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Newsletter #6 2025 – Term 2 Week 4

FROM KYLIE'S DESK

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Yesterday I enjoyed a great day with the staff completing our First Aide Refresher with St Johns. Our staff worked hard to take on recent changes in practice and to apply their knowledge – I feel 100% confident that our students are in safe hands in an emergency!



Huge thanks to the parents who turned up to Matua John's Literacy Session last week – it was great to be able to connect with you and to hopefully give you some practical tips of how you can support your child's learning at home.

Today I am in Auckland completing Part 1 of our Structured Literacy PD which Lyn and Philippa completed two weeks ago – they came back really excited with some new strategies to consider – I look forward to the same inspiring content!

Mauriora,
Kylie

NEWS FACES

Students, have you seen these new faces around our school? Leena comes to us from Paerata School near Pukekohe – she has settled well into Māhuri.



Whaea Sara works 3 days a week at Tangowahine School and for the other 2 days she is employed by our Kāhui Ako to provide additional support to our 14 schools. On her Kāhui days Sarah is based at our school, working in the library office. She is also our Staff Rep on the school board.

Matua Jeremy is our new Mana Ake worker and will be based at our school on Fridays. As a Mana Ake worker Jeremy will help our students navigate tricky emotions and build their confidence,

offering extra support when they need it. He will work closely with teachers and families to ensure our tamariki are happy, healthy, and ready to learn.



CROSSCOUNTRY

Students have been busy training for our annual cross country – ensuring they have appropriate footwear for this may help avoid some of the aches, pains and prickles. If you require shoes for your child please let Rochelle know as she may have some in our Kidscan stock or be able to order some in. Students will be joining Ruawai for their event on Friday 30th May – please see **attached notice** from Whaea Lyn. We hope you are able to join us to watch your child/ren run.

LEARNING CELEBRATION

Our learning celebration is all set for Wednesday 18th of June at the extraordinary time of 6:45am!! We would like to invite you to join us for a special Matariki Celebration, some star gazing and then a shared breakfast. We apologise in advance for those whose work hours does not allow them to attend – buses will run as normal if you need to send your child at the usual time. More information will come out closer to the time.



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Bike track goal – We are making progress with the project of a bike track to be located on the bottom field of the school. The next step will involve some planning/mapping and design input from experts in the field. This will bring the vision to life and a clear process before any construction is undertaken. Recent donations are much appreciated. Very exciting so watch this space!

Toilets upgrade - The building alterations and upgrades in the student toilets is now complete including new entrance doors and frontage along with new toilet suites.

Attendance - Our attendance for Term 1 is tracking nicely in line with MoE guidelines - we were super pleased to see that 79% of our students attended school more than 90% of the time – we are 1% away from hitting the government's target!

GRATITUDE

We are incredibly grateful to the Omamari Beach Fishing Comp Committee who donated a very generous \$3000 to our school. This money has been set aside for work on our bike track.

We are also grateful for some Tu Manawa Funding which has covered the cost of the purchase and installation of some basketball hoops with back boards – we can't wait for that work to get underway!

Huge thanks ALSO to the fabulous parents that turned up at a minutes notice to help lift the new ping pong table – and to Neil and his crew from DHS Building Academy for also showing up to help! The table is getting lots of use!



UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS

Since enrolling your child at Arapohue School, have any of your contact details or their medical details changed that you may not have updated us with? If yes, please let us know in the office or use the 'Update Contact Details' button at the bottom of our website homepage so we can keep all information current.

ASSEMBLY

On Friday our very pink assembly was run by Kākano who shared their play based on the story 'The Tsar of Sultan'.

Class awards went to: Heidi, Natasha, Rowan, Leena, Gemma, Jackson, Ava, Lachlan and Ava. Congratulations!

Path Card Draw winners to spin the wheel were: Alex who won 'Principal for an hour' and Sara who spun 'Free time with a Friend' and to Lily who was the super lucky winner of an ice cream treat!!



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/>

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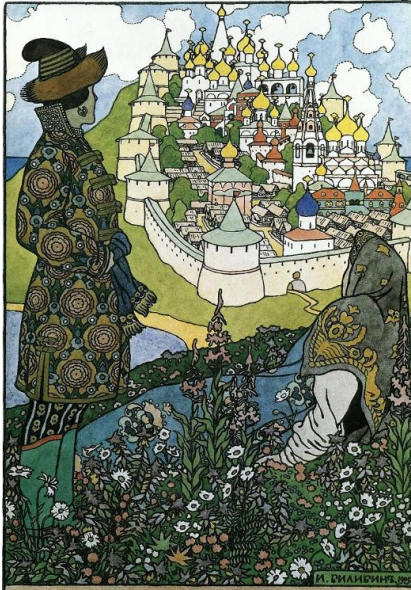
Term 2 policies	Review opens 28 April
• Planning and Preparing for Emergencies, Disasters, and Crises	Board review
• Communication During an Emergency, Disaster, or Crisis	Board review
• Emergency Closure	Board review
• Emergency Management	
• Disaster Management	
• Crisis Management	

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

The Tsar of Sultan Retold by Kākano



The story began with two mean sisters. The sisters told the Tzar that his baby son was a monster. Gvidon (the baby) got thrown into the sea in a barrel with his mother.

Gvidon and the Tzarina landed on a magical island. He grew into a strong man and a healthy man too. One day, Gvidon saved a swan from a hawk. The swan turned into a princess who was beautiful and smart. She granted Prince Gvidon a wish kingdom.

The kingdom had golden domes. They were so extraordinary. The gate was made out of steel and the windows were made out of bullet proof glass. The swan princess brought the city from the ground for Gvidon.

Gvidon wanted to visit his dad who was the Tzar, and the swan princess turned him into a golden bumblebee so he could sneak back home. And off he flew.

When Gvidon was transformed into a bumblebee he heard the merchants telling the king about his own magical island. The Tzar decided to visit the island, and he reunited with his son, Gvidon, and his wife, the Tzarina. Happily, Gvidon married the swan princess.

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whānau,

Four weeks in already and lots of learning happening. We are happy to welcome two new students into Māhuri; Leena and Jackson, who are doing well settling in. Luckily for them, they have just arrived in time for our pre-report testing.



The term began with the first science unit - all about bumblebees, and how important they are. Students not only got to observe for themselves the differences between different types of bumblebees but also explored the importance of pollination is to all life on earth.

As one of our key learning areas this term is 'oral language', the students of Māhuri have been learning

how to project their voice, to tell a story or recite a poem. I wonder if there has been much practising at home.

As part of our story-telling the students are busy writing myths about the creation of our country. And I'm sure as you will have heard, every student is diligently training for Cross country – at the end of week 5, increasing their fitness and stamina. Last Friday was our first afternoon for Winter Sports rotation – here's hoping the weather continues to play ball.

I look forward, once again to catching up with some of you at the cross country, or our Matariki celebration.

Ka kite, Whaea Lyn



NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to my first newsletter for Rākau! I can't believe we're already in Week 4—the term is flying by and we've already covered so much great learning. Here is a brief overview of our learning so far:

- **Maths:** We've been learning about measurement, decimals, and percentages, with a strong focus on improving our basic facts through daily practice.
- **Reading:** Students are reading a range of non-fiction texts to strengthen their fluency, accuracy, ability to identify main ideas, and comprehension.
- **Writing:** We're focusing on developing sentence structure, vocabulary, grammar, punctuation, and language features, a great way to reflect on our writing, give feedback, and learn from others.
- **Spelling:** Each day we use the *STEPS* Web programme, where students complete activities to build spelling confidence and work towards a weekly goal.
- **Inquiry:** Our topic is centred on the not-so-good side of sustainability, exploring the negative impacts people have on the environment. It has sparked some really thoughtful conversations.
- **Science:** We've explored the "What's the Buzz?" science kit, learning about bumblebees and their important role in our ecosystem.
- **Leadership:** Students are learning about leadership, what it means to be a good leader and the skills involved. Students have been exploring different leadership roles and discussing ways they can demonstrate leadership within the school. Mrs Piper has been guiding them through this with some great discussions and activities.
- **Fitness:** We are training daily for cross-country to build stamina and improve our overall fitness.
- **Technology:** Each week students travel to the Intermediate School for technology lessons, where this term's focus is on sewing skills—students are currently designing and making their own cushions.

That is all from us for now. If you have any questions about your child or their learning, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Piper or myself by phone or email.

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Ngā mihi,

Miss M



2025 Some Dates to Remember

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 Int School
Friday	20 June	Matariki Statutory Holiday
Thursday	26 June	Reports Home Seniors last day of technology
Friday	27 June	Last Day Term 2

Attendance Matters!

