



September 2023

Newsletter #10

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Week 10 – the final week of Term 3. Term 3 is usually always the longest, hardest term but this time seems to have flown by with lots of great learning opportunities for staff and students! We look forward to catching up with many of you on Wednesday at 5, for our Learning Celebration, as our students share the learning they have been doing this term. If you haven't already ordered your pies for this evening – please do it **FIRST THING TUESDAY MORNING** (before 9am) – we will not have capacity to accommodate late orders.

AG DAY

We have had a slower uptake on our Ag Day this year and hope that donations and animal registrations have perhaps been overlooked in the busyness of everyday family life. We had asked for all grocery items, white elephant donations AND animal registrations to be in **THIS WEEK** – if you have not done so as yet, can you please make this a priority **BEFORE** the end of term as our holiday break will be spent doing all of our final preparations to minimise disruption to Term 4.

OUT AND ABOUT

We had a number of opportunities to be out in the community last week and as always, are pleased with how well our students represented our school.

On Wednesday Mac represented our school at the Northern Wairoa Rotary Speech Competition. Mac spoke confidently and enthusiastically on the pain of having 2 older sisters – who knew it could be so hard?

On Thursday our whole school went to Dargaville Primary to join in with celebrations for Te Wiki O Te Reo Māori – this was a positive experience for all and we are particularly proud of Mac, Jariah, Acacia-Rose, Aaliyah and Kyla who either displayed leadership skills or participated in some of the challenges on the day.

On Friday Kaycee and Devon represented our school at the Northern Wairoa Kāhui Ako Kumara Cooking Competition. They made a delicious meal of kumara and salmon snack-cakes and kumara salad. Thanks to Delta Kumara for sponsoring this event.





NW CENTRALS DAY

NW Central Day will be held Wednesday 1st November at Pioneer Rugby Club grounds in Dargaville. A reminder that ANY goat, lamb or calf shown at our school Ag Show Day is eligible to attend Centrals.

BOARD NEWS

We would like to confirm some dates for next term and for 2024. Due to an additional MoE requirement school will be closed on November 24th for teachers to attend some professional development around the Curriculum Refresh. Our last day of the school year will be the Thursday 14th December.

Our term dates for 2024 are as follows:

Term 1 2024 = 31 January – 12 April

Term 2 2024 = 29 April – 5 July

Term 3 2024 = 22 July – 27 September

Term 4 2024 = 14 October – Dec date TBC

We also want to take this opportunity to update our community on our mahi with Anjie Savage from the Education Review Office (ERO). Our Board have successfully completed several compliance tasks for the review, and we're pleased to announce that the evaluation highlights Arapohue as an outstanding school. We have established robust systems, policies and procedures to ensure that our children benefit from a wide array of excellent learning opportunities within a positive, safe, and child-focused environment. We'd like to express our gratitude to the dedicated staff for their energy, enthusiasm and hard work in making our school great.

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

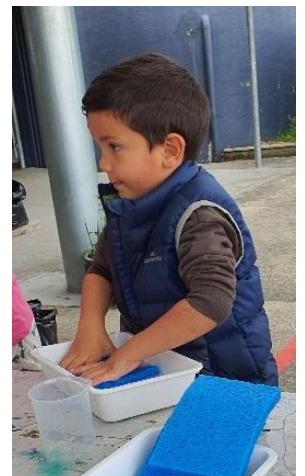
Soil Science in Kakano

We received our Soil Secrets science kit from The House of Science and enjoyed using the equipment to examine the soil around the school. We took samples from the vegetable garden, long jump area, playing field and adventure playground. After examining the samples (we saw lots of worms), we added water and detergent and left them to settle



over the weekend. On Monday we were able to see how much sand silt and clay was in each sample.

The children were able to demonstrate using sponges how water saturates the soil and how run off can cause soil to lose nutrients.





NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

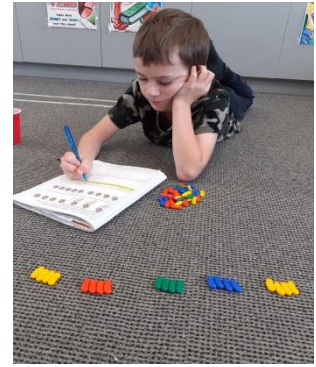
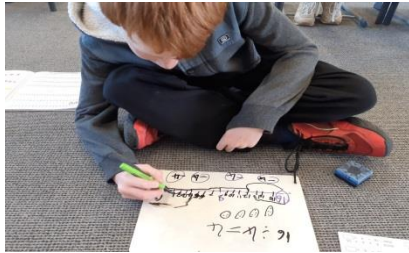
As we draw closer to the end of term three, things couldn't be busier. Students are working to get their Ag Day entries completed. They're currently learning about the coming elections and we're finishing off our persuasive writing unit, having put speeches behind us. Our student teacher; Aubrey O'Grady, has taken a leading role in teaching the students the properties of 2d and 3d shapes for Geometry.

As part of our 'Soil Secrets' unit, Rākau had the opportunity to have a zoom meeting with a

former teacher who now works as an Education Officer on the Joides Resolution ship, currently near Greenland taking core samples. The senior students asked questions about their work and what life is like on the ship. They also showed an interest in the work the students were doing, separating soil layers.

Māhuri is looking forward to the Learning Celebration, when they will have the opportunity to share their learning with friends and family. See you there.

Whaea Lyn



NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Rākau have had a productive term and we took a moment today to reflect on what we enjoyed the most this term and what was the biggest piece of learning. We then worked on putting our Writers Toolbox sentence styles into action as we recorded our 2 reflections.

Devon: *The thing I enjoyed this term was making aquabots, although there were many challenging things. I enjoyed building and problem solving with my group. What I learnt was more Māori during Māori Language Week.*

There was a Māori language competition during this week on Education Perfect and I got 1st out of the whole school.

Nelson: *We have done a lot of learning in Rākau this term. But my basic facts test is the one I learnt the most since last term. I used to get a score in the 70's, and now I get around 100 in under 5 minutes, and today I got 100 in 3:22, my fastest time. My most*



favourite piece of learning this term is Aquabots, because you get to have fun, and build it with your classmates. And you can learn some things along the way, like technology.

Cooper: *The thing I enjoyed most this term was probably Maori language week. Firstly we got to go on Education Perfect (EP) and also got to go on a trip to my old school Dargaville Primary wait ...EP is a website that you could get on any device through google but you may have to pay It is really educational to your children because It teaches them many languages. Anyway let's get back to what I was saying. We got to go for a trip to Dargaville Primary school. I saw a lot of my old teachers and friends so this month we have been learning a song called Toku-reo Toku ohoho. The smaller schools all over NZ have been learning that song so we met up with smaller schools at the Primary school. I enjoyed singing with all of the other schools and watching them perform and see some awesome PUKANAS!*

Ava: *Math, the subject I hate, was something that I learnt the most from. During the term, we looked at percentages, fractions and decimals. The thing I liked the most was the Mystery Bus Trip because we got to go on a train, attend an old school and look at kiwi's and gecko's.*

Hailey: *Wonderfully, I learned the most from BodyJam and the hoops, which are both performing arts. In Term 3, I loved math and the Mystery Bus Trip the most because we focused on percentages, decimals and fractions for most of Term 3. Whereas, I loved the Mystery Bus Trip because I went to an old fashioned school.*

Falco: *What I enjoyed most was making my speech. I thought it was pretty scary until I finished it - I didn't know it was going to be that easy! Making it and reading it was pretty hard, for some people it's pretty easy, but for me - I was struggling. But I had Devon on my side so it was a lot easier. I did give my confidence a boost! I learnt quite a bit of Maori on Education Perfect Competition like the words for different kinds of animals. I know a manu is a bird and a heihei is a chicken.*

Mac: *Unsurprisingly, the subject I learnt the most in was probably e.p where I learnt a lot of Māori. Without a doubt, the subject that I loved the most was fitness because we got to run around.*



NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY



On Friday our assembly was run by Kākano where they shared with us some great dances that they have been working on – come to the Learning Celebration on Wednesday so check them out!



Classroom awards this week went to: Jonathan, Cooper, Jacskon, Ava, George, Aaliyah, Leila and Lachlan.



Additional awards were also given out to those students who sat Canterbury University CAM exams in Mathematics, English and Science. Well done Hailey, Mac, Jariah, Ava and Heidi and Devon who were absent – we are proud of your successes!



PATH card prize draw: Three lucky winners today – Phoenix, Gemma and Leon (who was away) They won a dip in the treasure chest and Principal for an Hour!

PATH cards: we had more students to acknowledge who have earned 25+ PATH cards so far this year. Congratulations and well done to George (who chose Principal for an Hour) and Phoenix (who chose a dip in the treasure chest)!

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

And finally, extra congratulations to **Gemma, Matthew, Leo and Lachlan**, our next students to have reached the third milestone – 75 PATH cards this year. This has earned them a Pizza Picnic with the Principal next week – YIPPEE!



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Term 4 Dates to Remember

Wednesday	20 September	KOS Parent info session – 4:30 start Learning Celebration – 5pm start
Friday	22 September	Last Day Term 3
Monday	9 October	First Day of Term 1- Mihi Whakatau 8:30am
Saturday	14 October	Ag Show Day
Monday	23 October	Labour Day - Long Weekend
Wednesday	1 November	Centrals
Tue – Fri	14-17 Nov	Yr 7 - 8 Contributing Schools camp
Friday	24 November	Teacher Only Day – school closed



Te Mahau Te Manawa Tahī
Community Timetable
KAIPARA Term 4, 2023

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm

Hub Venue	Dates
Whānau Focus Centre, 61 Victoria Street, Dargaville	Wednesday, 1 November
	Wednesday, 6 December



Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist
make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or
emailing **TT.Support@education.govt.nz**.



NORTHLAND CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

Saturday 28 Oct 9am-6pm in Kerikeri

FAMILY FUN EVENT
all ages - all skill levels

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

\$10 player registration fee

REGISTER NOW
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

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.

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