



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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4 March 2024 – welcome to Autumn!

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the term already, and yet when I think about what has been going on it feels like we have definitely been here for longer than 5 weeks!

Huge thanks to ALL those families who have been busy selling our firewood raffle tickets – we are blown away with how many tickets have been sold! All families should have their return sheets and monies back to the office please. Huge thanks also to Ruawai Lions for the generous donation of the firewood.

CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

Well done to all of those families who attended the Rob Cope session last month, While we unfortunately didn't hit our Water Day goal of 80% of families attending we did have 50% of families attend, the highest attendance from all schools. Those that were there gained a lot of valuable knowledge and in-sight into the dangers our children face when online.

The importance of us all sticking together and creating a safe world for our children was underlined and the risks and dangers of what children can access even in 'safe options' like youtube kids was alarming. PLEASE ensure you supervise what your children are doing online, and I would strongly caution all parents to ensure that at the least they are following age guidelines for social media apps. I continue to get shocked at how many of our students are on social media platforms, friend requesting staff and interacting in spaces beyond their maturity.

Huge congratulations to Ashly Warner for winning our dinner out draw for attending.

ATTENDANCE

We have been impressed with improvements to punctuality and, on the whole, our attendance data has been pleasing for the start of the year. Parents have been diligent about contacting the office by 8:30am if children are sick which has also been appreciated.

Unfortunately, we have found weekly attendance update letters difficult with our current student management system but this week we will send out a progress report on the term so far.

LEARNING CELEBRATION

On Wednesday night we look forward to having you join us for our Term 1 Learning Celebration. Please make sure you have RSVP'd to the office by today to ensure we have enough kai for everyone. The students are really looking forward to showing you what they have been learning in swimming this term. Please make sure your children have warm clothes to put on after their time in the pool.

NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY



On Friday our assembly was run by Māhuri here they shared with us some of their amazing writing

Classroom awards this week went to: Mrs Cleary, Ava, Hailey, Leo, Stella, Natasha, Hikoia

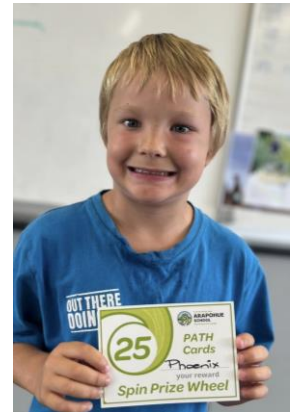
Mai and Leila.



PATH card prize draw: Two lucky winners today – Matthew who won free time with a friend and Heidi who won extended break time for EVERYONE!



Congratulations to Phoenix who was our first student to win 25 PATH cards – he chose a dip in the treasure chest!



NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Kākano students have been working on expansion of their writing in class. Learning to develop their writing skills with their stories.

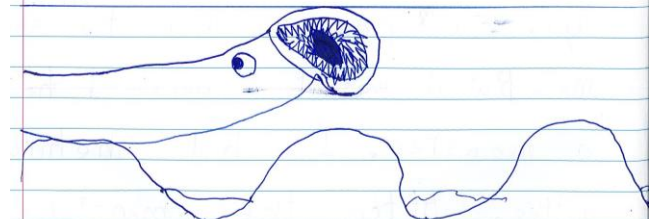
There's a wild fox that lives in an extra scary forest. The fox was hunting for wild rabbits. The tail of the fox was white. The tail was ^{fox's} fluffy. And it also had human teeth at the back of its jaw's. And At the front of its mouth it ~~had~~ sharp teeth. It had orange all over it but the snout was white. I passed the fox. But I heard footsteps I ~~shout~~ Shouted yay a person is here to save me". But it wasn't a person I ~~he~~ saw a monster. I hid behind a tree. After the monster

Feedback, Feedforward or Reflection:

Well done Leila!

Date:

I left I found a house. I went in it and I also explored the house I heard the door open and I said oh no" I tried to find a hiding spot. but I saw our princable called miss Piper so we both hid and we found out how to get out.



Feedback, Feedforward or Reflection:

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

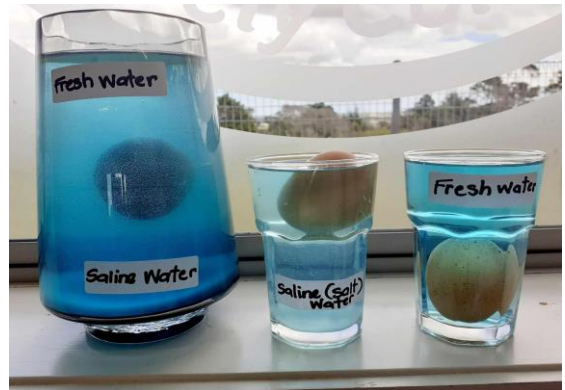
We have been making the most of the beautiful weather with swimming every day, gardening and lots of outdoor learning.

As part of our ongoing enviro-school journey the students of Māhuri and Rākau are currently researching and designing the best possible compost option for our school, taking in to account the science, the cost and the appearance.

The focus of our learning for our first 'House of Science' kit, 'Float My Boat', included the different states of matter and comparing density. Students challenged themselves to build vessels with the greatest capacity, 'flinkers'; that neither float or sink, and compared different liquid densities.

This week we look forward to the EPRo8 competition and preparing for the Learning Celebration. Hopefully we'll see you there.

Whaea Lyn



NEWS FROM RĀKAU We have been busy working hard in Rākau with all kinds of fun learning. We have been focussing a lot on leadership and what it means to be a good leader. We are realising that being a school leader is not an automatic right but that we need to display appropriate leadership qualities and behaviours. We have had a lot of interesting conversations on being an Upstander vs a Bystander.

We are also enjoying going to technology and the Town Pools each Thursday. Sewing with Mrs Trutter is teaching us a lot of cool skills and we have been making bags, cushions, wallets, pencil cases and teddy bears. Swimming in the deep water at the town pool has been really challenging and has encouraged us to persevere and keep going. We are improving our stamina when swimming freestyle and have been learning how to dive. We look forward to showing you our synchronised swimming at the Learning Celebration on Wednesday and we are really looking forward to going to the Lakes on Friday to do some sailing!



STATIONERY

Huge thanks to many families who ensured stationery was paid by the end of February. Huge congratulations to Heidi Hart, who won the cost of her stationery back!

FACEBOOK/WEBSITE

I am aware of how easy it could be to feel disconnected with the school when you are working long hours and unable to pop in. Therefore, I would encourage you, if you are a Facebook user, to PLEASE follow our school Facebook page, Arapohue School, we post notices about what is happening in classes, and information and reminders about any events coming up. Our school website is hopefully another helpful source of information and we aim to update it regularly. Every notice we put on the website should generate an automatic email to our families – **if you do not receive these please let us know.**

UPDATE FROM THE BOARD

The board were grateful for those parents who turned up for the working bee at the end of last year to start the cull of pine trees. We will be having another day before winter to complete with work – further details will follow. We are thrilled to announce that Drew Gillespie was elected Presiding Member of the Board at our first meeting of the year. Thank you Drew for your work, we appreciate you.

Phase 1 of our work with ERO is complete and we are happy with the positive report received. This can be viewed via our website <https://www.arapohue.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/1002-Arapohue-School-Te-Ara-Huarau-School-Profile-Report-1.pdf>

KĀHUI AKO UPDATE

Ngā mihi mahana ō te tau hou pakeha, kia koutou kātoa. Nei rā ngā mihi aroha ki ngā ākonga, kaiako, whānau me ngā hāpori o ngā kura o Northern Wairoa Kāhui Ako. This is our first community panui for the year and we would like to welcome you all to the start of the 2024 school year

We are excited to be co-leading the Kāhui together and are looking forward to working together to achieve better outcomes for the students of the Northern Wairoa.

Our Kāhui Ako is made up of the following schools and Early Learning Centres - Arapohue School, Dargaville High School, Dargaville Primary School, Dargaville Intermediate School, Ruawai Primary School, Kaihu Valley School, Matakōhe School, Pouto School, Tangowahine School, Te Kopuru School, Tinopai School and Aranga Puna, Dargaville, Ruawai and Selwyn Park Kindergartens, Dargaville, Mamaranu and Te Kopuru Playcentres.

Our Kāhui also employs an Across Schools Teacher, Anne Heappey, who is based at DPS but spends two days a week working on Kāhui Ako projects.

We also provide 8 Within School Teachers who provide additional support in both their own schools as well as others in the Kāhui.

We would like to thank those of you who were able to attend the Kids Online presentation which was held last week. It was very confronting at times but by the end of the night we all left loaded with ideas and strategies to help guide our children safely through the digital online world.

Our schools and centres work collaboratively together to achieve our vision, "Proud and engaged learners through a culture of care" Given the geographical distances between our schools a major focus is on building relationships to mitigate isolation and provide support for

students, staff and school leaders to ensure better outcomes for learners and smoother transitions between schools in the Northern Wairoa area.

We have three priorities for this year;

1. We are continuing with the Writers Toolbox professional development. The feedback that we have received so far from our teachers and tamariki has been very positive. Our goal is to raise the writing achievement of our learners through teacher development and developing more consistent approaches and language between schools.
2. Develop authentic working relationships with local Iwi and Hapu.
3. Strengthening Educational Pathways or transitions between centres and schools. Here we will look at ensuring we provide multiple opportunities for our students and staff across the Kaipara to connect, learn, grow and have fun together. Please talk to your school principal if you have any questions or suggestions. We are really excited to see where 2024 takes us.

Mauriora koutou,

Kylie Piper - Arapohue, Curtis Gaylor - Dargaville Primary.

2024 Term 1 Some Dates to Remember

Wednesday	6 March	Term 1 Learning Celebration – pool session & sausage sizzle
Friday	8 March	Year 7/8 Sailing at Kai Iwi Lakes
Friday	15 March	Southern Zone Swimming Sports
Friday	22 March	Year 5/6 Cricket Fun Day - tbc
Friday	22 March	NW Swimming Sports
Wed/Thur	20-21 March	EPro8 in School
Friday	5 April	Ruawai Triathlon / Northland Swimming Champs

Mauriora,
Kylie Piper

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A big thankyou to those who are part of the Fuel for Schools scheme and earn points for our school by using the Fern Fuel service.....

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KIDS DON'T COME WITH A MANUAL

CASTING CALL FOR FAMILIES

Nathan Wallis Parenting TV Series – Kids Don't Come With A Manual (Season 2)

After huge demand and in collaboration with Faultline Films, we are pleased to announce that we are filming a 2nd TV Series of 'Kids Don't Come With A Manual – Season 2' to be broadcast on Whakaata Māori.

Season 2: we are currently searching for 6 whānau/families for our TV series. Whānau who are struggling to understand their children's/teenager's behaviour (from newborns to teenagers!) With Nathan's guidance and expertise, we will call upon traditional Māori knowledge and neuroscience to deliver a parenting guide for whānau.

If you are a family in NZ, or a Kiwi whānau/family residing in Australia, and currently facing challenges with your babies, children, or teenagers, then we want to hear from you! Send us a short video submission introducing yourself! **NOTE: Closing date is Monday 4th March 2023.**

Video requirements:

- Approx 1 minute clip (no more than 5 mins) introducing yourself, info to include where you are located and what help/guidance you require from Nathan. Please also mention how we can contact you.
- Title of Email: Where you are located/ Surname (eg: Auckland / Smith)

Email us your video clip to: stef@faultlinefilms.co.nz

Note: If your video file is too large to send via email, then try sending via www.wetransfer.com

If you missed the viewing of the 1st Series, then you can find the link below:

www.maoriplus.co.nz/show/kids-dont-come-with-a-manual

Any questions please email: stef@faultlinefilms.co.nz

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Expression of interest:

Kia Ora,

Last year Northern Wairoa had a group of young girls, assisted by their parents , travelling to Whangarei on a weekly basis to compete in an all girls Rippa Competition.

This year we are looking at entering two teams as some of the girls have aged into a higher age group.

What does that mean? We have an opportunity for enthusiastic Year 5-8 girls to be able to participate in Rippa Rugby, learn some skills and make new friends.

If you and your child(ren) are interested in the sport and would like to be a part of the team, please contact me and I will be in touch as more information becomes available.

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