



# ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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**Newsletter #4 2025 – Term 1 Week 10**

## FROM LISA'S DESK

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of Term 1! This also marks my last newsletter as Acting Principal at Arapohue. It has been a fantastic and busy term, and the next two weeks will be no exception, with the Ruawai Try-athlon, a multi sports day, and our upcoming Learning Celebration.

A huge highlight this term was our Year 5 & 6 EPro8 team qualifying for the Northland Final. Their teamwork was truly impressive and a great example of the way Arapohue students actively collaborate to solve challenges. We are also incredibly proud of Layton Lugtigheid, Matthew Brogden, and Elsie Gillespie for representing our school at the Northern Wairoa Swimming event. A special congratulations to Elsie, who went on to compete at the Northland level—what an achievement!

This term has been filled with rich learning experiences—engaging science investigations around heat, ongoing sustainability learning, and a fantastic Pioneers' Picnic. It has also been wonderful to see students consistently displaying our PATH values and being recognised for their efforts. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Arapohue, getting to know the amazing tamariki and working alongside the dedicated staff. Thank you all for your support this term—I wish you a safe and restful break!

Ngā mihi,  
Lisa Greville

## EPRO8 CHALLENGE

Our Year 7/8 and 5/6 Teams attended their Inter-School events at Kamo Intermediate in week 8. They worked together to achieve some fantastic results in unique challenges. Arapohue All Stars (Yr 7/8) placed 4<sup>th</sup> Equal making an automated barrier arm for vehicles. Arapohue A Team (Yr 5/6) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> with their build of a powered shopping trolley which gave them a ticket into the grand final on 25<sup>th</sup> March. There they constructed a very challenging build of an Indiana Jones rail car coming in at fifth placing. Fantastic efforts by all – well done!

## LEARNING CELEBRATION

Our learning celebration is all set for this Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 5.30pm. Your children have some fun activities to share with you and then we will share some kai to conclude the evening.

## SWIMMING

While we have closed our school pool due to the water situation, we have had students attend both South Zone and Northern Wairoa Swimming Sports. Fantastic efforts from all who attended and as usual were great ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to all on your achievements.



## STATIONERY

All students who had their stationery paid for before 28<sup>th</sup> March went into the draw to win the cost of their stationery back! Congratulations goes to: Keizhlee!

## SWIM FOR LIFE



We had Joanne from Swim for Life visiting to provide our students with valuable safety and survival lessons in the water. Her final visit gave the children the opportunity to use the training boat to extend their learning.



## ASSEMBLY

Friday's assembly was run by Kākano who shared some of their very interesting pioneering stories.

Class awards went to: Leon, Matthew, Rowan, Zane, Rocco, Sara, Willow, Keizhlee and Jonah.

Path Card Draw winners to spin the wheel were: Harper spun a game of Pie Face with Zane, Emmanuel and Leila both won free time with a friend and Willow gets to be Principal for an Hour!



## PAPER BAGS

If anyone has surplus paper shopping bags we have many uses for them and would be grateful to receive any you may have available.

## 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

## 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

Kākano built huts in the playground. We gathered materials from the bush and used string to tie branches together. We held a pioneer's picnic in the huts so we could sample preserved foods such as beef jerky.

*I went down to the bush. Kurt*

*This is a hut. The hut is big and we are eating the food. Hazel*

*This is a hut. The hut is only for Kākano. Māhuri made a hut too. It was big and Kakano made a big hut. I love the hut. I really love it. Ava*



I went to school and for lunch we played but before lunch we had dried kiwifruit and jerky and bread. I love jerky. I want to go in the hut every day. It is fun. **Bella**

The hut was so big it could fit all of us in it. We had a picnic and it was delicious and there was jerky. **Phoenix**

We built a hut on the playground. We needed to put the leaves on. **Willow**

At school we had meat and we made some butter out of cream and salt. My teacher brought some bread in and we made a hut a few days ago. We had it in the hut. **Monty**

### NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau, from Māhuri,

As we reflect on the term that is coming to an end, it's clear how much learning we have managed to achieve – lots of maths - number, reading, writing, science, swimming, EPro8, art and more. Some of the students' highlights are shelter building, science experiments and reading activities. The students and I are ready for a break and an opportunity to rejuvenate.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our learning Celebration, Wednesday afternoon, and possibly at either of the sports events coming up. Please have a well-deserved break and some wonderful time with your amazing children. Whaea Lyn

### A selection of Students' descriptive writing of their selected biome (climate).

*I stood on the short dusty brown grass, surrounded by lush, tall trees with rocks as tall as me. with no clearing in the distance, just small hills covered in splotches of moss and little trees. Squirrels were scurrying up the trees, moose were in the lake eating the brush and bears eating berry bushes, while salmon were jumping in the water.*

*As I walk through the taiga forest I saw some perfect materials for my hut – Moss on the rocks still covered in dew, the river had mud on the bank and there was dead wood on the leafy forest floor. As I walked, I could hear the leaves crackling beneath my feet. When I kicked the leaves, I saw little earth worms wriggling in the soggy floor.*

*Leo Jillet-Sorensen*

*As I walked out of my shelter, I was engulfed by the frost biting air of the morning sun. of the tundra. As I looked over at the mountains covered in fluffy snow a mile away, I saw an arctic fox sticking his snout down a hole and sniffing in it for food. The freezing tundra is home to many interesting animals.*

*Lily Meduna*

*The Red Sea, which is the warmest in the world, is scorching hot.*

*Climbing over the giant sand dunes of the Red Sea, I gaze upon the beautiful water. I see a pod of dolphins just in sight. I smell the salty air of the Red Sea. The dry sand is hot under foot. Down on the beach I see a couple of camels grazing on the shrubs that litter the beach. They are very hungry.*

*Rocco Douglas*



*As I felt the freezing cold snow beneath my feet, I can hear foxes creeping up on their prey, ready to pounce. Wolves howl in the misty distance of the snow. Snow crunches beneath my feet and a quick shiver runs down my spine. Little shrubs grow in deep, deep-freezing snow. I see different sized footprints of wolves carved into the snow.*

Elsie Gillespie

## NEWS FROM RĀKAU

This week in Rakau, we have been busy with lots of activities; learning about sustainability, insulation, and shading techniques. Some of our work has been based on being 'kaitiakitanga', or 'guardians of the environment' — what does it mean to be a kaitiaki? How can we be kaitiaki? With these questions in mind, students made posters around the theme of "save the sea".

Making animated self-portraits also proved to be a big hit and a fun activity, one side of the face being meticulously shaded, the other half being animated and filled with things they like and represent them (logos and pictures for example).

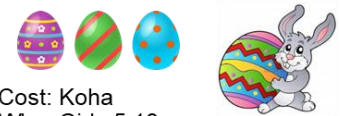
As the end of the term draws near, Arapohue prepares to farewell Lisa Greville –Acting Principal and teacher of Rākau— as she moves on to her next journey as a guidance counsellor at Ruawai College.

By Heidi Hart and Rowan Van Den Berg

### 2025 Some Dates to Remember

Thursdays	Term 1&2	Year 7/8s Technology
Wednesday	2 April	Learning Celebration
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> April	Ruawai Try-Athlon
Wednesday	9 April	Sports Day - Sportsville
Friday	11 April	Last Day Term 1
Monday	28 April	First Day Term 2

### Girls' Brigade Easter Egg Hunt



Cost: Koha  
Who: Girls 5-18yrs  
Where: TLC Normanby St  
When: Thursday, 10th April  
What time: 3-5pm.



For more info call 0212637446



**KAURI COAST SURFCASTING CONTEST**

**SATURDAY APRIL 26**

TICKETS ONLY \$50

AVAILABLE AT NOLAS SPORTS, HUNTING & FISHING DARGAVILLE OR ON THE BEACH ON THE DAY

**OMAMARI BEACH, DARGAVILLE**

FISHING 10AM - 4PM      FINAL WEIGH-IN 4:30PM

**FIRST PRIZE \$3000**

HEAVIEST KAHAWAI

SECOND PRIZE: \$2000 CASH      THIRD PRIZE: \$1000 CASH

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## EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



COME JOIN US FOR SOME EASTER FUN AT THE:  
**DARGAVILLE RIVERSIDE GARDEN – TAHA AWA**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE  
ACTIVITIES FROM 10AM;  
HUNT BEGINS 11.15AM  
1 to 9 YEARS OLD  
ENTRY BY GOLD COIN DONATION  
(USE GATE ENTRY OFF WOOLWORTHS CARPARK)

PURPOSE: TO COME TOGETHER AND ENJOY YOUR LOCAL GARDENS