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17 March 2021 – **Happy St Patricks DAY!**

Kia ora whanau,
GOSH, it's well over a month since our last newsletter and yet I feel I have been sending notes/letters/emails constantly to you as we have been organising so many 'extra' events and learning opportunities. Things have certainly been busy over the last month and we have many things to celebrate...

ARAPOHUE SHOW

A record 140 indoor entries from our school alongside 5 Agrikids teams in the outdoor competitions – our students were strong competitors all round and came away with a number of prizes. The Show is always a great community day out and it was great to see so many school families there enjoying all that was on offer.



EPRO8 Science /Technology Challenge

Once again this year our students outdid themselves and we are super proud of their efforts. Our Year 7/8 Arapohue Legendary Engineers, Payton, Noah, Seth and Keira came second and our Year



7/8 Arapohue Hawkes, William, Aroha, Hunter and Eden came fourth. Our Year 5/6 Arapohue Team Awesome, Teara, Falco, Jordan and Mac came second equal. All of these teams qualify for the Regional Finals and are competing in these either tonight or tomorrow morning. WELL DONE EVERYONE!



TRIATHLON

Friday saw another successful triathlon held with full participation from all our students. It was fantastic to see everyone having a go, I am especially proud of those students who pushed themselves outside of their comfort zones and challenge themselves to a 'harder' race. Huge thanks to Danya and her team of trusty helpers for running the sausage sizzle, and to all of school community for turning up and supporting the event.



We also had a great visit yesterday from the Tokatoka playgroup. We welcomed them with a Mihi Whakatau and then the group of 20+ children and their whānau played and explored our school. It was awesome to connect with so many families in our district – SO MANY LITTLE PEOPLE!!





Mountains To Sea Conservation Trust
Kai Iwi Lakes
FREE Open Day 2021
Saturday 20th March | Promenade Point | 10am-2:30pm

Day and Night Snorkeling
**registrations for night snorkel essential.
More info on our FB page

Stalls and Activities
Water Safety, Biodiversity,
Flow Toys & Games

Waka Ama

Coffee and cold drinks for purchase

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www.whitebaitconnection.co.nz

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Postponements announced via our website www.whitebaitconnection.co.nz - Back-up day 21st March. Visit our [facebook.com/whitebaitconnection](https://www.facebook.com/whitebaitconnection)



Girls' Brigade 2021

Girls' Brigades weekly badge work is done in terms 2&3, winter months. But in terms one and four we will hold our 'Special Events'. Don't miss out. You must be registered. For girls 5-18yrs.

REGISTER NOW ONLINE

<https://www.trybooking.co.nz/GHA>



1ST DARGAVILLE GIRLS' BRIGADE KEEP UP WITH **The News** ON FB

WONDER PROJECT SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

Calling all scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians – we need your help!

Some of our students will be taking part in the Wonder Project Rocket Challenge in Term 3. It's an amazing programme designed to get young Kiwis excited about STEM – science, technology, engineering and maths. The programme pairs STEM professionals with teachers to deliver the learning and we need more volunteers to help our kids design, build and launch water rockets!

Keen to help? It only requires 1 hour a week for 6–8 weeks during Term 2. The Wonder Project team will provide you with training and all the resources, including a rocket kit, a rocket launcher and all the teaching modules.

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to guide young people on the Rocket Challenge. We are looking for passionate and committed professionals working in STEM fields who want to make a real difference – and inspire wonder in the minds of young people in their community.

Register online at wonderproject.co.nz

M.A.C CLUBS

Our M.A.C clubs have been ticking along nicely this term. We are thrilled to be offering Ukulele, Drama, Sketching, Gardening, Sandpit/Wheels play, Guitar and Mosaic Tiling – all great opportunities to extend our students in the Arts.

VALUES UPDATE

Students (and staff 😊) have been working hard to consistently demonstrate our P*A*T*H values. When they are spotted showing these values they receive a P*A*T*H card. These cards are collated and count towards a range of incentives. Each assembly we draw some cards randomly and those students get a spin on the prize wheel. Students have collectively decided on prizes for the prize wheel and they include **Pie face with a friend, a dip in the treasure chest, free time with a friend, principal for an hour, whole school extended break time and ice-cream treat.**

So far this year our lucky winners have been:

Devon – free time with a buddy – he chose a lunchtime swim with Aaliyah

Rocco - dip in the treasure chest

Falco – free time with a buddy – he chose a lunchtime swim with Brax!

Loce – free time with a buddy

Jonathan – dip in the treasure chest

CLASSROOM AWARDS

The following students have also received classroom awards at assembly:

WK 3: **Heidi, Sumner, Eden, Noah Hart,**

WK 5: **Noah Whitehead, Kaycee, Kyla, Sumner, Falco and William**

Well done everyone – keep being AWESOME!

LOGO UPDATE

Huge thanks to all those families who sent their votes in for their preferred choice of LOGO – we are just in the final stages of confirming this with the designer. I appreciate your input into the process!

BOARD UPDATES

The Board are pleased to announce **Drew Gillespie** as our new Board Chair. We thank Joe for his years of service and appreciate his willingness to remain on the Board and to support Drew. We are pleased with the almost completion of the shade Canopy. This project has obviously taken longer than anticipated but given that it will provide much needed shelter in both summer and winter we know it will be well used!

Our Solar Panel Project is also having some challenges getting underway but we are still hoping to get this project underway soon.

The end of the term is fast approaching much to our dismay, a reminder that we have Easter holidays earlier this year at the start of April; please note dates school will be closed below.

Mauriora,

Kylie Piper

2021 Term 1 Some Dates to Remember

Wed/Thurs	17/18 March	EPRO8 for Year 5 – 8s Regional Finals in Whangarei
Thurs/Fri	18/19 March	Overnight camp at school for Māhuri/Day at the Lakes
Tuesday	30 March	Year 1-4 Football Festival
Mon/Wed	28/31 March	Kiwi tag coaching – Yrs 3 - 8
Friday	2 April	Good Friday
Mon & Tues	5 & 6 April	Easter Holidays
Friday	16 April	End of Term 1
Monday	3 May	Term 2 begins
Wednesday	12 May	TEACHER ONLY DAY

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