



April 2023

Newsletter #4

Kia ora whānau

What an incredibly busy term we have had – so much learning and so many fun opportunities for our students I think we have ALL deserved a break!

Our teaching staff enjoyed the opportunity to meet with many of you at Whānau Hui in week 8. Thanks for making the time to come in and talk with us. Highlights for me this term would have to be the way our new students, 6 in total, settled into our school. They have become a valued part of our school and contribute to their classes in multiple ways.

Another highlight was a few weeks ago when we welcomed Anjie Savage, our Evaluation Partner from the Education Review Office(ERO). ERO have a new model that they are using, where rather than coming in for three days and capturing everything we have done up to that point, they will now come in and build a relationship with the school, spending time working alongside us seeing how we work towards achieving our strategic goals. We can expect Anjie to be working with our school for the next few years, so it was a relief that we got off to a great start, see below for feedback Anjie provided after her initial meeting at our school. We look forward to seeing how this work progresses.

Tēnā koe Kylie

Thank you so much for a fabulous day on Tuesday! I really appreciate the effort and planning that went into making me feel welcome at Arapohue School. I enjoyed learning about your school and having the time to connect with you. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe.

The points I captured from my day are:

- *Tikanga Māori is embedded in the school culture and routines. Students are supported to learn and develop as bicultural citizens within their community.*
- *Students demonstrate pride in their school.*
- *There is 'whānau feel' to the school which includes students, staff, parents...and visitors!*
- *The school values are woven through daily routines. Students know and speak about the school values.*
- *Students are provided with a broad range of opportunities to develop leadership skills, for example, leading roles in mihi whakatau and doing duty at break times.*
- *The school is clean, well maintained and welcoming.*
- *School routines are embedded to ensure students experience a sense of security, tūrangawaewae and pride.*

And my final highlights would be around seeing our students push themselves outside of their comfort zones to give things a go. At sailing, camping, swimming sports, EPro8 and the Pahi Beach Trip I saw students rising to new challenges, overcoming fear and then enjoying their successes – what a privilege to see!

As this is the final newsletter for the term I wish you all a safe and relaxing Easter break



EASTER RAFFLE

A reminder that Rākau is running an Easter Raffle for funds to complete some running repairs on the gardens. Huge thanks to everyone for sending donations along – tickets are being sold for \$1 in the office. There are 9 prizes to be won – we will draw the raffle as soon as all of the tickets are sold OR Thursday morning – whichever comes first!

NEWS FROM TODAY'S ASSEMBLY

A lovely assembly today – our final one for Term 1, run by Kākano.

↓ **Classroom awards** this week went to: Natasha, Elsie, Leon, Leo, Kyla (absent), Ava, Nelson and Mrs Christey!



PATH card prize draw: Congrats to those who got to spin the prize wheel today. Leila won free time with a friend, Leo won a dip in the prize box and Matthew and Jonathan each won a game of Pie Face with a friend





EXTRA congratulations to Lily, Monty, Lachlan, Promise, Kaycee (absent), Acacia-Rose, Aaliyah, Mac, Zade and Nelson who have all reached 25 PATH cards– well done team! They chose treasure box, principal(s) for an hour and an ice cream treat

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Last week Year 1-4 students travelled into Dargaville to participate in the interschool football tournament.

The soccer was fun. I love it and I kicked the ball. Quickly, I kicked the ball into the goal. Sara I scored a goal. I scored two points. It was fun. I kicked it so hard. Kindly, I kicked it to my friends. Alex

When it was the soccer tournament I got kicked and it hurt. I cried because I didn't like it. I kicked the ball hard into the goal. Gemma

At soccer I scored two goals. At soccer I got the ball and I kicked it quickly. Lily

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

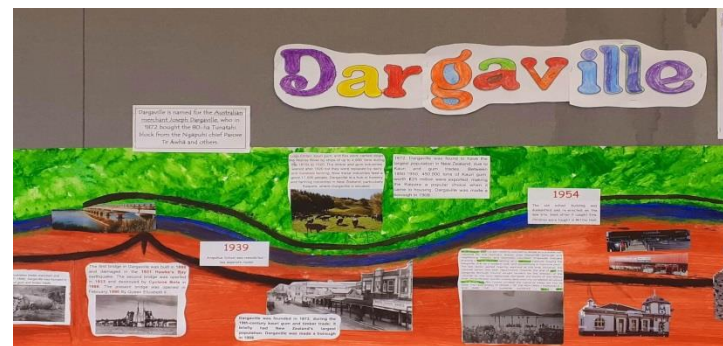
The end of the term has come with a hiss and a roar. We continue to learn about sustainability through inquiry and making connections by reading about the history of the Kaipara area. We end by drawing ourselves as taniwha-the kaitiaki of our environment.

It was great catching up with so many of you at our 'Whānui Hui'. Confirms we are all working together for the best of our tamariki.

We had a brilliant day at the Ruawai 'Tryathlon', a lot of fun alright. Yoghurt ice blocks, face painting, and that welcome, wow! Every Arapohue student did themselves proud.

Enjoy time with your children and we'll see you term two for more fun.

Ka kite, Whaea Lyn.



NEWS FROM RĀKAU



On the 22nd of March, Wednesday, Rākau went to Pahi for an Enviroschools event. About 8 other schools attended the event and we learnt a lot about marine life, and how to be careful around it. We went to 4 different stations around the area. Our first station was learning about the pests, and how they got here, and how we could stop them





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from spreading. Then us and another school told our names and did an action, then we went in mixed teams and learnt about different sea food for the fish, like kina. Then the next station was learning how to row a boat and kayak. After we then had lunch, and got to climb around one of the world's biggest and oldest fig trees. After lunch we went to some rescue boats, and got to look around inside them and got to use some walkie talkies. After that, we went back to the cars we travelled in, and went home.

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Whanau Focus Pre School Activities

Come Join us for a
Cuppa and some Circus Fun

At the Kaipara
Community Hall
Tuesdays 12-2pm

Starting May 2nd

ALL WELCOME



Whanau Focus
Keep this date free...
27th APRIL

Brainwave Trust Presentations

At the Kaipara Community Hall – Hokianga Rd DARGAVILLE
PARENTS GRANDPARENTS CARERS these presentations are for you

Session 1 10.30 -12.15

Session 2 12.45 – 2.15



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2023 Dates to Remember

Thursday	6 th April	END OF TERM ONE
Monday	24 th April	Teachers Only Day – teachers are completing Writing PD
Tuesday	25 th April	ANZAC Day
Wednesday	26 th April	Start of term 2

HOUSE KEEPING

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