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Newsletter #10 2025 – Term 3 Week 7

FROM KYLIE'S DESK

Kia ora koutou katoa,

I hope this newsletter finds you all happy and well despite the wet miserable weather that we have been experiencing so far this term. Student health took a slight nosedive at the end of last week as the winter bugs took their hold – thank you to those parents who came and picked up their children promptly when they ended up sick at school – we always appreciate that this is an added interruption to your day and are grateful that you get here so quickly. Thanks also to the many parents who ring or message daily to let us know of any absences – this is a real time saver for Rochelle in the office.

As we have Board elections underway currently I would like to take a moment to thank our current Board, Drew Gillespie, Joseph Simpkin, Paul Sorensen and staff rep Sara McKinley. This team have a great understanding of their governance role and are always keen to contribute their time and expertise to guide our school forward, consistently putting in the effort to support our mission and community.

A reminder about the Rob Cope evening that the Kāhui Ako is hosting Thursday this week. I believe hearing Rob speak is essential for all parents as we help our children to navigate the digital world we live in. There is a charge for this event – if the cost prohibits your attendance please let me know so we can support you to get there. Rob is of such value that as a school we are offering additional incentives for all parents that attend. You will go into the draw to win one of two \$70 Anzac Theatre vouchers! Tickets can be purchased online OR from our school office.

And finally, make sure you have got our Learning Celebration pencilled into your diaries for Wednesday 17th September – this will have a Performing Arts focus and I am sure you will enjoy what the students have to share with you. There will be a sausage sizzle for camp fundraising available for order – more info to follow in this soon.

Mauriora,
Kylie

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

A total of four nominations were received for our Board Elections so we have proceeded to a voting election. Voting forms have been sent out and **polling closes 4pm 10th September 2025**. Please ensure your vote is received at the school office by this date and time to be valid.

GRATITUDE

Thanks to the many families who have donated lemons over the last few weeks – students have been super busy processing these to make some yummy treats!

MATHEX



Two weeks ago we had Heidi, Jariah, Leon and Rowan represent our school at the Northland Mathex Competition held at Whangārei Boys High. They did extremely well, despite some stiff competition and enjoyed the experience.



DAFFODIL DAY

Daffodil Day falls on Friday 29th August and we plan to show how much heart our school has. Children can bring along current NZ coins to add to our display and it will then be donated to the Cancer Society.



SPARE CLOTHES

We have a small collection of spare clothes that we often have to lend out if children get wet or dirty during the day – unfortunately these clothes are not being returned so we have none left – please have a hunt and return any clothes that may have come from school. We are desperately short of pants/tights for junior girls if you have a surplus we would benefit from a pair or two!

JARS & MUGS

Rākau are on the hunt for some empty clean small jars – do you use EXOTIC FOODS 200g Curry Paste? – these jars are the perfect size. We are also on the hunt for ceramic coffee mugs – if you have a surplus of useable mugs that you don't use? - we would love to repurpose them!



AG DAY 2025

We already have some animal registrations in for Ag Day. There is still plenty of time to choose a calf/lamb/goat for this years' Ag Day. Just remember the animals must be born between 1 July – 15 September. NW Central Day is set for Wednesday 5th November at Rugby Park. We encourage all children with animals to attend Central regardless of placings at our school day.

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 assembly was run by Māhuri who shared some of the amazing work they have been doing with our performing arts focus this term – the singing and dancing was a real treat!

Class awards this week went to: Rocco, Natthew, Monty, Jackson Alver, Sadie, Sara, James and Lily. Congratulations!



PATH card winners this week were Matthew, Jackson and Leon who spun and won extended break time, a dip in the treasure chest and a game of pie face.

We then also hand a handful of Māhuri students who hit their 25 milestone and chose 2 x dips in the treasure chest, 1 x pie face, 1 x extended break times and 2 x principal for an hour – congratulations Gemma, Harper, Sara, Leila, Lily and Stella.



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 have been story writing – here are some excerpts from their work.

I am surfing
on the wave.
James

The dragon was trying
to eat all my food.
Alivia

Someone was spraying
dust at us. My friend
Bella was jumping, and
my friend Alivia was
walking.
Willow

I love the beach.
I went surfing at Whangamata a few
months ago. Me and my big brother
built a sandcastle. It had a little red
flag on top, shells around the door, a
mote, and a wooden wall.
I love the sand. **Monty**

We and my friends were driving through the night. I saw a possum, but we ran over it. The possum died. We went past the mountain, and we saw some people climbing the mountain. They ran into the house that was full of stuff.
Kurt

My tree is an apple tree.
Sadie

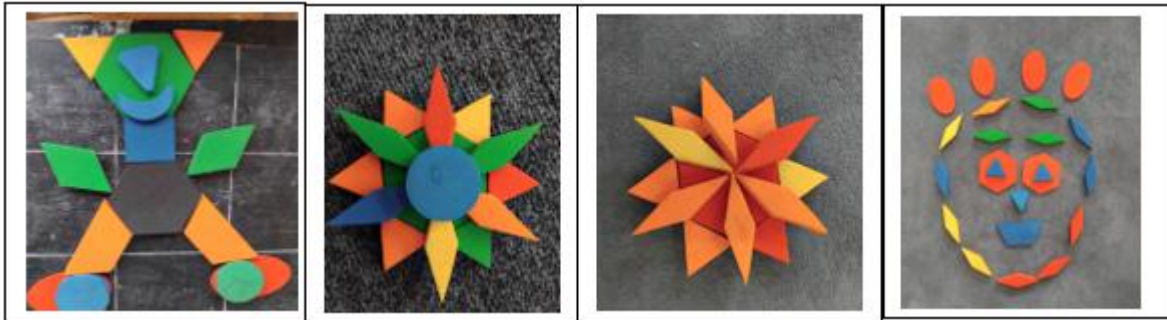
I went hunting with Dad and Harper. I was up in my treehouse, and I shot a peacock.
Hazel

Whaea Philippa

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora, e te whanau,

As week six draws to a close, the students of Māhuri move from the fraction work and into Geometry – classifying 2d and 3d shapes. We began by having some fun with shapes.



Māhuri students are enjoying both the dance and percussion music we have been experimenting with – learning to move to a beat and synchronise with others. Three teams will attend the NW Dance Competition in week 8. Some of the students are also looking forward to presenting their speeches next week in front of the school. They have been working hard learning to write persuasive arguments and have discovered some interesting facts along the way. For example, did you know that:

- 115 million animals are used and abused in laboratory experiments every year
- Whangarei A & P show hit record attendance
- 80,000 school children missed more than 30% of school learning in term 2, 2024
- 600 million farmers worldwide
- A NZ 16yr old boy invented a gardening game for Roblox and is now worth millions.

Some of the facts that have emerged from the student's research.

Next week we will receive our next science kit – Exciting Earthquakes, and then it's finishing the term producing art and sale goods for our 'Ag Day' early next term. Keep an eye out for the list of things students can choose to do at home.

See you there.

Ngā mihi, Whaea Lyn

NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Kia ora whānau,

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks in Rākau! The students have been diving into science experiments, preparing their persuasive speeches, and exploring the arts through digital music.

Here's a little look at what we've been up to:



Science: *Magnetic Madness*

For the past two weeks, our focus in science has been the Magnetic Madness kits. The students loved experimenting with magnets and discovering how they work.

We explored:

- How magnets attract or repel different materials.
- The mystery of the north and south poles and how they interact.
- Making our very own compasses, learning how magnetism helps us find direction.

It has been wonderful seeing the students' curiosity come alive as they tested, predicted, and shared their ideas with each other.



Writing: *Persuasive Speeches*

Our writing programme has been buzzing with ideas as everyone works on their persuasive speech topics. Students have been learning how to:

- Research their ideas and back them up with facts.
- Use persuasive language to capture an audience's attention.
- Speak confidently in front of others.

This week, they will be presenting their speeches to the whole school. They should be proud of the effort they've put in.



The Arts: *Digital Music Exploration*

This term our Arts focus has been on music, with a modern twist — using Chrome Music Lab to create and experiment. Students have been busy:

- Recreating familiar songs using digital tools.
- Playing with rhythm, melody, and harmony.
- Composing their own original pieces of music.

It has been fantastic to see their creativity shine through, with plenty of laughter and excitement as they test out sounds and share their music with their peers.

Ngā mihi,
Miss Mitchell



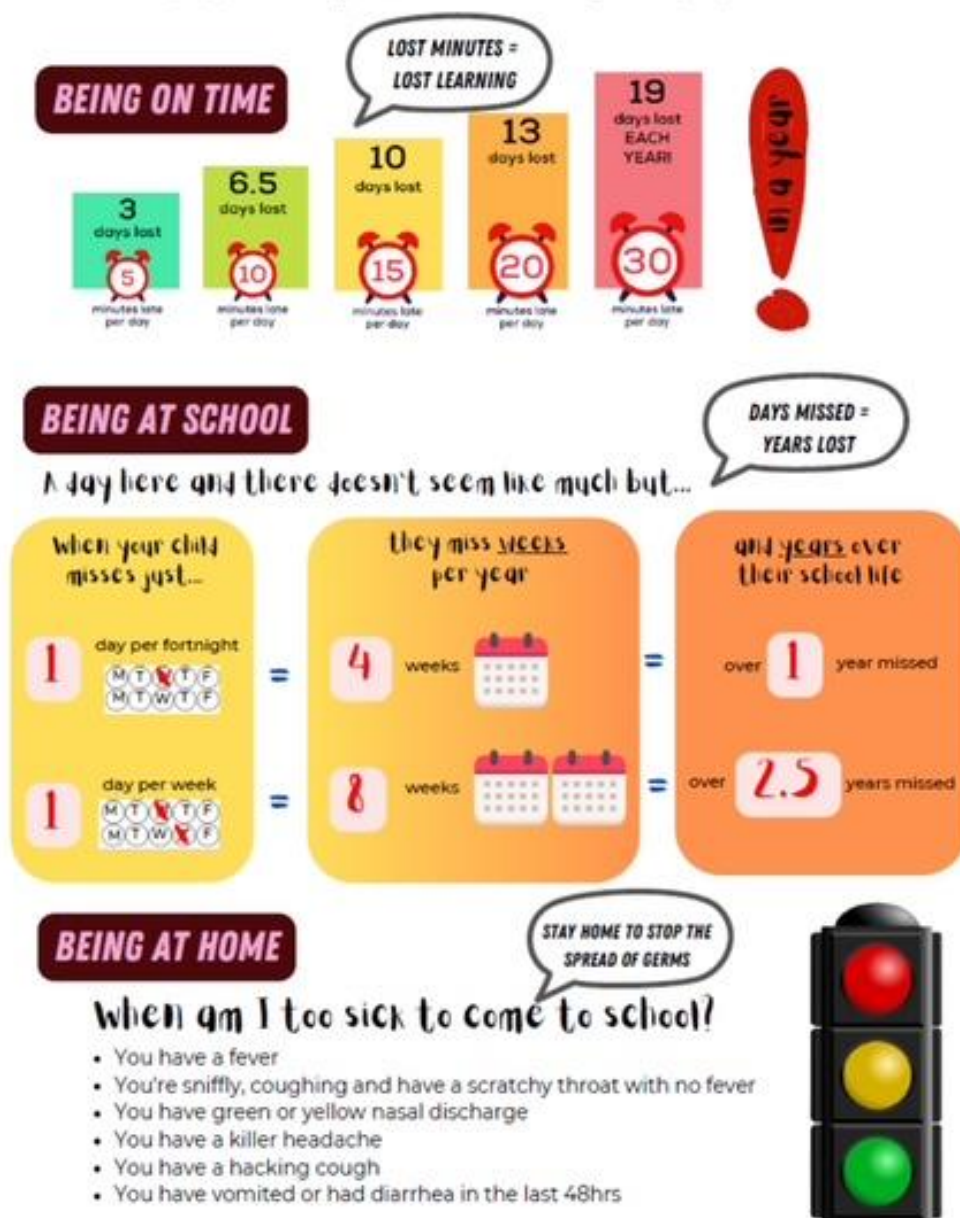
PAPER BAGS

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

2025 Some Dates to Remember

Thursday	28 August	Rob Cope KIDS ONLINE presentation – this is a MUST SEE if you have kids on devices in your home!
Friday	29 August	Daffodil Day – Coin Trail
Wednesday	10 Sept	Board Elections Close
Friday	12 Sept	Yr 7/8 Book Challenge
Wednesday	17 Sept	Learning Celebration – 5:30pm
Friday	19 Sept	Last day of Term 3 – Dress like a pirate day!
Monday	6 Oct	First day of Term 4
Friday	17 Oct	Ag Day entries to school – Flowers
Saturday	18 Oct	Ag Day
Monday	27 Oct	Labour Day Holiday

Attendance Matters!



Our Kids Online

Join filmmaker, author and speaker Rob Cope, producer of the documentary "Our Kids Online", for a talk on empowering families to ensure children's online safety.



Event proudly supported by



Attendees on the night will receive a complimentary subscription to 'Parenting in an Online World 101' and be entered in the draw for spot prizes.

Thursday 28th August
Dargaville Intermediate
5.30-7.30pm

Secure your tickets today at
<https://events.humanitix.com/our-kids-online>



Tickets:
Single - \$8
Couple - \$10
Group of 4 - \$18

Conservation Week

1-7 September 2025

TAKE ACTION FOR NATURE

Photo Competition

Send us a photo of how you Take
Action for Nature and go into the draw
to win a Kindle

Prizes for different age groups

Open to children under 18

Please include your name, age, and the
best way to contact you in your entry

Send entries to jcurel@doc.govt.nz

Draw closes midday 7 September 2025



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