



# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

*Te ara ki mātauranga • The pathway to knowledge*

29 October 2024 – week 3

Kia ora koutou,

I trust you have all made a positive start to the term and that your children are happy and settled at school. We do have a LOT of students coming to school tired – many greet me at the gate and tell me how tired they are which makes for a long hard day for them. As summer approaches and we start to get out and about more can I encourage you all to remember the value of early nights – refreshed kids are able to learn SO MUCH BETTER!!

At the end of last Term I was fortunate to win a One Term Principal Sabbatical. The purpose of these sabbaticals are to **reflect, rejuvenate and undertake professional learning**. I will take this leave in Term 1 and will be spending some of the time travelling around rural schools talking with principals in an effort to find out what supports could be put in place to make these often isolated and challenging roles more successful. The turnover of leadership within Small Rural Schools is alarming. In the 6 years I have been here at Arapohue, I have seen 17 principals come through the 7 small schools in the Kaipara. Only our school and one other have had the same principal for the whole 6 years which attests to the challenging roll of leading a school and having a full principal workload alongside having to also teach a class. I would love to explore ways to reduce this turnover.

The Board and I are currently working together to organise staffing for 2025 to ensure our school runs smoothly and successfully in my absence, we aim to confirm what this will look like in our next newsletter.

## ATTENDANCE

I am sure you are hearing both from us and from the media about the governments targeted approach to attendance and to addressing truancy. In 2025 the Ministry of Education will be collecting our attendance data daily to keep a clear picture of what is happening in schools. As always, if your children are absent from school we do need communication from you ON THE DAY regarding this. Unexplained absences are marked as Truant and there will be a greater push to make referrals to truancy officers than what we have had in the past.

## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

We meet this Thursday and will obviously be discussing staffing for 2025 and having a visit from Whaea Philippa who will share with us the science learning our students have been doing. We will continue to look at our annual plan and budgets for 2025.

## SCHOOL DOCS

School Docs is the online platform for our school policies. We encourage our families to visit the site – you can search, review and provide feedback to our Board.

You will find the link on our website under Parent Information – School Policies or type the link into your browser:

<https://arapohue.schooldocs.co.nz/>

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Our Term Three policies for review are:

- Finance and Asset Management Policy (board)
- Managing Income and Expenditure (board)
- Financial Conflicts of Interest (board)
- School Donations & Student Activity Payments/Attendance Dues & Other Income Expenditure
- Asset Management and Protection (board)
- Property Planning and Maintenance
- Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft

### CALENDAR ART

Just a reminder that orders for calendar art close Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please ensure all order forms and payments are into the office by then.

### SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> November. We will have a sausage sizzle available for order – look out for an order form to come home some later next week.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Huge congratulations to our students who sat CAM (Centre for Assessment and Monitoring) exams run by University Canterbury. These exams are in English, Math and Science and this year we had Rocco, Jariah, Heidi, Hailey and Nelson sit them. Extra congrats to Rocco and Jariah– achieved in English, Hailey – achieved in Science and Math, Excellence in English and to Heidi – Achieved in Math, Merit in English and Excellence in Science. Well done!

### 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.

### HEALTH & WELLBEING

Just a reminder that we have a supply of head lice treatments, and feminine hygiene products if any of our families need some. Just give the office a call/text and we can send some home.

### NEWS FROM FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

Our assembly on Friday was run by Kākano and we were all educated on some fascinating and unusual facts from Ancient Egypt.

**Classroom awards** this week went to: Leo, Rocco, Whaea Sheryl, Sara, Harper, Leon and our guest visitors for the day - Ella and Madilyn (Whaea Philippa's grand daughters.)

**PATH card prize draw:** Congratulations to Willow who won pie face with a friend -- lucky Ella for getting to play with her--and to Gemma who won a



dip in the treasure chest. Rowan and Jackson hit the 25 milestone and got to choose a prize - Jackson who, after much deliberation, chose to be Principal for an hour and Rowan also had a dip in the treasure chest. There are a number of students who have hit the 50 milestone – keep an eye out for postcards in the mailbox.



## AG DAY

Our Ag Day was a success last Saturday and it was great, as always, to see so many of our families and friends from the community turning up to support us. We would like to thank the many sponsors who helped to make our day successful – Silver Fern Farms, Martin Law, Dominion Salt, Agrisea, B Dazzled by Phia, LIC, Alltech Industries, NZ Farmsource along with all our helpers.

We also thank our judges, both indoor and outdoor, for giving up their valuable time to support our students in their mahi.

There is a review from on the end of this newsletter that we would love you to take time to complete – all those that are returned **tomorrow** will go in the draw to win won of our left over Warehouse Vouchers!

## NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Lots of varied learning in Kakano recently, here are some examples from the children's writing:

Seven thousand years ago, there was a child from Chile. He accidentally got covered in bandages. This is how to make an Egyptian mummy. First you take out all the organs and polish them, except for the heart. You place them in something called canopic jars and put the heart back into the body. Second, you cover the bodies in natrum salt and leave them in it for forty days. Third, to keep the coffins smelling good, they put rags, spices, and plants in with them because those things smell so good. Fourth they cover them in linen bandages. Lastly, they put the soul in a coffin that they called a sarcophagus. Did you know rich people like the queen or the king (that was called a pharaoh) were buried with their cat or dog. The Egyptians also invented toothpaste. They made it out of burnt eggshells, powder from ox's hooves and mixed it with a pumice stone. They buried people this way because they believed in the afterlife.. **Leila**

When you think about mummies, you think about Egypt. Did you know, Egyptians trade veggies out for different things because they didn't have money in those days. **Monty**

I went to Taumaranui and we went to Alexander Motel. It was so much fun. because there was a pool. I got to swim in the pool. Nobody swam with me and nobody splashed me. **George**

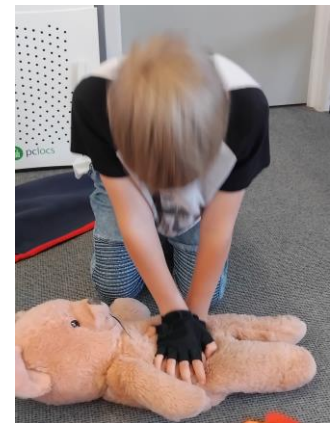
## NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whanau,

Wow, what a start to the term, talk about 'hitting the ground running'. The students and I certainly enjoyed our Ag Day and were pleasantly surprised with the placings of many entries. I am feeling very grateful for our school community.

We are pleased to tell you that 'Save our Teddy' day was a great success with 100% survival rate of all teddies. Hopefully students learnt the basics of helping a person who may have collapsed.

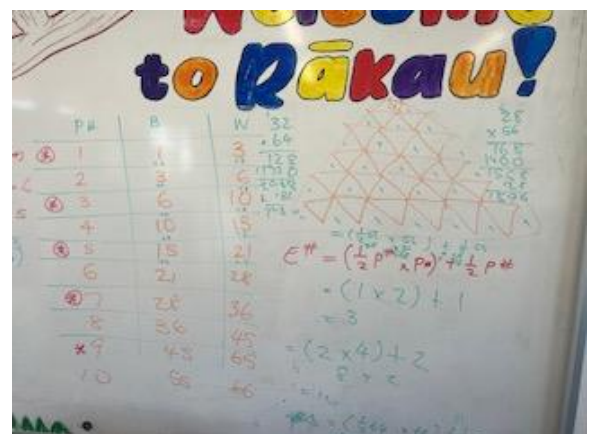
As we get on with our term we begin our science unit - Simple Machines, where we are learning all about the six simple machines used throughout history. Students will have the opportunity to work with these machines to understand the importance they play on making our lives easier.



## NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Hope you are all doing well. In Rākau we have been doing lots of complicated algebra - one of the problems was so tricky that it took three of our awesome teachers half an hour to solve. Last Thursday we had Māhuri come into work with us for the morning. We learnt to play the glockenspiel together and if you want to see how awesome we were it is on the schools facebook page. As you will know we also had our Ag Day last weekend and finished all of our indoor entries. Rākau had made some bracelets which we were really proud of. We sold just over half of them so still have a bit to sell if you would like another one or two let us know. We were also trying to grow heritage tomatoes and cucumbers to sell but they weren't quite big enough - if you want some for your garden they should be ready in a couple of weeks.

**By Aaliyah & Jariah**



## GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Changes to school lunch programme** This week, the Government announced changes to Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches programme. Students will continue to receive nutritious meals they know and love, helping them to learn and thrive at school. From Term 1 next year, our lunches will be provided by the School Lunch Collective, led by Compass Group and supported by a number of food manufacturers and suppliers. These hot and cold meals will be delivered daily and will meet the same nutrition standards as our current lunches. Our ākonga in years 0-8 will receive a 240-gram lunch, the same size our learners in years 4-8 currently receive. There are no changes for our ākonga with complex special dietary requirements. Their meals will continue and will be funded at the current settings.

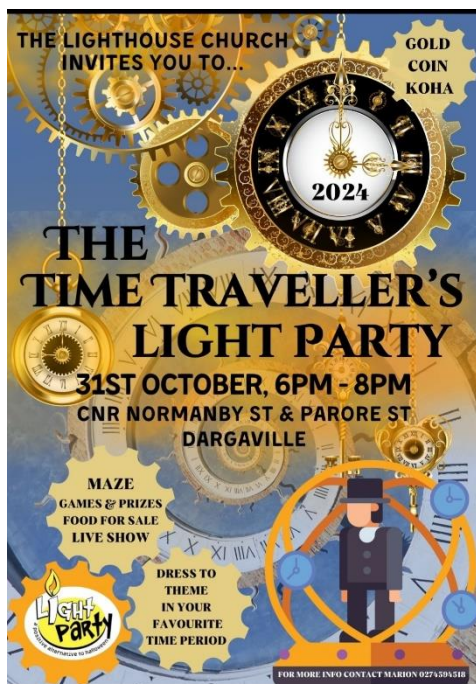
**Teacher only day** This week we were also told that we need to take a teacher only day between now and the 15 November to look at the new Maths Curriculum that we haven't received yet. We already had a teacher only day planned – we will not be adding another one to the list!

Mauriora,  
Kylie Piper

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### 2024 Some Dates to Remember

|           |           |                           |
|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| Thursday  | 31 Oct    | Board Meeting             |
| Wednesday | 6 Nov     | NW Centrals               |
| Thursday  | 14 Nov    | School Athletics          |
| Friday    | 15 Nov    | T O Day                   |
| Monday    | 18-22 Nov | Senior Camp to Wellington |
| Friday    | 22 Nov    | NW Athletics              |
| Wednesday | 4 Dec     | Board Meeting             |
| Wednesday | 11 Dec    | Prize giving              |
| Friday    | 13 Dec    | Last Day                  |
| TBC       |           | School Photos             |
| TBC       |           | Mystery Bus Trip          |



# AG Day Review

*This year we had a very small number of home entries completed by our students, with well over 50% of students not entering anything from home. We are interested in hearing your thoughts around this – are the indoor entries something that your family value?*

*What are the positives about completing the home entries?*

*What are the challenges?*

*Feedback around 3 changes made this year*

- 1. Baking from home to sell*
- 2. Later start time*
- 3. Classrooms open earlier to view indoor entries*

*Positives / suggestions for change...*

Can you please name up to three things that you enjoyed about the show?

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Have you got any ideas about things we could do differently next year?

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