

# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Kia ora, ngā mihi mahana mō te tau hōu - warm New Years greetings to you all! I trust you are all busy enjoying the last few days of the summer holidays and are starting to think about the 2021 school year! My family and I have had a great break but we are now trying to get back into routines and work out how we can be out of bed and ready for school by 8:30 each day - eek.

The teaching staff have been in at school all week, planning and setting up for the new year. We are excited by what looks to be a fun term and can't wait to have the students back with us. We have got a few changes in and around school this year so thought we would send out an early newsletter so everyone is in the know!

We have renamed our classrooms to Kākano, Māhuri and Rākau and in our next newsletter we send out some information about why we have chosen these names. Whaea Sarah will be teaching in Kākano, which is the old Room 3 and she will be working with our Yr 0 - 3 learners. Whaea Philippa (Mrs Kelsall) will be teaching in Māhuri (the old Room 2) and she will have Year 4-8 learners. This year I will be teaching in Rākau (the old Room 1) and I will be borrowing the Year 7/8 learners from Whaea Philippa and working with them 8:30 - 10:30 daily.

Last year part of our Professional Development was PB4L (positive behaviour for learning) and we looked at our values here at the school. Thanks to input from our whānau, students and staff we are ready to roll out with our new values this year. Our mission statement for our school is te ara ki mātauranga - striving together on the pathway to knowledge, which talks about the learning journeys we are all on in life. Our new values will tie into this statement, being our P\*A\*T\*H values. PATH stands for:

Perserve - Kia manawanui ai  
Actively Collaborate - Kia mahi ngātahi ai  
Take responsibility - Kia tūtika ai  
Have Respect - Kia whakaute ai

Our next step will be to break these values down with our students, what they look like and how we show them in and around our school. We will also be looking at how we acknowledge students showing these values. We hope you hear A LOT of this new talk at home as the term progresses, and that you SEE the values in action too!

As part of this work we have also been looking at refreshing our school logo and I have been working with Craig from Branding Matters. Hopefully we will have some possible designs to share with you in the near future.

## NEW STUDENTS

We already have two new students enrolled to start next week, if you have any new neighbours, family or friends that have children likely to start, please encourage them to email or call me to complete enrolment paperwork so we can plan accordingly.

## **Meet the teacher / community catch up and BBQ**

We would love to kick the year off by being able to catch up with you all and provide opportunity to meet Philippa. We will be having a free sausage sizzle on THURSDAY 4 Feb from 4 - 6 with HUGE thanks to **NORTHLAND FUELS** for their generous sponsorship. The pool will be open (although will have to ensure we are not overcrowded) there will hopefully be a wee scavenger hunt with prizes and some games on the field too...we hope you can come - please RSVP to [kylie@arapohue.school.nz](mailto:kylie@arapohue.school.nz) or call the office. Chris from Northland Fuels will be here providing the BBQ and cooking for us, he will also be keen to talk to anyone about how supporting Northfuels can support our school.

## **Arapohue Show**

We are looking forward to the Arapohue Show next weekend (13th of February). At school the children will be preparing 4 entries each - a greeting card, some artwork and a floral display. We will be making the floral displays on Friday 12th. If you have access to flower gardens PLEASE send along any donations on Friday morning for the children could use. If children would like to enter other categories they can do this at home with their families. We will also be aiming to enter some of our older students in the Agrikids competition - this is usually lots of fun and has some VERY generous prizes!

## **Pool**

We will be swimming every day for the first few months this term. This is a core part of our curriculum and all students are expected to participate. Please send togs AND a towel in a bag each day with your child, or a note to their teacher if they are unable to swim for any reason. Renee Anderson from Sport Northland will be in on Mondays from week 3 supporting our swimming programme.

## **Facebook/Website**

I am aware of how easy it could be to feel disconnected with the school when you are working long hours and don't get a chance to pop down and see what's going on so I encourage you, if you are a Facebook user, to PLEASE follow our school facebook page, Arapohue School, we put regular posts on there of what is happening in classes, and information about any events coming up. Our school website is hopefully another helpful source of information and we aim to update it regularly. Every notice we put on the website should generate an automatic email to our families - if you have not received these over the holidays please let us know.

## **M.A.C clubs**

Our MAC (make and create) clubs will be up and running again this year on a Friday afternoon from 1:20 - 2:10. In Term 1 there will be a variety of options, Term 2 we are going to invite our senior students to also run some clubs, Term 3 will be make-to-sell focus and Term 4 will aim to look more at performance type opportunities. If you are interested and able to run a MAC club please let me know asap 😊

Mauriora,  
Kylie Piper

*We have a full calendar this term - a full set of dates will come out in the next newsletter.*

### **2021 Term 1 Some Dates to Remember**

Wednesday	3 Feb	First day of school
Thursday	4 Feb	Community Catch Up: 4 - 6pm (drop in at any time!)
Monday	8 Feb	School closed - Waitangi Day observed
Friday	12 Feb	Bring flowers to school for arrangements
Saturday	13 Feb	Arapohue A&P show
Thursday	18 Feb	BOT meeting 6.30 School staffroom