



# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

*Te ara ki mātauranga • The pathway to knowledge*

18 November 2024 – week 6

Kia ora koutou,

I write to you all from the sunny skies of Ponake Wellington! What a fabulous time so far our seniors have had exploring our capital city. Today was an incredible experience as we joined 42000 odd others at the Toitū te Tiriti Hiko! This was a great opportunity for our students to take part in this historic event and it complimented our learning perfectly! Our brand new orange shirts was my way of ensuring I didn't lose them - we stood out in the crowd!!

With only three and a half weeks until we finish for the year it is starting to get really busy with all of the end of year 'extras' that come up. Please put the dates at the end of this newsletter in your diaries AND keep an eye on Facebook and your emails for any changes or additions



## NEWS FROM THE BOARD

We are pleased to announce to our community the fixed term appointment of Miss Lisa Greville as Acting Principal for term 1 2025 while Kylie is on her much deserved sabbatical (!!!)

Lisa has recently been the Principal of Te Kopuru School and also has a long history with our school, having taught here briefly as a beginning teacher. We are confident that she will work closely with Kylie and our staff to ensure a smooth transition and that our school will continue to flourish under her leadership.

## POWER DISRUPTION

Our power supply lines are scheduled for some work Thursday. Fortunately we have had Northpower organise a generator for us for the power outage. It **should** be business as usual for us at school, however, please keep communication close in case things do not go to plan.

## PRIZEGIVING

We are entering the last weeks of the school year which is always a busy time. We still have lots to squeeze in before we break for the summer holidays. Our prizegiving will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Arapohue Hall followed by a shared lunch. Last year many parents preferred to take their children directly with them to the hall and we are more than happy to support this if that is your preferred option – we only ask that you let us know and have your children at the hall by 10:50am. Please bring a plate of food to share after the formalities. We will be having some practices at the hall the week of prizegiving – staff will be transporting students to and from there.

## BANKING CHANGES

From late November 2024 the country's banking industry is phasing in Confirmation of Payee when you are paying someone online. This may mean you need to alter saved banking details for us.

Our exact account name and number are as follows:

Account Name: Arapohue Primary School

Account Number: 12-3098-0257114-00

## SCHOOL DOCS

Don't forget to log on to Schooldocs to complete this terms reviews:

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

User name: arapohue PW: path

Our Term Four 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

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Unfortunately we had to cancel our planned athletics day due to wet conditions. We have managed to work through events and are super proud of Elsie, Gemma, Natasha and Azaria who will be representing our school at the Northern Wairoa Athletics on Friday – 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 Thursday was run by Māhuri. While it was a little rushed it was a treat to hear some great writing AND to see some of the catapults they have been building as part of their Science focus on Simple Machines.

**Classroom awards** this week went to: Hailey, Jonathan, Zane, Lily, Krisharn and George who was absent.



### PATH card prize draw:

Congratulations to Willow (AGAIN!!!) who won free time with a friend -- and to Leo and Devon who won a dip in the treasure chest. Alex, Natasha, Rocco and Khaleci hit the 25 milestone and got to choose a prize -



the treasure chest always seems to be a popular choice! There are a number of students who have hit the 50 milestone – keep an eye out for postcards in the mailbox.

The other piece of excitement was that we managed to fill the Basket Of Awesome just in time to plan a Mystery Bus Trip! This will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Children will only need to bring a bag with a water bottle, sunblock, hat and jacket. Please see me if you need further details before signing the permission slip attached.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year we were again fortunate to have Paula McInnes taking our school photos. As our roll has continued to grow it is no longer viable for us to provide these free to each family so we will be offering class photos and whole school photos for \$5 each.

Alongside this we had Paula taking individual shots and sibling photos. We will also be selling these, in 4x6 size – 3 for \$5:00, 5x7 size – 2 for \$5:00 or 6x8 size 1 for \$5:00 – these can be ordered in black and white or colour. Hopefully this, along with Calendar Art helps make your Christmas Shopping easier!

## NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Last week we made pavlova with a hand held egg beater. An eggbeater is an example of a compound machine. A compound machine is a combination of two or more simple machines. We examined the following simple machines - ramp, wheel and axle, screw, wedge, lever and pulley. We found examples of them around the school and talked about how they make work easier. Here is the recipe we used for Pavlova

3 egg whites

1 cup of caster sugar

1 tsp vanilla essence

1 tsp white vinegar

1 tbspn cornflour



Beat the egg whites using a beater until they are white and stiff. Add the sugar one spoonful at a time and continue beating between each addition. Add the vanilla, vinegar and cornflour. Pile the mixture onto baking paper and cook at 100 degrees for 1 hour and then leave the pavlova to cool in the oven. Peel off the baking paper and top with whipped cream and berries.



## NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whanau,

A lot of good learning has been happening in Māhuri these past few weeks. Algebraic patterns in maths, precision in writing and reading, and building and testing catapults to finish off our science unit. The challenge for students was not only to research and build a quality catapult, but to modify it to gain further reach.

Every Wednesday students grouped together to practise for Athletics. Although it was a shame the weather let us down, we will send the students whose results were closest to qualifying times, to the Northern Wairoa Athletics this Friday.

The students and I are looking forward to visiting Waiotira for their school production, as well as beginning practises for our end of year Prize-giving. Our final science kit for the year is learning more about 'Clean Air'. Which will bring the year to an end.

I have to say it's been such a good year, despite how quickly its gone. The students and I have come a long way, and it's been an honour to get to know them better along the way. I am very proud of every one of them.

Whaea Lyn





## NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Our highlights from our Wellington Trip so far...

*Aaliyah - my favourite so far has been the plane because it was my first time on one and it was a cool experience*

**Heidi - my favourite so far has been space place because in the dome it felt like you were travelling through space**

*Jariah - my favourite so far has been Wellington Zoo because I got to see Chubby Capybara*

**Devon - my favourite so far has been the hikoi because I have never been with so many people before**

*Cooper - my favourite so far has been National Library because I got to see the actual Treaty Of Waitangi*

**Nelson - my favourite so far has been Wellington Zoo because I got to see so many tarantulas**

*Kyeisha - my favourite so far has been the hikoi because it was awesome to be a part of and I loved the waiata, especially Stan Walker*

**Leon - my favourite so far has been Wellington Zoo because I got see the squirrel monkies**

*Mr Cleary - my favourite so far has been the Museum and the National Library - I really enjoyed learning about the Declaration of independence and the Treaty of Waitangi*

**Mr Simpkin - I have loved it all but if I had to choose one it would be Space Place ...because it's my jam...**





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### 2024 Some Dates to Remember

Monday	18-22 Nov	Senior Camp to Wellington
Friday	22 Nov	NW Athletics
Wednesday	27 Nov	Board Meeting
Monday	2 Dec	Mihi Whakatau for 2025 new families and staff + 2025 class visits.
Tuesday	3 Dec	Mystery Bus Trip
Wednesday	11 Dec	Prize giving & Shared Lunch
Friday	13 Dec	Last Day – water fun – 12.30 Finish – No afternoon bus run

• I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to travel by bus on our **MYSTERY BUS TRIP** on **3 December 2024**

• I am available to help **YES/NO**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number \_\_\_\_\_



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## **MYSTERY BUS TRIP**

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Students will need to bring:

- Sunblock
- Jacket, hat and shoes
- Morning tea & Drink Bottle

