



13 November 2023

Newsletter #11

Kia ora whānau,

NW CENTRALS DAY

NW Central Day was held Wednesday 1st November at Pioneer Rugby Club and we are incredibly proud of the success of our students who entered. Congratulations to Aaliyah Walker for Senior Beef Calf Rearing trophy, and Champion Calf Senior Beef, Leila Gillespie for Junior Lamb leading trophy and Junior Champion Lamb, Devon Cleary for Ayrshire Leading trophy and Nelson Cleary for Senior Jersey Type trophy.

ACADEMIC TROPHIES

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

MANA AKE

Mana Ake is: a group that work alongside school communities to provide additional support around wellbeing goals/initiatives. They aim to build resilience, mana and wairua so students are 'stronger for tomorrow'. Mana Ake is run through Northland DHB. We welcome Tammy Eades as our school Kaimahi, she will be based in our school one day a week. Her role is initially to build relationships and connections with our staff and students and then to support classroom programmes, promote and enhance wellbeing. We are still confirming some details but will be set up to hit 2024 ready to go!

Tammy is a local girl who did her schooling at Dargaville and Ruawai, her main degree is in science and she has then branched out to psychology. - GREAT skills to have on board!

COMING UP:

School Athletics

Please note a change in details regarding our ATHLETICS this year. We are no longer taking our seniors to Ruawai but rather the WHOLE school will be doing Athletics together on Thursday 23rd. We invite our families to attend our athletics day starting at 10:30am. Sausage Sizzle will be available for lunch—**please complete order form and send to school with payment by Tuesday 21st morning.**

We will also need helpers on the day – if you are able to help with the sausage sizzle PLEASE let us know. ALSO be prepared for staff to rope you in to measuring, raking or helping at each station.

BEACH EDUCATION DAY

The successful fundraising that we do as a school through Ag Day and sausage sizzles etc usually contribute to our Education Outside the Classroom Programmes. This year we have opted to do a whole school Surf and Beach Education Day at Mangawhai Heads on Tuesday 12th December. We will travel over by bus, leaving school by 9am and returning hopefully by 3:30 (we will provide updates/ETAs on our Facebook page on the day.)

This is a great opportunity for our students and will be run by Aotearoa Surf School. We will need extra adults to support us on this day so please add your details to the form below.

We are working with Libelle to still provide lunch for us on this day.



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Following on from the Health and PE survey completed last term we have now written our Health and PE Curriculum Statement which outlines our programme here at Arapohue. We have attached this to the newsletter and trust it encompasses the majority of views expressed.

We also discussed continued involvement with the All Saints Church Mititai and after a very successful evening there last Christmas the Board would like to see this experience continue for our students. We thank the staff in advance for the additional work that we know this involves. This event will take place on Wednesday 13th December at 5:30 (TBC) and will serve as our school break up for 2023.

Please fill out the attached form if you would like your children to participate. These need to be returned ASAP to allow us to allocate parts in this year's play.

Our Board have also decided to join the Schooldocs Programme in 2024 which will see all of our Policy Documents on one site that will be tailored to our school and accessible to our whole community. There is a team of experts that review these policies and provide advice and support re the implementation of them. The Board feels this is a positive step to take as it will allow greater community involvement while also reducing staff workload and providing greater assurances through the back team of experts.

And finally our Board have decided to cull the pine trees planted out around the old rugby field. Unfortunately due to a number of factors these are not a viable fundraiser and we would like to replace them with native trees in line with our Enviro-schools kaupapa. On the **9th of December** we will be having a working bee to begin this clearing work. We will sell any "Christmas trees" to the public on that afternoon. Due to Health and Safety this working bee will be for adults only and will be overseen by Paul Sorenson. If you (and or your chainsaw) are able to help us please ring him on 0272633315 ASAP so he can put a plan in place.

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

In Kākano we have been learning about food chains. We know that plants make their own food using the sun, carbon dioxide and water and minerals from the soil. We even read a poem called Shark is the Sun.

The kina eats seaweed and seaweed eats the sun. *Monty*

Snapper like to eat kina and kina eat seaweed.
Te Ahikaaroa

The kina was hiding in the seaweed. *Hikoia Mai*

The snapper is the best at catching kina because the kina can't run away. *Lily*





NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whanau,

Following on from the teacher's professional development morning, the students of Māhuri have been learning to strengthen their sentences, not by saying more but by showing greater detail, using objects or images.

Whaea Philippa bought in some medals that were used to inspire the student's imagination. Following are some examples...

*Three old medals, collecting dust in the attic, as the years go past. **Natasha***

*The baleen whale, stranded on the beach in 2018, slow and suffering, the heatwave making it sunburnt and miserable. **Jonathan***

Traumatised, afraid and lonely, the medals lie in the cramped space for years.

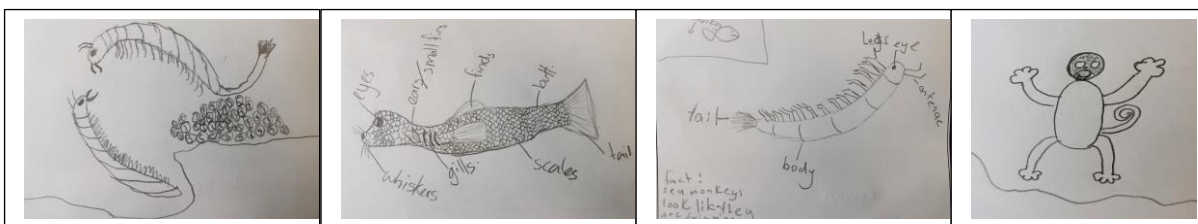
Jonathan

*Carefully placed in a glass-covered gold-leafed cabinet were three medals, a gold and two silver, proudly placed to display their bravery and courage. **Heidi***

All students have been practicing their athletic technique at least once or twice a week, preparing for Athletics Day, held here at school. It would be great if you are able to join us.

As the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' unit draws to a close you may have children asking further questions they want further elaboration on. I was impressed with the mature sensibility with which Māhuri students worked through some sensitive issues. Our current science focus is 'Big Blue Future', looking at marine ecosystems. Please ask your child/ren about things they may have learnt. The kits are always very interesting with so much to learn and this one includes the opportunity to grow sea monkeys. Here's hoping they'll grow big enough to be seen.

Some student impressions of what they may look like ...



NEWS FROM RĀKAU

On Tuesday our seniors are taking off to the Contributing Schools Camp in Matauri Bay.

One more sleep 'til camp and they are most excited about....

... the beach, and the water park because I think it's gonna be very fun - Summer.

... all the activities we will be doing and the water park and meeting other people from some different schools - Devon

... the first day of camp because it's the water park and it's my birthday! - Falco

... the water park, and also the activities we will do during the day and nights. - Nelson

...the water park and the activities -Zade

---the water park because it will be fun to play on the obstacle course with my friends. - Mac

I am most nervous about...



...the confidence course because I think it's gonna be really hard but I believe in myself and everyone else - Summer.

... jumping off the 10 meter jump at the water park if Falco makes us. - Devon

... the steep hike - Nelson

... the obstacle course and the noise and bedtime - Zade

...the confidence course because the flying fox look pretty scary. - Mac

...the flying fox because I don't like the having to hold on - Falco

NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

On Friday our assembly was run by Kākano who shared their play with us all.

Classroom awards this week went to: Kyla, Sara, Eliane, Natasha, Jonathan, Aaliyah., Summer, Nelson and Mrs Piper!!



PATH card prize draw: Three lucky winners today were (exciting for Rākau) Nelson, Zade, and Summer. The boys won free time with a friend and Summer won an ice-cream treat!

PATH cards: It was great to see Eliane and Tawaka hit the 25 milestone today. Perfect timing before Tawaka leaves us to move to Ngunguru School. 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 Lily, Bella, Monty, Kyla, Jackson, Falco and Nelson who have earned 75 PATH cards so far this year – sounds like a pizza date coming up!

Mauriora,
Kylie Piper

kylie@arapohue.school.nz



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.

Tue – Fri	14-17 Nov	Yr 7 - 8 Contributing Schools camp
Thursday	23 November	Whole School Athletics Day at School - 10:30 start
Friday	24 November	Teacher Only Day – school closed
	1 December	Northern Wairoa Athletics
	1 December	Reports Home
	4 December	Newsletter
Thurs	7 December	Prizegiving – 11am start
Sat	9 December	Pine Tree working bee/Xmas tree sale
Tuesday	12 December	Beach + Surf Education Day
Wednesday	13 December	Carols Service and Final School Break up 5:30 TBC
Thursday	14 December	Teacher only DAY

QUIZ NIGHT

Sat 18 November - 6:30pm start
Scout Hall, 23 Onslow Street, Dargaville

Join the fun and help us send our Dargaville Scouts to Jamboree!

Bring cash \$\$ for raffle tickets (no Eftpos onsite)
Supper is provided.
No alcohol on site please.

ALCOHOL FREE

CONTACT: Jess Rota
022 404 1204 with your team name and contact details

\$15 per person max 6 people per team

- CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING 7:45PM
- LOCAL PERFORMERS
- DRESS UP COMPETITION; ANGEL'S AND SHEPHERDS
- FOOD AND GIFTS
- CHRISTMAS FAMILY PHOTO

Christmas IN THE GARDENS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH 6-8PM.
TAHA AWA GARDENS

Christmas in the Gardens - put on by the churches of Dargaville - donations - cogs.



School Athletics – lunch orders

Name:	Sausage & Bread @ \$2.50 each	Qty	Line Total
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I can help with sausage sizzle	Yes	No	Name

MITITAI CHURCH CAROLS SERVICE

I, _____ give permission for my child/ren:

to have a part in the nativity play at the Mititai Church Carols evening on Wednesday 13th December 2023.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

BEACH EDUCATION SURF DAY

I, _____ give permission for my child/ren:

to attend the Beach education Surf Day at Mangawhai Heads.

I am / am not available to parent help on this day

I will require transport on the bus. I will take my own car on the day.

I am / am not willing and able to get in the water with the children.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____