



August 2023

Newsletter #9

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Week 4 which happens to be Maths Week. Chat to your child about what they have been learning in maths and see if you can find any practical applications around home. Lately we have all been focussing on percentages and decimals which links perfectly to our fractions work last term. The key message is that all three are dealing with parts of a whole.

AG DAY

A reminder that our school Ag Day is booked in for **Saturday 14 October**. Children entering animals need to remember that calves, lambs and goats need to be born between 1st July and 15th September. Students will also work at school to complete some indoor entries and there will be a schedule of optional activities that can be completed at home – this list will come home closer to the time BUT before the holidays!

Ag Day Lambs – If you are seeking Ag Day Lambs for your child/ren you can register your name at the school office. These lambs are sold by a third party, The Arapohue Showgrounds Committee, at \$50 each (1-2 days old). If and when lambs become available they will be offered in order of list.

NEW CHILDREN

We would like to welcome our new students who have started this term. Kākano is growing with George, Phoenix and Eliane joining the ranks. We hope you and your whānau are enjoying becoming part of our school community.



BOARD NEWS

Our Board had a productive meeting last week and would like to pass their thanks on to the community for taking the time to fill out the Health and PE Survey. Congratulations to Chantal, Hamish and Sam who each won some Countdown Vouchers – enough surveys were completed to see 2 x \$50 and 1 X \$30 voucher be handed out.

The Policy due for review this term is the Documentation and Reporting Procedures - we have attached a copy of this Policy to the newsletter, please email Kylie if you have any queries or concern regarding this policy. Our Board remain pleased with the positive culture at our school and the proactive way concerns are dealt with. A reminder of our Concerns and Complaints Policy is attached should it be required.

KIDSCAN JACKETS

If your child/ren has outgrown their Kidscan jacket, please return it clean to the office to swap with a larger size. Also, if your child has not been issued a jacket please let us know.



MYSTERY BUS TRIP

We had a fabulous day at Kiwi North for our Mystery Bus Trip and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jill Collier, Hara Tuhiwai-Pou, Eleni Fuapou and Paul Sorenson who joined us for the day – your help is appreciated! Our students are furiously trying to earn more PATH cards to try and win another trip this year!

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Our writing focus has been on our Mystery Bus Trip to Kiwi North! Here are two story examples:

I saw trees and they looked like different shapes and I saw Christmas trees and tall trees and some without leaves. I was sitting next to Leo on the mystery bus trip. I knew we were going to Whangarei. But where were we going? To Kiwi North. We went to the school first and there were big seats and small seats. We dressed up. I had a tie and a jacket. The museum had the lights off. I found the forest gecko and I thought I saw the leaves moving and I thought that was the kiwi. There were fish and there were lots of sounds like birds. I made a forest gecko. My favourite one was the museum. I liked the waka and the whale. I saw a little penguin and a camera and old clothes with hard helmets and guns. Not real guns. I saw bones too. I slept on the bus and I saw Leo sleeping on his knees on the floor. When I got home Mum asked us what happened. I said we went to Kiwi North and we went to the old fashioned school.

Alex

When we got on the bus we were excited. We didn't know where we were going. The bus drove around the corners very sharply. We were going to Kiwi North – but we didn't know that. We were going on a mystery bus trip because we had filled the basket of awesome. When we got to Kiwi North we lined up by the bus. Then we went into the classroom. The first thing we did was going to the museum. In the museum there was a waka, no, two waka! After the museum we went to a kiwi house but we didn't see the kiwi. After the kiwi house we went to see the geckos. There were green ones and brown geckos. Then we went to an old fashioned school. We had to dress up in an old fashioned way. We also went on a train ride. Lastly we made a rainbow kiwi out of feathers and a sparkly gecko. When it was time to go home again I wanted to go back with my parents.

Lily





NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

I hope your children have been sharing with you, some of the awesome learning that has been happening this term, and I'm not just talking about our mystery bus trip to Kiwi North, which had lots of hidden learning hidden amongst all that fun.



In week one, we were fortunate to have St Johns teaching our children about safety awareness and precautions, particularly in the playground, and of course how to apply a bandage.



As part of our ongoing theme as an 'Enviroschool', and to understand the concepts of 'sustainability', our school under-went a 'waste audit', where students sorted through two weeks of waste rubbish into either recycling, compost, electrical waste and of course, landfill. Each amount was weighed with discussion concerning its responsible disposal.



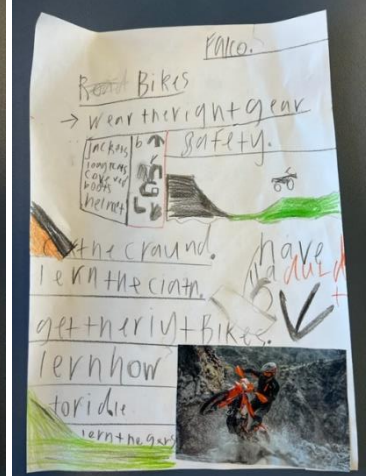
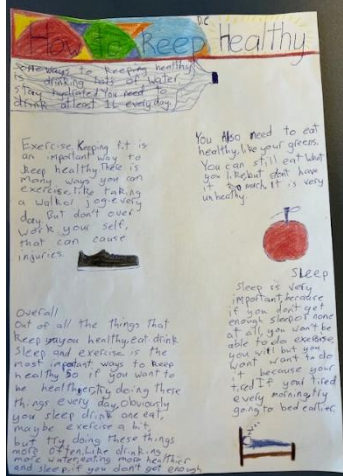
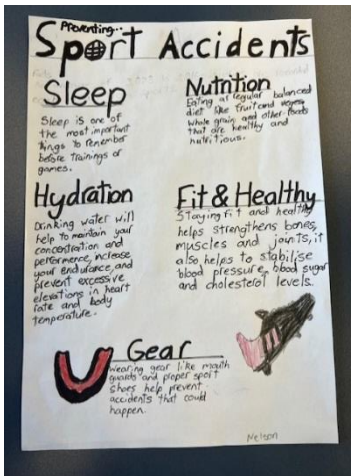
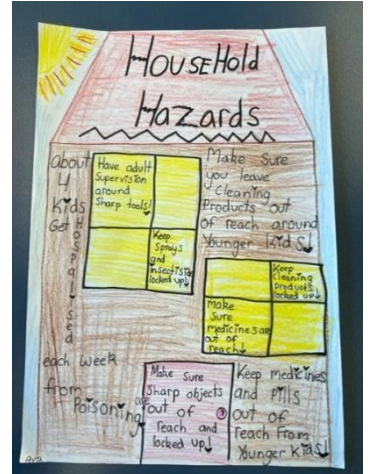
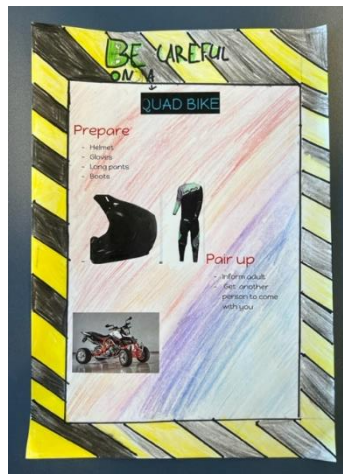
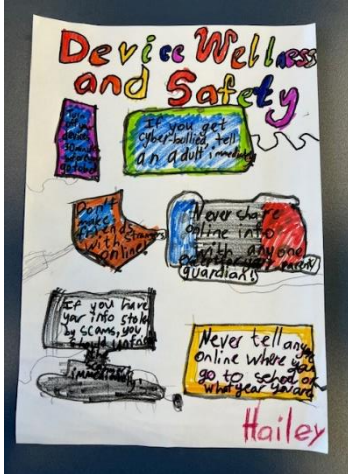
Learning about the nature of plastic enables us to be more conscientious with our plastic waste. Students have a better understanding of the different resin polymers and how they react in different situations. This week students made SAPs, (super absorbent polymers) and biodegradable plastic.





NEWS FROM RĀKAU

In Week 1 we enjoyed a visit from Jo from St Johns. We learnt a lot about keeping safe and really enjoyed doing CPR and using the defibrillator. Here are some of the messages we chose to share.



TEACHER AIDE VACANCY

As you may be aware, Whaea Lane left us at the end of last term. We are currently looking for a teacher aide to fill this vacancy. Please see our website, facebook or this weeks' Kaipara Lifestyler newspaper for full advertisement.

NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY



On Friday our assembly was run by Rākau where they shared with us the progress they have been making with their Aquabots. Its great to hear how proficient these students are getting with soldering, building motors and wiring their bots.

Classroom awards this week went to: Falco, Cooper, Leon, Rowan, Locë, Monty, Promise and Whaea Sheryl and Bella who were away.

PATH card prize draw: Three lucky winners today – Phoenix who won a dip in the treasure chest, Ava who won Principal for an Hour and Sebastian who was away.





PATH cards: we had 1 more student to acknowledge who has earned 25+ PATH cards this year. Congratulations and well done to Sebastian.

A number of students have also hit the next benchmark of 50 PATH cards and Postcards should be turning up in the mail any day now!

Mauriora,
Kylie Piper

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Term 3 Dates to Remember

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| Monday | 7 August | Next Newsletter |
| Friday | 18 August | Body Jam |
| Friday | 8 September | Arapohue Speech Comp |
| Wednesday | 13 September | Northern Wairoa Speech Comp |
| Thursday | 14 September | Aquabot Time Trials |
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| Wednesday | 20 September | Learning Celebration |
| Friday | 22 September | Last Day Term 3 |
| Saturday | 14 October | Ag Show Day – NOTE change in time to Term 4. |

Northern Wairoa Kahui Ako Community Newsletter - Celebrating our 2023 Achievements, so far!!!!

Kia ora koutou

We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we kick off a new term, we want to take a moment to reflect on the events and achievements that have taken place so far this year. From thrilling mathematical problem solving competitions to spirited sporting events, our students showcased their talents and passion in various domains.

Mathex - A Triumph of Numbers and Problem-Solving:

Our inaugural Mathex competition was a resounding success! The event took place on the 20th of June and saw a great turnout of students. Mathex is not just about crunching numbers; it's a celebration of analytical thinking, teamwork, and a love for mathematics.

The teams were challenged with a series of thought-provoking mathematical puzzles and problems, designed to stimulate their critical thinking abilities. It was fantastic to witness the level of dedication and determination displayed by each participant. We extend our congratulations to all the Mathex participants for their hard work and commendable performance.



We are pleased to announce the winners of 2023 Mathex.

Year 7 & 8:

1. Arapohue School
2. St Josephs 1
3. St Josephs 2

Year 5 & 6:

1. Dargaville Primary School B
2. Ruawai Primary School
3. Dargaville Primary School D

A special thank you goes out to Dargaville High School for providing the venue.

Small School Sports Festival - Uniting through Sports:

Physical activity and sports play a crucial role in promoting a healthy and active lifestyle, and our inaugural Small School Sports Festival proved to be a showcase of athleticism, sportsmanship, and camaraderie.

The festival took place on 31st of March at Dargaville High School. Students from many of our smaller schools in Northern Wairoa participated in a variety of sports and activities. The excitement and cheers resonated throughout the day, creating an atmosphere of friendly competition and support.

We would like to recognize the efforts of all the students who participated in the Sports Festival.

Moreover, we want to extend our gratitude to Leesa Andrewes from Sport Northland, Reuben Cohen from Bluelight and Northland Cricket who worked diligently to help organise and execute this event. Their commitment to promoting physical education and fostering a love for sports is appreciated.

Events for the staff of the Northern Wairoa Kahui Ako:

We hosted our termly hui for all of our local ECE centres. Staff from Busy Bees, Family Link, Dargaville Kindergarten, Ruawai Kindergarten, Selwyn Park Kindergarten and The Hub all attended these hui in term 1 & 2. New Entrant teachers and principals from the Northern Wairoa Kahui Ako were also present. The purpose of these hui is to provide an opportunity for these wonderful educators to collaborate, share ideas and initiatives with each other. It is also a great way to discuss how the transition from ECE to school process is currently performing.

We also hosted a quiz night on the last day of term. The purpose of this was to provide an opportunity for all of the teachers within the Kahui Ako to share a drink and a laugh and debrief their term. We had a great evening that was enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Taoho Patuawa for being our quiz master and to the Northern Wairoa Boating Club for hosting us.



Upcoming Events and Initiatives:

As we move forward into the new term, we have some exciting events and initiatives planned:

1. Ready, Steady, Cook
2. Surf Ruakaka
3. Contributing Schools Camp

We encourage parents and guardians to participate actively and support our students in these upcoming events.

We look forward to another term of collaborative opportunities for our Northern Wairoa tamariki to mix and mingle and get to know each other

Ngā mihi nui

Kylie Piper, Anne Heappey & Curtis Gaylor
The Northern Wairoa Kahui Ako Leadership Team

NORTHLAND CHESS
CHAMPIONSHIP 2023
Saturday 28 Oct 9am-6pm in Kerikeri

AWARDS & CASH PRIZES
Junior* (up to 12 Y)
Youth* (13-17 Y)
Senior* (18+ Y)
*Age as of 01 Jun 2023

FAMILY FUN EVENT
all ages - all skill levels

\$10 player registration fee

REGISTER NOW

A full-day chess tournament with 6 time controlled rounds. Players will score points for each draw or win. The champion will be the player with most points after final round. Only local residents of Northland qualify for titles and trophies.

sign up on the website:
<https://sites.google.com/view/kerikerichessclub>
or use below QR code - or email us at:
kerikerichessclub@gmail.com
Registration closes on 14/10/2023 or when full

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Arapohue School Concerns and Complaints Process



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