



5 December 2022

Kia ora whānau,

Gosh, the last two weeks of the school year have snuck up on us and it is now we all sit back and say, “Where did the year go???”

We have got a few extra bits and pieces coming up over the next two weeks – HUGE thanks to everyone for keeping up with the ‘extra’ newsletters and permission slips that have been coming out!

Today you will find your child's school report in their bag. We hope you enjoy reading these and that they give you an accurate picture of your child's achievement for the year. PLEASE contact teachers if you have any questions. We also enclose our gift to you of a class photo – a wee keepsake of 2022 at Arapohue School!

CALENDAR ART

Thanks for all of the orders received for Calendar Art. These have arrived at school and will be sent home Tuesday (assuming we have enough paper bags!!!)

THIS WEEK

We have a film crew from Ministry of Education coming to school tomorrow to film some children to promote attendance at school across Tai Tokerau. If your child has come home with a permission slip please ensure it is signed and return tomorrow.

We also have our Prizegiving on Friday at the Arapohue Hall, starting at 11am. We ask that all families bring a plate of food to share for lunch afterwards. We will be going down to the showgrounds during the week for practice, please let us know asap if you are not happy for us to transport your children down in staff cars, wearing seatbelts, booster seats provided for 5 & 6 year olds.

NEXT WEEK

We have our Carols Service at **6:30** (note change of time) on Tuesday. We will be transporting those children involved in the play down to the church at 11am for a practice. Again, let us know ASAP if you are not happy for us to transport your child.

In the earlier invitation we asked that children bring a gift or food bank donation to give to those in need. **Reverend Frank and Mrs Nelson have asked that we JUST make this a non perishable food item or Xmas treat for the food bank, as simple as a bar of chocolate!**

Wednesday 14th is our School Fun Day. Our Year 8 students are organising a Mystery Bus Trip for everyone to enjoy. Please sign and return permission slip attached to this newsletter. We do not require many parent helpers for the trip – so no pressure to attend if you have lots on!

COVID

Covid is again doing the rounds and impacting schools across the Kaipara. We would like to remind you that we still have quite a supply of testing kits so please let us know if you require some.



RESOURCES HUNT

As formal learning programmes are coming to an end we are sorting and stocktaking our resources. PLEASE have a hunt under beds, on bookshelves and in the back of wardrobes and send any reading books, library books or other school treasures that you find back to school.

BOARD NEWS

Our Board have their final meeting for the year next week where we will confirm our annual plan and budget for 2023. We have already reviewed progress to date and are happy with how the school is progressing. Our staff work hard to achieving our vision and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the hard work they do and for all the 'extras' they do on a daily basis to make our school a great place to be for our children. We wish the staff, whanau and community a safe and happy Christmas and a relaxing summer break!

NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY



Our assembly was run by Kākano where they shared with us some of their beautiful art work and a song or two.

Classroom awards this week went to: Hailey, Gemma, Whaea Sheryl, Jariah, Mrs Christey, Locě and Noah.

PATH card prize draw: Congratulations to William who spun and won pie-face with a friend, Rowan who grabbed a dip in the treasure chest, Gemma who won free time with a friend and to Stella (again!!) who was drawn out twice (!!)



and got to win a dip in the treasure chest AND extended break time!

Congratulations also to the MANY students who have earned 50 PATH cards this year – what an achievement. And finally, the biggest congratulations goes to Noah, Heidi and Stella who are the next students to have earned 75 PATH cards which saw them win Pizza Picnic with the Principal!!! However, to celebrate the success of this whānau, the prize was changed to Pizza with the Parents and we sent vouchers home – enjoy Hart family!!





We would also like to celebrate our Matific Legends for 2022. Well done to **Whaea Lyn** for having the class with the highest use, 3rd highest success student award- **Zane**, 2nd highest success student award- **Hailey** and 1st highest success student award- congratulations to **Rocco**!

And our final congratulations at assembly go to our Athletic Allstars. Today we gave out certificates to those who placed 1st or 2nd in their group on the day – well done guys and what a fun day it was. Thanks to the families that were able to come and not only support your children but help us actually run the events – you made our day even more successful!



2023

Our first day back next year is Wednesday 1st February. We will supply ALL students with stationery on the first day which will cost \$25.00

We hope that us providing the stationery makes life easier for you but if you would prefer to provide your own contact Rochelle in the office for a full list of required items BEFORE 31st January.

All those who have paid for stationery BEFORE 24th February will go into a draw to win the cost of one stationery pack back!

Last week we were excited to have some new students visiting, and our current Year 3's and 6's visiting in their next years class. Check out these smiles!!





NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Dad dropped me off in the car yesterday. I could not go to swimming sessions so Dad dropped me off with my own surf board. It's fun going swimming. It's really fun. I enjoy going swimming. My first time was fun.

Loce

I had a dream that me and Dad transformed the car into a monster truck. We took apart the body of the car and rebuilt it as a monster truck. First we had to use the car to get four big tractor tyres from Gas and Tyre, before we took it apart. After that we put the tyres in the garage and built the monster truck. After we built it we put the engine in the bonnet of the monster truck and put the tyres on.
Zane

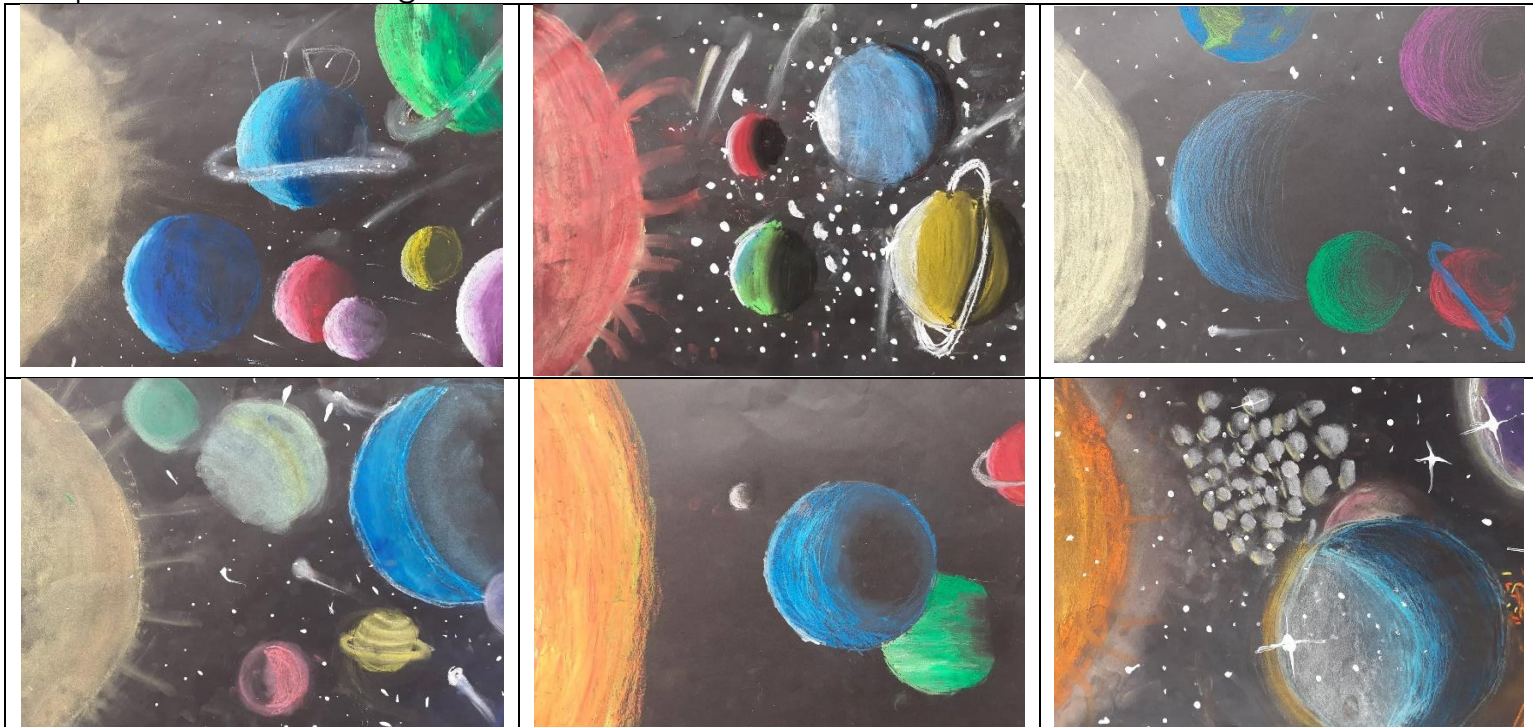
I was feeding my lamb. It was hungry. It was pushing the bottle and it went "Baah!" It's name is Oreo and he is white and black and fluffy. I love my lamb.

Alex

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora te whanau,

Can you believe here we are winding up toward the end of the term. Māhuri and Rākau have looked at our Solar System from different views, more recently through art; learning to use values of colour shades with light and dark shades. We found it was harder to draw spheres than we thought it would be.



As this is our last newsletter, all of Māhuri would like to wish you a most relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

Ngā mihi nui, Whaea Lyn



NEWS FROM RĀKAU

We just thought we would like to take this opportunity to share some writing from our Years 8s as they share a favourite memory of their time at our school. (They were asked to only choose one and to keep it brief!)

Bodyjam - By Payton

I felt butterflies in my stomach. No even worse. I felt like giants were trying to break through the seal that kept them away from their delectable meal.

"Next up is the dancing duo" said the judge. We made our way up to the stage. The feeling of the crowd all watching us made me want to faint but my dance partner felt amazing. She thought it was a lot of fun and for me it was like I had just got swallowed in a sea of emotions. I felt calm in the car then ok walking thought the doors and now this feeling that I can't explain on the stage. We began to dance then I felt relieved as we walked off the stage. We got congratulated and my fear had gone! There were no angry giants trying to get to the food and there were no butterflies. The moment we started dancing time slowed down and every feeling went away.

Capsized - By Keira

The wind sprays icy water in my face and fills the sail of the little sailboat, pulling me across the vast lake. I try to turn, but the wind has other plans. I try again, pulling the rudder violently. Maybe I pulled a little too hard, because the boat tips on a steep angle. I just manage to spring out of the boat before it capsizes, trapping a bubble of air under the lake.

I react fast. I hook my feet into the hull and tug at the keel with all my might. I can feel the boat beginning to tilt, so I bounce back into the water and hang off the side of the boat. Now that I have righted the boat, I jump into the boat and sail away to shore.

The Optimist – By Noah

I step into the water, feeling the cold tingle through my legs. The lake shimmers in the light, the small waves now lapping around my ankles. I take another step into the soft mud that pads my feet. I slowly reach out to grab the boat. I press both of my hands onto the rim of the boat and drag it towards me. Soft ripples lie in the wake of the boat as it is guided by my arm through the water. I take another step forwards; stepping on to a slippery, slimy clay rock that protrudes from the sand. I slip a little on the rock, but quickly regain balance.

The small Optimist has its sail stretched wide, the ropes slack in the boat. I reach my hand into the boat, searching for something to hold onto. My hands find nothing so I go back to the rime of the boat. Clutching it tight I heave myself into the white fiberglass of the Optimist. I swing my legs into the boat and sit down in the water filled bottom of the boat. I grab the ropes that are attached to the beam that holds the sail. I grab the rod that steers the Optimist at the same time and slowly let out the soaked rope in my hands so the sail can catch the wind. The sail sags for a minute then catches the wind and blows me away into the lake.

Night Throwing – by William

The chilled night nips and my arms and legs as my eyes bounce between Rākau students in sync with the ball. Up into the air and blown into someone's hand. But not just anyones hands, my classmate Noah's hands. Noah turns to look at me and shoots the ball in my direction. Up in the air and back down to my goose-bumped littered arms. My eyes



widen to adjust to the dimmed scenery. I shoot to the left and so does the person who catches the ball, until a circle pattern ripples through the group.

As the ball soars upwards and lands in my hands I take note that even though it's cold it ceases to bother me. Even though it's dark it fails to faze me and even though laughter fills the air and everything feels right, it does not surprise me.

PAPER BAGS

We are always on the look out for brown paper supermarket bags again if anyone has a stash at home. Please send into the office.

Mauriora,

Kylie Piper

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2022 Term 4: Some Dates to Remember

Friday	9 December	School End of Year Prize Giving 11am – bring a plate
Tuesday	13 December	School Carols Service at Mititai 6:30pm
Wednesday	14 December	Fun Day
Friday	16 December	LAST DAY OF 2022, school finishes at 12pm - buses WILL NOT run on this day.
Wednesday	1 February	FIRST DAY OF TERM 1, 2023

PERMISSION SLIP

Mystery Trip Wednesday 14th December 2022

I, _____ give my permission for my child/ren
_____ to attend the mystery bus trip on Wednesday
14th December 2022.

Children will require: Hat and be sunblocked, water bottle, togs and towel, change of clothes.