

# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Kia ora whānau...

I hope you had a fabulous weekend, and enjoyed both the extra day and the great weather! It was FABULOUS to see so many of you at our Community BBQ last week – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and that you all got to meet Whaea Philippa. We were also pleased that Whaea Lyn Jackson, a new reliever at our school popped in to say hi. Congratulations go to Heidi and Stella, Aaliyah and Kaycee, Keira, Aroha and Jordan and Payton who completed the Scavenger Hunt and had their names drawn out for our Prize Drawer. Happy spending at the Warehouse! Chris from Northfuels did a great BBQ (with help from Neil 😊). I am sure he will be in touch with some of you in the near future to talk about what he can offer your farms!



## THANKS

Huge thanks to Chris Williams who has donated two new guitars to our school and to the Vincents for providing us with some of their delicious Watermelon which is definitely filling a gap until Fruit In Schools starts back up next week.

## NEW STUDENTS

Last week we welcomed Kylah who finally gets to join us after turning 5 in December and to Rocco who has joined us from Auckland! We are so happy to have you join our school whānau! ❤️💙

## CHANGES

As mentioned in our previous newsletter we have changed our class names. Please find attached a page explaining these new names. Have you seen our new class signs? Proudly made by my step-father Jeff and sent up from Christchurch. As we have been unpacking our **P\*A\*T\*H** values with our students we see how applicable they are to everyday life and students are demonstrating these values in and around school all the time! This week we will spend time coming up with suitable ways to acknowledge those students showing our values.



## ARAPOHUE SHOW

Students are busy preparing their show entries. Don't forget to send along craft donations (Māhuri) by Wednesday and flower donations on Friday. Our older students (8 – 13 year olds) are also invited to enter teams in the **Agri kids** comp. This competition is divided up into 6 fun modules all related to Farm Life. Previous years have seen modules such as identifying veggies, building an electric fence, food making/tasting, tractor knowledge, and hooking up a water pump/sprinkler system etc. Please fill out the form or email me ([kylie@arapohue.school.nz](mailto:kylie@arapohue.school.nz)) if your child is available to be put into a team. There is also a competition for our 5 – 7 year olds which you can enter on the day.

## POOL

It has been SO awesome to see all students with their togs and being in the pool each day – please keep this up!

## KEEPING IN TOUCH

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 M.A.C (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 😊 Groups will be approx. 4 – 5 students maximum. We want to get these started NEXT week.

## FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES

As mentioned at Prizegiving last year we are hoping to be able to take our Year 6/7/8s for a camp in Wellington. These students will be starting fundraising for this in the near future. In the interim we have been asked to cater for the Arapohue Show Thank You BBQ on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. If any of our families are willing and able to make a salad for this meal please let me know as soon as poss. THANK YOU!

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

Thursday	11 Feb	Year 7&8 Technology Dargaville Intermediate (Don't forget covered in shoes)
Friday	12 Feb	Bring flowers to school for arrangements
Saturday	13 Feb	Arapohue A&P show
Wednesday	17 Feb	Fundraising BBQ – send a salad if you are able
Thursday	18 Feb	BOT meeting 6.30 School staffroom
Tues/Wed	2/3 March	EPRO8 for Year 5 – 8s
Thurs/Fri	18/19 March	Overnight camp at school for Māhuri/Day at the Lakes
Friday	2 April	Good Friday
Monday& Tuesday	5 & 6 April	Easter Holidays
Friday	16 April	End of Term 1
Monday	3 May	Term 2 begins

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

Electronic copies please copy and email back.

I have received and read this newsletter dated 9 February 2021:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I am / am not keen and able to be involved with MAC clubs.

I could take a group of \_\_\_\_\_ students doing \_\_\_\_\_

I am / am not able to provide a salad on the 17<sup>th</sup> February.

# Arapohue Class Names



## Kākano

Kākano means "seed". The concept of a Kākano conveys growth, development, and expansion. Even before a seed is planted or nourished, it has inherent promise — the capability to take root, develop, grow, and blossom.

A person, like a seed, is inextricably linked to generations who have gone and are yet to come. A kākano comes from somewhere, it belongs to someone or something, and it cannot be isolated or detached from those connections. It has both history and potential.

Our Kākano tamariki remind us of the opportunity we have in our school to make new beginnings, to plant, to nurture, to cherish, to realise potential, to grow and enhance that which is. The Kākano is a symbol of productivity and the promise of success through learning and achievement.

***Poipoia te kākano kia puawai  
Nurture the seed and it will blossom***



## Māhuri

Māhuri means sapling and looks at the growth phase of a kākano. It is gaining in strength and becoming firmly established, showing signs of the potential it has. The māhuri is the link between potential and realisation. It sets the direction for development, travelling forward to. The māhuri is fragile by nature and still requires nurture and care to see it reach its potential.

Our Māhuri tamariki are firmly established within our school, having begun the journey of learning here at Arapohue. They have shown growth and development already and are showing promise of the adults they will become!

***Te piko o te māhuri, tērā te tupu o te rākau***

***The way in which the young sapling is nurtured (bent), determines how the tree will grow***



## Rākau

A Rākau is a tree, which shows the start and finish of the journey of potential, a kākano, depicting the cyclical nature of growth and development. A rākau is strong and established, it has been through a tremendous period of growth and yet, this is only the start of all it is still to become. There are many different types of rākau, all which serve different purposes, but they stand strong, products of their experiences.

Our Rākau tamariki stand strong as leaders in our school, they continue to grow and flourish, and leave us well prepared for the future.

***E tū kahikatea, hei whakapae ururoa, awhi mai awhi atu, tātou tātou e  
The Kahikatea stand together, their roots intertwine, strengthening each other***