



# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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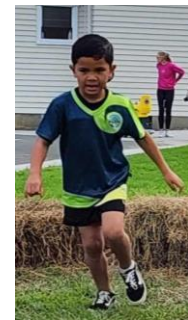
10 June 2024

Kia ora koutou katoa,

I have just spent 4 days in Wellington at the Rural Teaching Principals Conference which started with a powhiri and watching the sun rise on the Wellington Waterfront – what a beautiful start to any day! Over 200 rural principals gathered together to learn, share, network and connect. The highlight for me was the opportunity to connect with like minded people, to build networks and to access new learning all of which will benefit our school and our students. My favourite keynote would have to be Julia Grace, an ex-teacher, who is now a NZ singer, songwriter and public speaker. Her message around looking after our mental health was well received by all. I am grateful for additional funding received from the Ministry that enables me to attend these conferences and to the fabulous team at school that ensures everything runs smoothly in my absence!

## CROSS COUNTRY

Two Friday's ago we went to Ruawai for our cross country. We were so pleased by the perseverance and determination displayed by all students. We are proud of Gemma, Elsie, Stella, Natasha, Heidi, Nelson and Devon who went on to represent our school at the Northern Wairoa event held on Rope Farm at Te Kopuru.



## SENIOR CAMP FUNDRAISER

Our seniors are busy fundraising for their Wellington Camp in Term 4. They are holding a QUIZ night on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and there is still space for a couple of teams – see the ad at the end of this newsletter for details and give Rochelle a call to enter your team.

## BOARD UPDATES

Our Annual Report has been received back from the auditors and has been published on our school website for those interested.

Huge thanks to Paul Sorensen for organising another working bee to clear the remaining pines – we are do pleased to have stage one of this work completed and we thank Paul, Drew Gillespie and Neil Piper for their efforts!

As mentioned in the last newsletter the board has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and align with the National Education and Learning Priorities. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review. We invite you to visit the site at:

<https://arapohue.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www.").

Our username is "arapohue" Password "path".

### BUS/PICKUP CHANGES

Please ensure any changes to afternoon bus/pickup routines are phoned or texted to the office prior to 1pm. The office is unmanned after that time and our other staff are in class teaching. While we do our best to accommodate, we cannot guarantee last minute messages are cleared in time.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS

We recently farewelled Sarah from Kākano and were sad to see her move with her family to Ruawai. We were hoping to welcome the Livingstone/Harris family today – we are thrilled to have Kyeisha, Kiana, Kharmilla, Krisharn and Khaleci join us when they are able. We are also sad to be farewelling Whaea Annie next Friday as she and her husband have sold their home and are on the move to Auckland. We wish them all the best and know they will enjoy being so much closer to their whanau. We are currently advertising to fill Annie's position – see ad below.

### SICKNESS

Winter illnesses are taking hold across the motu, with 'flu season' arriving earlier than normal. Aotearoa is also at a high risk of a measles outbreak with immunisation rates dropping off since COVID-19. Please see below the Te Whatu Ora advice, particularly that the best protection against an outbreak of measles is the MMR vaccine.

[Measles - Te Whatu Ora](#)

### NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

Our assembly was held today as we couldn't quite fit in all in on Friday.

**Classroom awards** this week went to: Devon, Zane, Nelson, Whaea Lyn, Kaycee, Zane, Lachlan and Lily. Congratulations everyone.



### PATH card prize draw:

Congratulations to Sara, Matthew who both won a dip in the treasure chest and to Willow who won free time with a friend! We also caught up with some 'pie face' now that we have fresh cream.



## 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.

## NEWS FROM KĀKANO

In Kākano we watched a learning slip about what happens when a fly lands on your food. We all learned a lot about flies and all the children were able to contribute to our mind map.

Leila produced a lovely, individual piece of writing after creating her own plan.

*When flies land on your food they cause no harm. You might think to shoo the fly away or throw the food away. But don't do it. Flies pollinate flowers, recycle junk and are a tasty snack for bug eating animals. They eat with a straw by spewing on the bit of food that they are going to eat. Then they suck up the bit of food. After they move around on your food and it's really annoying. But remember don't kill all the flies because they are useful.*

And from Harper came another side to the matter...

*When flies land on your food they vomit. If the food is a solid, the vomit breaks it up. Flies slurp your food up with something like a straw. You can get sick if you eat something that a fly has landed on because flies go to gross places like dead animals and poo. Just to be safe, wash your hands and pick up after your pets.*

## NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whanau,

Despite a few bugs and colds, it's been a great term thus far. Great to see so many of you at the cross country and well done to our students who competed in the Northern Wairoa Cross country.

Margaret from Sustainable Kaipara made her second visit, teaching the students the basics of inground worm farming, something I'd never heard of beforehand.

We now have two buckets of worms busily breaking down food scraps, encouraging other worms to feed and multiple. Now we just need to continue to provide a happy environment, so they'll stay.



I'd like to thank parents for the amazing images and artifacts that have been coming into the class. They have prompted such interesting discussions and questions from the students.

The next couple of weeks we are stepping up the Kapa Haka practice and look forward to our next House of Science Kit; Weather Ready, that begins this week.

Kia mahana, keep warm. Whaea Lyn

## HUI AHUREI O MATARIKI

This year our Kāhui Ako is holding a kapa haka festival to bring our schools together to celebrate Matariki. This will be at Te Kopuru School on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June and we are madly practising in preparation for this. We would love any whānau to join us on the day to support us. We will do a repeat performance at school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June in the evening and combine it with a shared meal together.

Mauriora,  
Kylie Piper

[kylie@arapohue.school.nz](mailto:kylie@arapohue.school.nz)

### 2024 Some Dates to Remember

Thursdays	Term 2	Seniors to Technology
Saturday	15 June	Quiz Night Fundraiser
Wednesday	19 June	Mathex
Thursday	20 June	Board Meeting
Monday	24 June	Hui Ahurei o Matariki Celebration
Wednesday	26 June	Matariki Learning Celebration at school – 5:15pm.
Friday	28 June	Matariki Holiday– no school
Monday	1 July	Wellington Camp deposit due today for all Yr 7/8 students
Friday	5 July	Last Day of Term 2



**ARAPOHUE SCHOOL**  
Senior Camp Fundraiser

**6:30pm Saturday, June 15th**

Teams of 4 – \$20pp (Bookings essential – teams limited)  
Arapohue Bowling Club, Mititai Road.  
Raffles, Spot prizes, Full bar available – No BYO  
Light snacks supplied  
email: [rochelle@arapohue.school.nz](mailto:rochelle@arapohue.school.nz) to book

**DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM**



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## TEACHER AIDE POSITION

Are you someone who:

- Enjoys physical activity and plays sport
- Builds positive relationships with others, is flexible, patient and resourceful
- Is fun and engaging and loves working with children

The primary function of the role is to provide support and physical activities for students in the playground. Being active and involved in play is essential to the role. In addition, to work alongside classroom teachers to support students with their class learning.

Please apply with a covering letter and your CV to  
[kylie@arapohue.school.nz](mailto:kylie@arapohue.school.nz)

Starting pay rate \$25.18/hr. Approx 20hrs per week.

**Applications close Friday 21st June.**