



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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15 December 2021

Kia ora whānau,

It's been a huge year and we are nearly at a time when we can put the year behind us and think about exciting events such as Christmas gatherings, being reunited with whānau and having the space to enjoy some much needed rest, relaxation and maybe adventures.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for the support you give our school in many and varied ways. It takes a village to raise a child, it takes a community to make a great school – thank you ALL for the part you play in this!

REPORTS

Hopefully you all received your child/rens reports last week and found them informative. Many thanks to those parents who have given us such positive feedback – your reflections are appreciated!

PRIZEGIVING

Last week we celebrated our Prizegiving and I would like to congratulate the following recipients on their achievements:

Dargaville Rotary Speech Award – Mac Piper

Goodwin Battcher Sportsmanship & Fair Play – Noah Hart

Sheila Martin Visual Arts Award – Stella Hart

Principals Award for Academic Excellence – Keira Piper / Mac Piper

McDermott Trophy for Allround Excellence – Eden Piper

Arapohue School Service Shield – Hunter Burgess

Culture Award – Leadership in Kapa Haka – Seth Martin

Centrals Ag Day – Angus Leigh Mackenzie (Junior Beef Champion, Overall Beef Champion)

Dargaville & NW Lions Values Awards – Kākano: Elsie Gillespie & Jonathan Vincent

- Māhuri: Sula Lucich & Hailey Alver

- Rākau: William Simpkin

Literacy Awards – top achievement/progress

- Kākano: Rowan Van den Berg

- Māhuri: Heidi Hart

- Rākau: Keira Piper

Numeracy Awards – top achievement/progress

- Kākano: Leo Jillett Sorensen

- Māhuri: Mac Piper

FAREWELLING STUDENTS

Today we officially farewell Seth, Hunter and Eden as they are off to continue their schooling at secondary level. My wish for you leavers is that you will be true to yourselves, know your worth and don't shrink back! You have learnt many lessons throughout your primary school years, have grown so much and have many skills, talents and a raft of strong core values - now is your time to go and shine. Let the world see how amazing you are!

FUNDRAISING

As you would have already read we cancelled the Hay Baling Fundraiser due to lack of availability from many of our families. Unfortunately, the catering for the Arapohue A & P Show is also cancelled as the show committee decided on Monday night to cancel due to the uncertainties working within the Traffic Light System.

In 2022 Neil Piper would like to look at forming an Arapohue PTA to support with fundraising and events. He will be on the lookout early in the new year for anyone interested in being a part of this group.

WELLINGTON CAMP

Our Year 6, 7 and 8 students had an amazing time in Wellington with so many fun experiences. Huge thanks to our community who supported us to get there, especially those that helped with fundraisers by buying pies and raffle tickets!!!



PATH VALUES AWARD:

Congratulations to **Eden, Leo, Elsie,**

Kaycee and **Hailey** who all earned 75 PATH cards and won a Picnic with me yesterday – such a fun way to finish the year!

Also to **Leila** who has earned 25 PATH cards and has chosen a dip in the Treasure Chest!

We also enjoyed a whole school reward by heading to the Lakes last week. Huge thanks to everyone who came and supported on the day – and what an awesome day it was!.

ARAPOHUE SCHOOL BOARD UPDATES

Hopefully you have seen our students farewell for Mrs Brown posted on our school facebook page yesterday.

The Board were thrilled with the quality of applicants we received with our recently advertised positions for 2022 and are pleased to be able to announce the appointment of Mrs Rochelle Cleary to the administration role and Mrs Catherine Christey to the cleaner and caretaker role. These ladies have been acting in these roles for the last month and we know will do a stellar job of keeping our school running smoothly!

2022

We start back again in the New Year on the 3 February and look forward to catching up with you all then.

Stationery will be provided for your children but unfortunately, we were not successful in our application for sponsorship for this so will cost students \$25 each. This can be paid in full at the start of the year or you can ring the office to organise a weekly payment.

We will be running MAC (make and create) clubs again in Term 1. These will happen on Fridays from 1:20 – 2:15, starting week 3 and running for the term. We have enjoyed many different types of groups being run including mosaics, gardening, ukulele, sport, art, craft, computer programming etc. If you have Friday afternoons free and are interested in running a group please drop me an email!

So on behalf of the staff and Arapohue School Board I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and a great 2022. Enjoy the summer break and we look forward to working with you all again in in the new year!

Mauriora,
Kylie Piper.

2022 Term 1 Some Dates to Be Aware Of

Tuesday	1 Feb	Staff Only Day
Wednesday	2 Feb	Staff Only Day
Thursday	3 Feb	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL 2022 - bring your togs!
Monday	7 Feb	School closed – Waitangi Day Holiday
Thursday	24 Feb	Overnight Camp at School (TBC)
Friday	25 Feb	Whole School Beach Education – Mangawhai (TBC)
Monday	7 March	STAFF ONLY DAY – school closed
Thur/Fri	10/11 March	Rākau leadership opportunity – TBC

- while these dates have been booked in we wait to see what/how or if the traffic light system may impact

Nativity Scenes on Show



A Christmas experience for the whole whanau

Holy Trinity Anglican Church (58 Hokianga Road)

Wednesday 15 December

3.00pm - 7.00pm

**Entry by koha (gold coin or canned food) for
*Dargaville Combined Churches Foodbank***

"My Vaccine Pass" required

QR code check-in; Masks worn; Maintain social distancing