



24 October 2023

Newsletter #11

Kia ora whānau,

Welcome to Week 3 – it's making me feel slightly uncomfortable how quickly this term is already whizzing by – 2 months until Xmas Eve!!!!

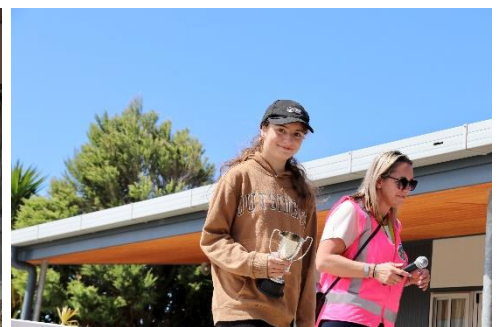
Our start to the term was impacted by illness and injury but we are thrilled that despite us being short-staffed we were able to hold an incredibly successful Ag Day on the 14th. It was great to see the children who had been working so hard with their animals and with the indoor entries – what a great day celebrating their successes. The day also proves to be a great fundraiser for our school and we are pleased to say we raised slightly over \$3000 – thanks to everyone who played a part in this, whether it be through your donations, your baking or your buying!!! Your child will bring home an interview sheet that they would like to get some feedback from you – if these can be completed and returned asap they will go into the draw for a Warehouse voucher.

Once again I would like to thank the following sponsors:

Alltech, Jon Matich Surfwear, Alex Martin Law, Dominion Salt, Opononi Takeaways, FMG, LIC.

Of course we also offer a huge thanks to Jacqui Hart and her team of indoor judges – Raewyn Robinson, Edith Perreau, Bev Lardner, Colleen McDermott and Sue Dreadon and our outdoor judges and stewards, Belinda Harris, Jeff Cleary, Jim Comrie, Craig Kelsall and Whaea Philippa and let's not forget our auctioneer extraordinaire – Steve Harsant!

We are also incredibly grateful to Paula McInnes who was our official photographer for the day – Watch this space, I am in the middle of making a slideshow of the amazing photos she took on the day! Paula is donating her time to us but would like to encourage us to all support Ad Focus for all of your printing needs. Here is a sneak preview...





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. Please make sure you have contacted Rochelle and registered if your child is participating before Friday 27th October.

ACADEMIC TROPHIES

Anyone with a school academic trophy from last year, please return it to the school office.

BOARD NEWS

We have not met since our last newsletter, but will spend a large part of time this term reviewing the 2023 budget, finances, student achievement and strategic plan and setting goals and plans in place for 2024.

BUGS

We have had a few cases of covid in our school community in recent weeks and are grateful for everyone staying home when they are sick. We will be continuing to send sick children home as we cannot afford for our staff to get sick as it is next to impossible to provide cover for them.

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Lots of our writing has been around Ag Day – here are some excerpts from the students:

On AG Day I had a jelly cup and a marshmallow ice cream. I did lots of lucky dips too. I also got two toys. AG Day was a bomber. I forgot to mention that I had an ice block too. I did five raffles but I didn't get the

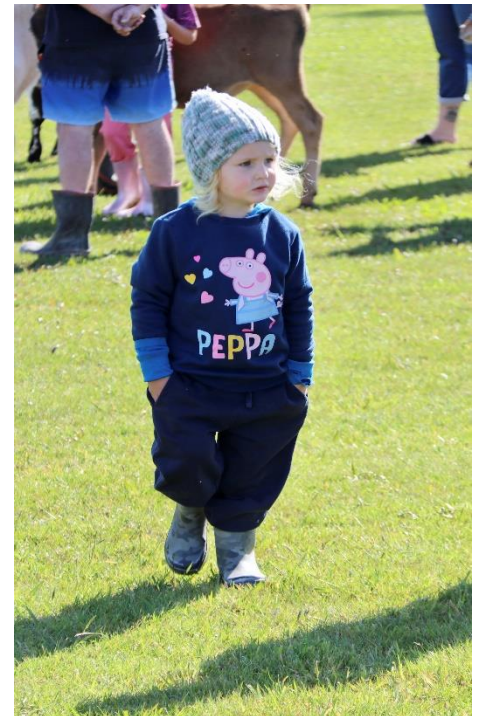
I went to the AG Day and I got lots of toys. But I like the lip balm most. Monty

On AG Day I watched Leila walk her lamb. She was happy about her ribbons. She got two ribbons. I got jewellery from the library. I got earrings and a necklace. Sara

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

AG day

On Saturday 14th of October, Arapohue hosted an AG at their school. I was shocked at how many cars were already there, "I'm just going to drop you guys off at the gate and find a parking spot" my mom said to me and Amma. She drove to the gate and dropped us off. As soon as we were inside the school grounds there were people everywhere, on the playground, looking at the calves and eating hotdogs! There was a lucky dip so I had to have a try. After





a few minutes my mom was finally there, then the cake auction began, there were about nine cakes but it felt like a hundred. After that I showed my family the stuff I had won, then after a while I went home with Heidi.

By Rowan

The Champion

As I took my first step in to the gate my heart started to race, because I saw so many other calves in the competition. I brushed my calf and cleaned his hooves, then it was time to lead him into the ring for the judging. Finally I came fourth in Leading, first in rearing and first in beef that made my day become more amazing getting CHAMPION calf - I got seventy dollars. I went shopping and I got a drink bottle and also got my hair done SO BRING IT ON NEXT YEAR .

By Aaliyah

ARAPOHUE AG DAY

AG day started like any other AG day. I tried to find my best friend, Leon Simpkin, I searched the whole entire school and I finally found him with Noah Hart, they were on the playground helicopters. Leon's brother William Simpkin was on the monkey bars doing tricks. Me and Leon decided that we would use all of our money to buy all the sugar that we could so we could eat it all at our hideout. We bought five fizzy bottles, one jelly cup and one marshmallow ice cream. We mixed it all and drank until there was no more, after that my family stayed and helped to pack things away.

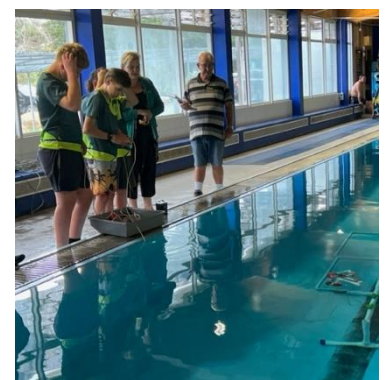
By Jariah

NEWS FROM RĀKAU

On Tuesday the 17th of October me, Nelson, Devon, Falco and Zade went to an Aquabot competition at the Whangarei Aquatic Center. We had to do four activities with our Aquabot the first one was where we had to collect plastic scallops and bring them to the side of the pool, we only got 4 scallops to the side of the pool so that was 40 points, next was the obstacle course, where you had to go through a hoop down through a hoop through another hoop up through a hoop and then through another hoop after that you had to go backwards so the cord didn't tangle up. Our team came second by doing it in 4:36 seconds. The last obstacle was the algae removal, where we had to remove algae from a pipe and bring it to the side of the pool. The second half was where we had to remove the bad algae and put the good algae where the bad algae was.

The last thing we had to do was the presentation, where we had to explain everything we did with our Aquabot, building it, difficult parts, Modifications, and more. At the end, Nelson Mac and Devon had a swim. We had an amazing time!!!

Published by Mac and Nelson





NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

On Friday our assembly was run by Māhuri where they shared their writing with us and a waiata in sign language.

Classroom awards this week went to: Lily, Phoenix, Monty, Zane, Acacia-Rose, Zade and Leo. Congrats everyone! Additional awards were also given out to those students who participated in the Aquabot Competition on Tuesday – well done Devon and Zade, Falco, Nelson and Mac.



PATH card prize

draw: Three lucky winners today – Bella, Bella (!!) and George who was away! Bella won a game of pie face with a friend (lucky Leila) and a dip in the treasure chest.



PATH cards: There are a few more postcards coming home this week to celebrate those students who have earned 50 PATH cards and an extra special CONGRATULATIONS to Hailey, Zade, Mac and Aaliyah who have earned 75 PATH cards so far this year – sounds like a pizza date coming up!



Mauriora,
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Term 4 Dates to Remember

A reminder that Fridays are WHEELS DAY so your child is welcome to bring their bikes, scooters or skateboards. They MUST have a helmet (we have some to share) and covered shoes to ride. Wheels can be stored in the shed at school if wanted.

	30,31/10 or 9/11	School Photos – Exact date TBC
Wednesday	1 November	Centrals
Tue – Fri	14-17 Nov	Yr 7 - 8 Contributing Schools camp
		Athletics at Ruawai for Year 4-8s ONLY
		Junior Athletics Day at School – Years 1-3
Friday	24 November	Teacher Only Day – school closed
		Northern Wairoa Athletics
	1 December	Reports Home
		Newsletter – 4 Dec 13 Nov
Thurs	7 December	Prizegiving
Wednesday	14 December	Last day of Term

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.

Lions Club of Ruawai Charitable Trust
Ruawai Stopbank Charity
Fun Run, Walk or Cycle
Major Sponsors: The Den, Ventia, 'Time To' Bike Shop, Kaipara District Council

Over 50 Spot Prizes and much more!!!
Prizes include: \$100 voucher, Cash, Firewood, \$1k+ food Estate Pack, Bike, Marlborough Marlborough Family Pass, 7.4 km (with shorter options available)

Early Bird Prices
Adults - \$8.50
Children - Half Price
Family (2 adults & up to 3 kids) - \$25

Payment to Lions Club of Ruawai Inc. Charitable Trust ASB Bank
Account: 12-3098-0017698-01 by 4th November 2023

Saturday 11 November 2023
Ruawai Stopbank Trail
Registrations open 8.00 am, Cycles start at 9 am
Run, Walk and Buggles at 10.30 am
Adults - \$10
Children (13 & below) - \$5
Family (2 adults & up to 3 kids) - \$25
Event Enquiries or Early Bird contact Sue Spora
(027) 464 4896 or efspora@xtra.co.nz

The Lighthouse Church Invites you To
GOLD COIN KOHA
JOIN US FOR WILD WEST CARNIVAL FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

WILD WEST LIGHT PARTY
28TH OCT 2023 6PM TO 8PM
CNR NORMANDY & PARORE ST

Activities: FOOD FOR SALE, GAMES & PRIZES, LIVE SHOWS, DRESS TO THEME

HAPPY HALLOWEEN
BOOK OR TRICK

10-5PM DARGAVILLE LIBRARY
TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER

LET'S GET INTO THE HALLOWEEN SPIRIT WITH A FEW TRICKS, AND A FREE BOOK TO HAUNT YOUR SHELVES

KAIPARA Putai Rito COMMUNITIES OF READERS