finishes at 12pm, buses will not be running in the afternoon so if children attend this day they will need to be picked up by parents.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE:

- 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)

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

I have received and read this newsletter dated 20 November 2020:

Name _____ Signature: _____

ELECTONIC COPIES - PLEASE COPY AND PASTE THE PERMISSION SLIP AND RETURN TO admin@arapohue.school.nz

+ I give permission for _____ to travel by bus on our **MYSTERY BUS TOUR on 9 December.**

+ I am available to help **YES/NO**

+ I **will/will not** be travelling on the bus.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Contact phone number _____

+ I also give permission for _____ to travel by car down to the Arapohue Showgrounds for **rehearsals for prize giving.**

Name: _____ Signature: _____