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Newsletter #5 2025 – Term 2 Week 1

Kia ora koutou kātoa,

While we are not due for a newsletter for another few weeks I wanted to take a moment to say hi and let you know how happy I am to be back! We all had a great day together yesterday and I am looking forward to a positive term 2 with our amazing staff and students. We welcomed Jackson and his family who have moved into the area – It has been great to see him making friends already and we are confident he will enjoy being at Arapohue.



This term our staff are undertaking Structured Literacy Professional Learning which will involve three days of offsite learning for each of us. We have been creative with how we are covering this and have managed to juggle things with staff training on different days in Auckland and Whangarei so that we do not need to close the school. Our only Teacher Only day this term will be for staff to complete their First Aide refresher course on Monday 19 May.



CURRICULUM CONSULTATION

Please read below information from the Ministry of Education regarding the draft relationships and sexuality education framework

*The draft framework for relationships and sexuality education (RSE) is open for feedback until **9 May**. The framework aims to provide consistent, age-appropriate and evidence-informed content from Years 0 to 13. It is not compulsory and does not require changes to planned delivery of health education in 2025, or your approach to community consultation.*

We are also interested in feedback from your school communities, and have invited whānau to have their say through social media. You are welcome to share this link with parents and caregivers, so that they can be involved in the process too:

[Consultation open for draft relationships and sexuality education framework – Ministry of Education](#)

Feedback will shape the final RSE content in the refreshed health and physical education learning area. This is planned to be gazetted in 2026 and required for use from 2027.

Have your say here:

[Consultation on draft RSE framework now open – Tāhūrangi](#)



FISHING COMP

Huge thanks to Danya Hewetson, Hamish Douglas, Paul Sorenson and the team of amazing people who organised the Omamari Beach Fishing Comp on the weekend – this was an amazing fundraising opportunity for our school and we are grateful for the hard work you all did to make this day a success.

TERM TWO LEARNING

With my return there will be some changes in Rākau – Miss Mitchell will be the main teacher, working in class on Tuesday, Wednesdays and Friday while I will work with them on Mondays and Thursdays.

This term is a super short 9 week term and we have lots of great learning planned. Alongside our usual literacy and numeracy programmes we will have some fun extras will include working with our latest science kits starting today with "What's The Buzz" which is all about bumble bees. A second kit, "What Do You Think" will appear later in the term and will help students think like scientists. Science can often be magical and mysterious, and students will enjoy making observations and inferences to try to explain how a mystery tube or a 'splink' or a rattleback works.



Students will also be focusing on Oral Storytelling and we are confident that they are going to get quite creative as they explore different ways to tell stories.



KAPA HAKA

We have our Kāhui Ako Matariki Festival in week 8 so Kapa Haka will be a major focus for the term as we prepare for that. We will be learning new waiata and are also looking at how we use karanga and karakia to acknowledge special occasions. We plan to have an early morning shared breakfast prior to Matariki where we can share some of this learning with you.

Term 2 and 3 also see the return of the Champions programme with Mr and Mrs Taylor, Mrs McEwing and Mrs Williams- the students really enjoy these fun filled values lessons. We also have our annual cross country which will also take place mid term at Ruawai Primary which is always a fun day out! Phew I feel ready for another holiday just thinking about it all!!

If I am looking forward to catching up with everyone as we settle into term 2 – if you have any questions or queries please make contact.

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WINTER JACKETS

Any students who have outgrown their school issued jackets can return them to the office (in good second hand condition) to swap for a larger size. If your child does not have a winter jacket, please contact the office to arrange one.



2025 Some Dates to Remember

Thursdays	Term 1&2	Year 7/8s Technology
Wednesday	14 May	Board Meeting
Monday	19 May	Teacher Only Day – First Aid Training
Tuesday	20 May	Newsletter
Friday	23 May	Attendance Checks
Friday	30 May	Ruawai Cross Country
Monday	2 June	Kings Birthday Statutory Holiday
Thursday	5 June	NW Cross Country
Monday	9 June	Newsletter
Wednesday	18 June	Learning Celebration – Shared Breakfast
		Board Meeting
Thursday	19 June	NW Matariki Celebration at Dargaville Intermediate School
Friday	20 June	Matariki Statutory Holiday
Thursday	26 June	Reports Home
Friday	27 June	Last Day Term 2

1ST DARGAVILLE GIRLS' BRIGADE

STICKY BICKY BONANZA

**New Girls Welcome, Ages 5-18yrs
Join us on Thursday,
May 1st, from 3-5 PM at the Lighthouse Church.**

**Held every Thursday afterschool during Terms 2&3.
Register online for 2025 Dargaville Girls' Brigade.**

THURSDAY, 1ST MAY 3-5PM





Te Manawa Tahī Community Timetable

WHANGĀREI BREAM BAY & KAIPARA



Do you have concerns about your child?

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

DATE	HUB LOCATIONS	Term 2 2025, Weeks 1 to 5
Thurs 1 st May	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Wed 7 th May	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Pl, Ruakākā	
Thurs 8 th May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Thurs 15 th May	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Rd, Onerahi	
Wed 21 st May	Early Years Hub Dargaville, 28 Hokianga Rd, Dargaville	
Thurs 22 nd May	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 28 th May	Ministry of Education , 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning **0800 524 842** or emailing **TT.Support@education.govt.nz**.