



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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21 July 2021

Kia ora whanau,

Term 4 has had a slightly disrupted start but it is great to note that we are all settled back into our routines and it's almost business as usual while still meeting all of the additional requirements Covid brings. A challenging aspect currently is the number of events that have been cancelled due to the current climate and as a staff we are constantly on the go re-thinking and re-planning how to keep our students excited and motivated and still ensure we meet the guidelines provided.

The Public Health Order recently introduced has massive implications for the Education Sector and directly impacts the daily running of our school. Our School Board are currently working through the implementation of the mandate to ensure our school is a safe space for our learners. The Order requires ALL people working with our students, including teachers, support workers and volunteers to have started the vaccination process by the 15 November.

Huge thanks to our parents for your support with this, by waiting outside the gates at pick up and drop off times, for wearing masks if you need to come onsite, and also to our volunteers, for providing vaccination status to ensure you are able to be onsite.

TERM 4

We were excited yesterday that Centrals could proceed and I congratulate Brax, Angus, Devon, Mac and Eden for participating. You have all worked so hard with your animals and the number of ribbons floating around yesterday reflect the hard work! Check out these results:

Brax: 2nd in leading, 4th in type

Angus: 4th in leading, 2nd in rearing, 1st in type, Reserve Champion, Junior Type Northland Stock & Station Cup, Overall Type Northland Stock & Station Cup

Devon: 4th in leading, 4th in rearing

Mac: merit in leading, Special Award – most obvious pet

Eden: 3rd in leading, 4th in calling, 3rd in rearing, Special award – most obvious pet.

I think they have done very well considering there were over 60 animals entered yesterday!





This term we are thrilled to have Danya Hewetson back in working with us on Mondays, helping to complete the Tank Mural that Keira won as part of the Keep New Zealand Beautiful Mural Competition held earlier in the year.



We are also excited to have Paul Sorenson in working with our Rākau class on another science project. This term the focus is a PLANT CHALLENGE and we will be exploring how to grow sustainable microgreens.

At the end of the newsletter you will see some dates for the term. A number of 'usual' events have been cancelled including the Tinopai Sports Day, Athletics, Contributing Schools Camp and Body Jam. We will be working carefully to see how remaining events can be run will still remaining compliant with the mandate requirements. Lots of new learning for all of us.

NEW STUDENTS

We have welcomed Rowan to our school at the start of the term and on Monday we look forward to welcoming Sara, younger sister of Zade, Matthew and Gemma to our school. What a healthy growing roll we have, which will hit 43 on Monday – its such positive growth to see!

STAFF ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

A reminder that we have a staff only day NEXT Friday, the 12th of November. School will be closed on this day while staff spend time analysing assessment data and completing end of year reports. We hope you enjoy the long weekend.

WELLINGTON CAMP

We are keeping our fingers and toes crossed and are hoping that flights remain open and no further lockdowns occur to enable our Year 6,7 and 8s to still proceed with their Wellington Trip. This is now booked in for 29 Nov – 3 December.

PATH VALUES AWARD:

Prize Wheel draws saw in Week 1:

Jordan: free time with a friend – lovely to see her enjoying some extra handball yesterday with Sula!

Vyani: a game of pie face with a friend
Eden was thrilled to be chosen to be THAT friend!

CLASSROOM AWARDS

The following students also received classroom awards at assembly, making positive start to Term 4:

WK 1: **Noah, Seth, Jonathan and Stella**
Well done everyone – keep being AWESOME!



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Term 4 sees a change to the menus as there are no hot meals on the menu in the Summer months. I am grateful to the team at Libelle for being open to feedback and for constantly working with us, seeking feedback and ensuring that the food supplied hits the spot!

CALENDAR ART

Tomorrow is the LAST day to get in any calendar art orders and monies – huge thanks to those who have supported this wee fundraiser and CONGRATULATIONS for potentially having started your Christmas Shopping!

A reminder to always make contact if you have any school related questions or queries and to keep up to date with everything make sure you follow our school facebook page. If you don't receive emails from the school during lockdown/alert level changes please also check your SPAM folders as some families are finding that's where their copies end up!

Mauriora,
Kylie Piper.

2021 Term 4 Some Dates to Remember

Wednesday	10 November	Rotary Speech competitions – good luck Mac who is representing our school.
Friday	12 November	SCHOOL CLOSED – staff only day
Thursday	25 November	Arapohue School Board Meeting, 6:30 staffroom
Monday	29 November	Seniors trip to Wellington
Friday	3 December	End of Year reports come home
Thursday	9 December	School fun day – TBC
Friday	10 December	School Prizegiving
Tuesday	14 December	Mititai Church Community Carols Service
Friday	15 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – we finish at 12:30.