



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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26 January 2023

Kia ora, ngā mihi mahana mō te tau hōu – warm New Years greetings to you all! I trust you are all busy enjoying the last few days of the summer holidays and are starting to think about the 2023 school year! My family and I have had a great break, staying in Northland and enjoying the Lakes and the Beaches in between the rain and cyclones. We are now trying to get back into routines and work out how we can be out of bed and ready for school by 8:30 each day – eek.

We have had a lot of work happening at school over the holidays with all of our buildings being washed and bug sprayed, concreting completed in Te Wā, our fabulous new shade over the playground installed AND our pool leaks being fixed, (hopefully enough to get us through the summer season before we do a more extensive repair.) The teaching staff have also been in at school this week, planning and setting up for the new year. We are excited by what looks to be a fun term and can't wait to have the students back with us.



2022 CLASSES + STAFF

We are thrilled to be able to have consistency of staff this year and our classes are as follows:

Kākano, Year 1 – 3 students. Whaea Philippa Kelsall, philippa@arapohue.school.nz

Māhuri, Year 4 – 8 students. Whaea Lyn Jackson, lyn@arapohue.school.nz

Rākau, Year 7-8 will come out of Māhuri to work with me, Mrs Piper, 8:30 – 12 daily for literacy and mathematics, with a focus on leadership. kylie@arapohue.school.nz

We also have Miss Mitchell, laura@arapohue.school.nz working on Wednesdays in all classes while I continue with my role co-leading the Kahui Ako schools across the Kaipara.

Our fab support staff, are all on board and ready to continue their great work. We have Mrs Christey, Whaea Sheryl and Whaea Lane working in classes and in the playground and providing additional learning support programmes.

And of course Rochelle Cleary, rochelle@arapohue.school.nz will be in the office 8 – 1 daily and will be available to answer all of your questions!



ENVIRO SCHOOLS



This year we have joined the Enviro Schools Programme which has a kaupapa of creating a healthy, peaceful, sustainable world through learning and taking action together. As a team we are excited by the Enviro Schools approach and know that the support provided will help us to create more awesome learning opportunities that will equip and empower our students for the future. We had a great day of learning with our facilitator Jane Norman yesterday!



NEW STUDENTS

We already have 4 new students enrolled to start next week, if you have any new neighbours, family or friends that have children likely to start, please encourage them to email or call me to complete enrolment paperwork so we can plan accordingly. We will start our school term with a Mihi Whakatau, welcoming these new students and their whānau. Feel free to join us at 8:30 on Wednesday 1 Feb.

STATIONERY

This year our stationery packs will cost \$25 for each student. All students will be issued with the required stationery and we ask that you make payments to the school to cover costs as soon as you are able. Please contact Rochelle in the office if you would like to start weekly payments, our school account number is **School Bank a/c 12-3098-0257114-00**. Please ensure to include your child's name and 'stationery' in the reference.

If you do NOT want school to provide your stationery and would prefer to purchase your own from an alternative supplier please contact Rochelle before 1 Feb and she will provide you with a class list.

As we have opted into the MOE donations scheme there are no school fees required.

All children who have paid in full by the end of the month will go into a draw to win their \$25 back!

SWIMMING

We will begin swimming from day one so please ensure your children come prepared. Swimming is a core part of our curriculum and all students are expected to participate. Please send togs AND a towel in a bag each day with your child, or a note to their teacher if they are unable to swim for any reason.

A reminder that students need TOGS to swim in – not their clothes and long hair needs to be tied up.



FACEBOOK/WEBSITE

I am aware of how easy it could be to feel disconnected with the school when you are working long hours and unable to pop in. Therefore, I would 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 do not receive these please let us know.**

ARAPOHUE SHOW



A reminder that the local show is coming up on the 11th. Students will be completing some indoor entries at school and as such we would love any available flowers sent to school on Friday 10th.

We will also be inviting students to be part of a team for the Agrikids Challenge on the day. More info will come out about this if your child expresses interest.

BUSES – NEW TICKET SYSTEM

There have been some changes with Ritchies for those children who pay to use the bus. See info below:

Ineligible Students

As you are aware, this Company brings to your School on a daily basis, students who are termed “Ineligibles”:- a Ministry of Education definition.

The Ministry has directed that all Ineligible Students pay a Bus Fare and as such the amount of \$135:00 (One Hundred and Thirty Five Dollars) per student per term.

In years past the current system of collecting these payments has been both time consuming and ineffective, resulting in a high number of ineligible students being carried without a fare of any kind being paid.

Therefore, to tidy up this situation, we are changing to a “Ticket” system commencing from Term 1 of the 2023 School Year. A Concession Ticket for the applicable Term will be issued to the student when the Term fare is paid in full.

Our drivers will be requesting to sight these tickets from Monday 13th February 2023 and ineligible students without the necessary ticket may not be allowed to travel on School Buses until they have one. Tickets will be issued from our Depot in Beach Road, Dargaville.

Parents of ineligible students attending your school this year will be notified of this new system in adequate time to enable this change to be implemented.

Please see me if you have any questions regarding this system – I may be able to help!

MUSIC LESSONS @ SCHOOL

And FINALLY we have an awesome opportunity for your child/ren to be able to have vocal/guitar lessons at school. This would be provided by external tutors and would be on a user pays system. See the ad below and ring Deb asap to ensure a space for your budding Rockstar!

In the meantime, enjoy the last few days and don't forget – 6 more sleeps until school starts, sunhats and togs for day one. Let me know if you have any questions ☺

Mauriora,
Kylie Piper

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2023 Term 1 Some Dates to Remember

Wednesday	1 Feb	First day of school
Monday	6 Feb	School closed – Waitangi Day observed
Thursday	9 Feb	Tech starts for our Yr 7/8s – they need covered shoes on these days.
Saturday	11 Feb	Arapohue Show
Thursday	16 Feb	BOT meeting – staffroom at 6:30
Thursday	24 Feb	Māhuri overnight camp at school
Thur/Fri	10 March tbc	Year 7/8 Sailing at Kai Iwi Lakes



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