



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

Te ara ki mātauranga • The pathway to knowledge

25 March 2024

Kia ora koutou katoa,

The term is racing by and with only three weeks left the end is definitely in sight! Energy levels of our students, especially our younger ones, are starting to fade and we hope that the Easter Break at the end of this week is a great opportunity for everyone to rest and recharge their batteries to ensure a positive final two weeks of school. A reminder which often catches people out is that for Easter schools are closed **Good Friday, Easter Monday AND Easter Tuesday**. Tuesday is often forgotten about as Easter usually falls during the term break.

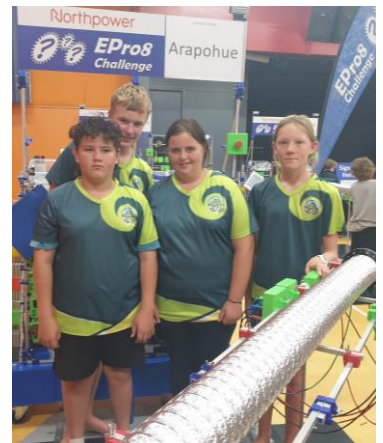
A huge thanks to all our families who sold tickets for our Firewood Raffle, and again thanks to Ruawai Lions for the donation of wood. We were blown away by how many tickets were sold and were happy with the \$875 profit we made. Well done and thank you to the Walker family who sold 45 tickets in total and won a wee spot prize. And finally, congratulations to Paul Sorensen who won with ticket #37!



SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

We have had a number of students out representing our school over the last few weeks. On Friday 17th we had Elsie, Kaycee, Matthew, Acacia-Rose, Azaria, Aaliyah and Cooper attend the Southern Swimming Sports at Ruawai College.

This week we have had Devon, Falco, Heidi and Aaliyah, Rowan, Elsie, Azaria and Natasha represent us at EPro8 Regionals in Whangarei and Elsie, Kaycee, Matthew, and Cooper represent at Northern Wairoa Swimming. These students have done us proud, displayed our PATH values, done their best and had a lot of fun along the way. HUGE thanks to our fantastic parents who transport and support our students at these events.



ATTENDANCE

This week we expect many of our students to hit the target we set of 25 days, on time and ready to learn! Huge thanks to all of those parents who have also been proactive in letting us know before 8:30 if your child is sick and will not be attending – this has still counted towards their 25! I am sure students will enjoy their ice-block treat and I am interested to see what sort of a goal and reward we decide on for Term 2. Overall, our attendance rate is 91% for the term which is fantastic!

RUAWAI TRIATHLON

Friday 5th April - Please see the attached information sheet with lunch order form.

WINTER SPORTS TOURNAMENT

In the final week of the term we have a Winter Sports Taster experience coming up where children will be able to experience at least 2 different winter sports. Sports currently confirmed are: football, rippa rugby, basketball, netball, golf – delivered by either the Regional Sport Organisation or Northern Wairoa Clubs.

This will be a whole school event and will require a number of parent helpers to ensure we can participate. It will be held at Sportville on Wednesday 10th April (rain date Thursday 11th April). We will leave school at 9:45 and will return by 2:30pm. Parents will be able to take their children home directly from the tournament if preferred.

We will ask Libelle to deliver our lunches to the grounds. Children may like to bring extra food.

WELLINGTON TRIP – YEAR 7/8S

A reminder to all parents that are interested in attending camp in Term 4 that the Police Vetting Forms need to be completed and returned to school before the end of term. Many thanks.

NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

On Friday our assembly was run by Nelson and Zade from Rākau. They shared some of the great writing they have been doing and told us about their EPro8 experience.

Classroom awards this week went to: Aaliyah, Nelson, Jariah, Rocco, Elsie, Gemma and Monty (and Bella who was away). Congratulations everyone.

PATH card prize draw: Three lucky winners today were Harper (absent) Kylah and Sarah. Kylah won free time with a friend and Sarah won an ice cream treat!

Congratulations to Bella who has earned 25 PATH cards already this year – unfortunately she missed assembly so we will catch up with her to see what prize she picks!



CALF FUNDRAISER

While this is not officially one of our organised fundraisers this year, we would gladly accept any donations of weaned bull calves 100+kg if any of our farming community would support this. Please contact the office and we can co-ordinate directly with you.

LEARNING CELEBRATION

Huge thanks to all those who attended our Learning Celebration earlier this month. It was great to see so many of you and we hope you enjoyed seeing some of the things your child has been doing at swimming.

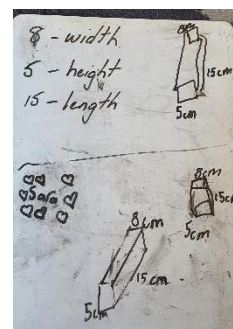
NEWS FROM KĀKANO

In Kākano we have been talking about volume and how we can measure the volume of different containers. Year Three children used place value blocks to work out the volume of two similar boxes.

Then we counted the number of blocks that could fit along the length, height and width of each box. We made drawings to show our thinking and talked about how we could find the total number of blocks.

We practised drawing the boxes over and over till we got it right.

The Year Two children used Weetbix to measure their boxes and they thought it was a tasty activity. They took great care to draw their boxes correctly too.



NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

Lots of awesome learning happening at the moment, with students competing and placing in the Northern Wairoa swimming, an excellent effort from both EPRo8 teams, and our in-school cricket lessons. Swimming has slowed as the pool temperature drops, providing more time for other curricular areas.

Again, science has played a big part of our afternoons as we make the most of our science kits. This period we learnt more about our 'Super Senses', and in particular the nervous system. Students had the opportunity to test their sense of smell, taste and sight, with optical illusions. Some students, I have to admit, were more interested in the tasting, than the smelling.



As we race toward the end of the term, we look forward to the Ruawai Primary School Triathlon and of course Easter just around the corner.

Nga mihi nui, Whaea Lyn

NEWS FROM RĀKAU



Kia Ora families!

A reminder that there are only 3 more days for you to buy your Easter Egg Raffle tickets. They are selling fast, so get in quick so you don't miss out! Tickets cost \$1 Rākau are very grateful for everyone who is buying tickets and supporting them to have a trip to Wellington.

Heidi Hart –



Sailing by Leon

Sailing was fun because we went on a Optimist, a type of boat that has a sail, and is the only boat that has a spirt

The water was calm, maybe a bit too calm.

I was worried about capsizing, not really about getting lost. The boom was a hard metal pole which you have to dodge or else it would hit you in the head. It was really annoying when you're trying to focus. When we got back to land the muddy murky sand slowly turned into dry hot sand.

When I went with Falco it was quite stressing.

He kept saying "Adjust the sail!"

I adjusted it then he said "Loosen it!"

"I am I am!"

We turned around and it was still the same feeling.

When I went with Devon I seemed to be stressing him out. Since it was my second time I felt confident. I was relaxed and he was nervous. I wanted to go to the deep but he kept on turning it himself when I was supposed to.

"We're going to get lost in the seal!" said Devon.

"We're not going to get lost."

"We are!" said Devon.

"We're not, I promise".

Then our boat got stuck in the reeds. The reeds slowed down our boat and we were stuck in there for quite a while. The reeds stuck up from the ground like javelins speared deep in the mud with eels squirming between them. The reeds were a light brown with green and looked like bamboo.

After that we had lunch then went for a swim. We capsized the Pink Optimist on purpose, then went under it. The boat was giving off an eerie pink light, the sail looked like it got dipped in slime. The rudder kept on stabbing me in the back

Then I went back home.



Sailing Writing by Hailey

On Friday, we went to the Kai Iwi Lakes to go sailing. The Kai Iwi Lakes are crystal clear. The Kai Iwi lakes are used for many popular activities like swimming, jet-skiing and camping. The Kai Iwi Lakes are very deep.

My favourite part was when we sailed on the Optimist boats. The Optimist boat I sailed was pink, and I sailed it with Mrs. Christey. When I sailed with Mrs. Christey, she said it was her first time sailing. Sailing is very fun. Sailing is done in the water and on land. Sailing can teach you life skills like water safety, how to tie different knots, and the risks involved in water activities.

I helped Mrs. Christey learn the controls of the sail and the rudder. We tried to get to the shore; our boat was spinning in circles. We managed to get to the shore.

Sailing

Recount with Expansion by Heidi



Mauriora,
Kylie Piper
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The murky, deep water was a dark blue- until, in the pale green light of the drop off, I saw a looming shape. The shape was misshapen and jutted out at odd angles. The shape was framed by the sickly green light of the drop-off. The shape sent a chill down my spine as we drifted over it.

"Eeek! Aaliyah, there's something down there!" I wailed in a high voice.

We were out sailing on Kai Iwi Lake, and I was terrified- unlike my buddy Aaliyah. Suddenly a gust of wind appeared, and I hastened to adjust our limp sail- without success.

"We're not getting *anywhere!*" Aaliyah cried in frustration.

Coming up behind us was Zade and Jariah, who seemed to be having *much* more luck- and fun- than us, so I struggled to copy the angle of their full sail. At the Pohutukawa tree- which was our 'finish line' we turned around in a small ripple of waves on the glassy lake.

Despite my best efforts, our sail was limp again. The sail sagged in the clear, windless morning. The sail flapped slightly, as there was next to no wind for it to catch. The sail looked heavy, and drooping- it was as if we would never move.

I couldn't help sighing to Aaliyah. "Is it just me, or are we hopeless?"

2024 Some Dates to Remember

Friday	29 March	Good Friday- no school
Monday	1 April	Easter Monday- no school
Tuesday	2 April	Easter Tuesday - no school
Friday	5 April	Ruawai Triathlon / Northland Swimming Champs cancelled
Wednesday	9 April	Winter Sports Taster Tournament - Sportsville
Monday	29 April	First day of Term 2
Thursday	9 May	Kāhui Ako Mathex
Monday	3 June	Kings Bday- no school
Tuesday	11 June	TEACHER ONLY DAY - tbc
Thursday	13 June	NW Cross Country
Wednesday	26 June	Kāhui Ako Matariki Celebration
Friday	28 June	Matariki Holiday- no school



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Dear Parents/Caregivers/Whānau

The date for the **Ruawai Primary Triathlon** this year is Friday the 5th April (Week 10). Students will be placed in teams of three, with each child completing one part.

Bikes and helmets will be provided, but if parents would like their child/ren to use their own equipment, you must organise getting it to Ruawai School. Please **do not** send bikes on the bus with your child.

Sausages and brownies will be available at Ruawai School for \$2.00 each. Please complete the following form to return asap so we can inform Ruawai School of numbers for catering. Please state how many of each item your child/children require.

Students will need:

- Water bottle
- sunscreen
- waterproof jacket
- hat or cap
- shoes (if biking)
- togs and towel (if swimming)
- appropriate shorts/pants (if running or biking)

We will supply a school shirt for students. We will leave by bus at 9:30am for a 10.00am start, and return to school approx 1.00pm.

You are welcome to attend, but we do expect students to return to school for the afternoon, unless otherwise organised with their teacher.

Lyn Jackson

Please return by Friday 29th March 2024

Ruawai Primary School Triathlon Friday 5th April 2024, 10.00am-1.00pm

Please tick and specify how many of each item.

Child/rens names	Sausages \$2.00 each	Brownies \$2.00 each	Total

Parent sign _____ date _____