



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Newsletter #1 2025 – Term 1 Week 2

A reminder that this week is only a three day week as Waitangi Day is on Thursday and we will stay closed on the Friday.

FROM LISA'S DESK

Kia ora whānau,

It's awesome to see our students back at school and to have had the chance to meet many of you already. The students have made a fantastic start to the term, and it's great to see everyone embracing our PATH values.

The tamariki have been working hard on their artwork for the Arapohue Show this weekend and have also started learning about sustainability, showing some fantastic thinking skills. We're looking forward to seeing their creativity and ideas develop further.

This term will be a busy one. Next week, we're excited to welcome Life Education to school. On Tuesday, we also have our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions from 2:15 p.m. We would appreciate it if you could arrange for your children to be picked up at 2 p.m. If that's not possible, Mrs. Christie will supervise students until the end of the school day.

Additionally, our Year 7 & 8 students will be starting technology at Dargaville Intermediate School next Thursday. After their technology session, they will head to the town pools for some well-deserved fun.

It's exciting to be here as Acting Principal. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns — my door is always open.

Ngā mihi nui,

Lisa Greville

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

Next Tuesday we will be closing school from 2pm to allow for Meet the Teacher sessions. This is a chance for parents/caregivers to meet with their children's class teacher and discuss learning goals. Please see the booking form attached to this newsletter, complete and return to secure a time slot.

ARAPOHUE SHOW

This Saturday brings the annual Arapohue A&P Show. Students have been preparing their entries through school but if they wish to enter other categories they will need to lodge a separate entry. Schedules and contact details can be found at <https://arapohueshow.weebly.com/indoor.html> Register entries by 3:30pm Thursday 5th Feb (see schedule for contact details) and deliver items to the Arapohue Hall before 11am on Friday 6th Feb.

SWIMMING

Swimming is part of our daily curriculum during the summer months so children are expected to participate. If there is a reason for your child not to swim please advise the office.

BANKING DETAILS

For our new families or anyone needing to update their bank details, our school 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

Term 1 review topics	Review opens 3 February
• Health, Safety, and Welfare Policy	Board review
• Safety Management System	Board review
• Risk Management	Board review
• Worker Engagement, Participation, and Representation	
• Healthcare	Board review
• Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness	

STATIONERY

Stationery has been issued to the students and we will soon send invoices home. These packs are \$25 per student so if you wish to pay before the invoice is sent out, feel free to do so (Ref: Students name).

BUS/PICKUP CHANGES

Please ensure any changes to afternoon bus/pickup routines are phoned (4397513), texted (02108826534), or emailed (rochelle@arapohue.school.nz) 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.

NEWS FROM KĀKANO

It's lovely to be back and planning for the teaching and learning in Term One. I can't believe it's 2025. My holidays were filled with lots of happy family time catching up with my own children and grandchildren as well as some of my many brothers and sisters. I feel so pleased to have had time to spend with loved ones and I'm looking forward to getting to know new and old friends at school.

Whaea Philippa

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Nau mai, haere mai, and welcome back for Māhuri's 2025 school year.

It has been an exciting start, with student's lovely smiley faces and lots of positive energy. It is always great seeing students over the holidays, so relaxed and enjoying the break. I had a great break, catching up with lots of friends and family. 'Kikō', (the big blue bus) and I, made it all the way to Taranaki, to catch up with my sister. We went to the Stan Walker and L.A.B concert at the Bowl of Brooklands and saw the Festival of Lights at Pukekura Park, a place where I have fond memories from my childhood. Over the holidays, as I'm sure many of you did too, I managed to eat lots of good food, watch lots of movies, go swimming and generally laze around in the garden and on the couch as much as possible.

Looking ahead, we have EPro8, lots of swimming of course, more science kits and of course the A+P show to look forward to. Although I can't make it this year, we're hoping lots of Arapohue students will make the most of the challenges set up for them and hopefully win lots of money. Students are busy working on the art and craft items they're entering. A couple from last year's Ag day and a couple of new items.

I look forward to catching up with you over the term. Here's to a new year. Nga mihi nui, Lyn Jackson

NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Our first week has been one to find our groove. We have been lucky to have the good weather to start our swimming program and have already done some great learning. Roll on week 2!
Miss Greville

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2025 Some Dates to Remember

Thursday	6 Feb	Waitangi Day holiday
Friday	7 Feb	School closed.
Tuesday	11 Feb	Meet the teacher sessions from 2:15pm
Wednesday	12 Feb	Goal Setting conferences – school finishes at 2pm. Life Education
Thursday	13 Feb	Year 7/8s Technology and town pool swimming
Tuesday	18 February	First Board Meeting for 2025 – 6:30pm.



Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 11th February – Booking Form

Student	Teacher	2.15	2.30	2.45	3.00	3.15	3.30	3.45	4.00

We will confirm booking times on Monday. If you require a time outside of these options please indicate a suitable time and we will touch base to arrange.

NAME:

Signed: