# 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 'farest' 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."

Zikyrah:"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!"











## CAMP

This year we had 6 of our students attend the Contributing Schools Camp at Tangihua Lions Lodge. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to build connections with students they are likely to attend high school with. The more friendships they have the less likely they are to feel like the 'little fish in the big pond'. These were their hi-lights from camp

**Seth**: "I liked the possum hunting – we caught 20 in total!" **Sophia**: "I really enjoyed meeting new people at the camp!" **Hunter**: "I liked doing the tramp and walking altogether, except

for Ilija who ran (??!!) walked off very fast without us!"

**Eden**: "I liked the skits we did, especially when all the men had to show us how they do their 'business'!"

**Ilija**: "I really liked the flying fox on the confidence course." **Leah**: "I enjoyed making new friends and trying new stuff!"

















### **GRATITUDE**

Lately our thank yous in our newsletter have gone to the many businesses that have supported our school both at camp and for our Show Day. Today I would like to acknowledge some of our families that also contribute greatly to the running of our school! Lyle and Bex Burgess, along with Rochelle Cleary and Jacqui Hart – thank YOU all for coming in and helping with MAC clubs on a Friday afternoon. It allows us to provide a range of fun learning opportunities for our students and we appreciate your time. I would again like to acknowledge Lyle and Bex and Rochelle for their support of our weekly raffle at the bowling club. This is a great wee fundraiser for our school and the donation of a garden raffle and Rochelle's regular donation of eggs to go in our "breakfast pack" raffle are going down a treat!

Thanks also go to **GD & GMR McGowan** and **Kent Phillips** who are supporting our school via **Northfuels** which gives a donation to our school for fuel used on their farms. This is a great fundraiser, if you are with Northfuels or know anyone who is please get them to nominate our school!

We always have a fabulous number of parent helpers for trips. Yesterday's helpers at Athletics – **Rochelle, Kerry, Reuban, Tobi, Chelsea, Brenda and Caitlyn** thank for spending the day with us, enduring the rain and enjoying the success of our students!

Thanks also to **Phoebe Burgess** who has started volunteering regularly in Room 1 – our students are enjoying having an extra person in class that they can share their learning with!

## 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

Please ring Raewyn Robinson on 4392512

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>- **extra permission slip below**)

Our **last day** for the 2020 school year is on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Name:

- 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

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