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Newsletter #9 2025 – Term 3 Week 4

FROM KYLIE'S DESK

Kia ora and welcome to week 4. I hope you are all managing to stay dry and are not getting too bogged down with all the mud! We have had a busy few weeks to start the term – so much happening everywhere but I would like to take a moment to highlight a couple of things:

First of all, I would like to acknowledge ALL our fabulous whānau for attending our Parent Interviews in week 1. We really appreciate the time that you give to come and discuss your child's learning – we were thrilled to have 100% of our parents book a time AND even better, 100% of our parents showed up! SUCCESS!

Week 2 we sadly farewelled the Munro family who have moved to Ruawai – we will miss Lachlan and Ava and all the fun they brought to our school.

I would also like to acknowledge our Maths champions who represented our school at the Northern Wairoa Kāhui Ako Mathex competition on Wednesday. Our year 5/6 team of Layton, Leo, Rocco and Stella along with our Year 7/8 team of Heidi, Jariah, Leon and Rowan did exceptionally well, solving several tricky questions. Special congratulations to our Year 7/8 team who placed second out of 9 teams and will be heading along to the Northland competition in two weeks. I continue to be impressed by our students who consistently punch above their weight.



And finally, I would like to bring your attention to the Rob Cope evening that the Kāhui Ako is hosting later in the month. 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!



BUS BEHAVIOUR

Recently we have had some concerning behaviours displayed by our students while on buses which had the potential to put everyone's safety at risk. Of equal concern was the number of students who did not let anyone know what was happening. Can you please speak to your children about appropriate bus behaviour and of the importance of letting adults know if there is anything unsafe occurring. Being on the school bus is a privilege and students not displaying our school PATH values will not be allowed to continue access to this service.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Nomination forms for the Board 2025 Parent Representatives were issued in week 1. A reminder that these nominations close at midday tomorrow (Wednesday 6th August). Once nominations close, they are counted. We have 3 positions to fill so if the quantity of nominations exceeds the amount of available positions, then we proceed to a voting election.

GRATITUDE

We are so grateful to the work Whaea Philippa and her husband Craig have been doing with the turn-around garden at the front of our school. Philippa is an avid gardener and has a beautiful vision of how that space will look in a couple of years – we are so lucky to have her and Craig to execute the vision.

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!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance updates will be coming out next week. Just a reminder that medical absences are justified absences – if your child is sick we definitely want them at home!

AG DAY 2025

As we approach the calving/lambing season, a reminder for anyone wanting to rear a calf/lamb/goat for this years' Ag Day on Saturday 18th October, the animals must be born between 1 July – 15 September. An animal entry form is included with this newsletter, please return to the office by Wednesday 17th 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 Rākau who shared learning some of the learning they had been doing in class. They have been super busy writing poems and speeches, experimenting with different sentence styles, retelling stories digitally with sand art, and this term are also focusing on performing arts – they have shared some of this work further on in our newsletter.

Class awards this week went to: Acacia-Rose, Maia, Stella, Heidi, Kurt, Alivia, Zane, Sadie and Jonathan. Congratulations!

PATH card winners this week were: Matthew, Willow and Kurt who chose a mix of extended break times and dip in the treasure chest.



We also got to congratulate Emmanuel (absent), Phoenix, Monty, Acacia-Rose, Jariah and Jonathan who hit their 25 milestones this week and got to choose their own prize.

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

Phoenix was very excited during the lead up to his birthday, so we wrote about birthday parties.

➔ I am going to the beach for my party.
Alivia

➔ I had a party and there was a cake and lots of balloons. **Sadie**

➔ Why do parties have to be so short? It's sad when they are short. A birthday party is for celebrating your birth so it's for every single year. The best part of party games is friends playing with you. I have so many parties that are interrupted by crying. Guests are crying because I don't listen to them. They keep on telling me what to do. But I still like birthdays.
Bella

➔ I am playing with my minecraft toy and it is so cool. But I have more presents. **Kurt**

➔ The best part of birthdays are friends and family and presents. At parties there are lots of games and food like cake and sausage rolls. When you want someone to come, you give them an invitation. I have only had one good party in my life. I like it because I got a big cake. It was a Pikachu cake with big eyes. It is fun seeing them all have a good time enjoying the food. **Monty**

➔ I am invited to a birthday. I am turning 20 years old. I like it. Birthdays are the best. I like the cake. It is yummy. **Hazel**

➔ At my birthday party me and Monty went mining. The best thing about birthdays are friends and family. They make you laugh. I had a good party last week because my friends brought me good presents. Monty brought me mountain cars and a plastic love heart with a sloth carving. I said, "This is the best present ever!" **Phoenix**

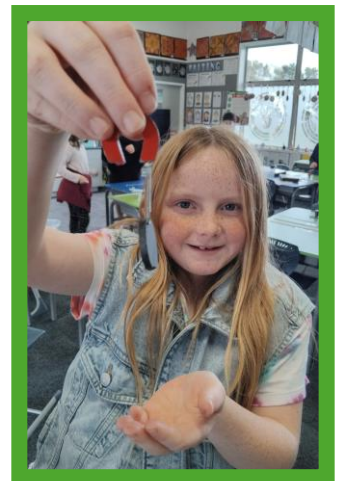
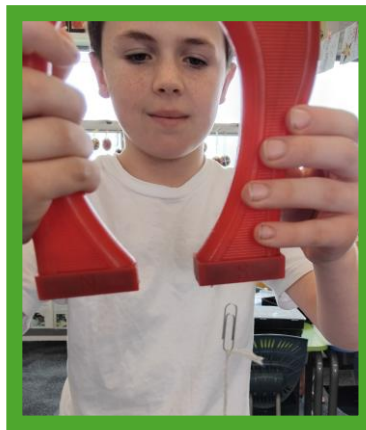
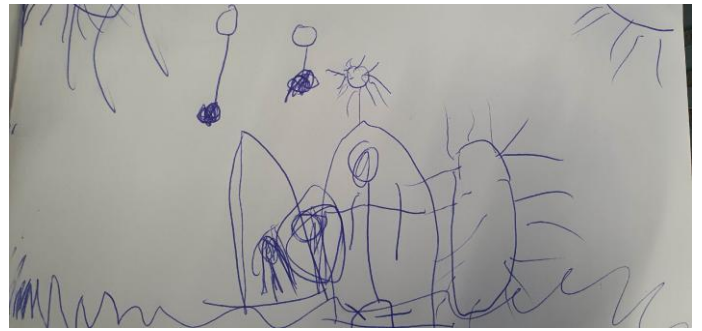
Whaea Philippa

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

Kia ora e te whanau,

Term three appears to be picking up speed as lots of awesome learning happening. It was great catching up with parents in the first week, some great chats and a few insights. I hope you found it as useful as I did.

We kicked the term off with lots of writing, firstly reports, now persuasive writing in preparation for speeches coming up later in the term, so some great discussions as you can imagine. In maths we are currently doing fractions. I'm not sure if the students are enjoying it as much as I am, but it certainly feels like lots of challenging learning going on. We started the term with performance for Topic – both music and dance. A few students are keen to enter this year's NW Dance festival coming up in a few weeks, and have been practising a lot in



their own time. This week however, we began our first science kit of the term; Magnetic Madness. And yes, lots of experimenting and learning. Did you know, for example, that the earth's magnetic fields – North and South - will every so often flip to become south and north, and then flip back again. Scientists aren't sure why, but it certainly initiated some great discussion in the classroom.

Hope you're managing to keep warm and dry.

Ka kite, Whaea Lyn

NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Kia ora koutou, below is a sample of some of the work we shared at assembly last week: I would like to present to you a writing assignment given by Mrs Piper. She gave us simple sentences which we had to turn into explore the subject sentences. Explore the subject sentences are where the writer gets a chance to add extra information, to show off about how much they know about the subject.

The first sentence was: The homework was difficult. I changed it to:

The homework, algebra equations and endless handwriting, was difficult.

The next sentence was I go to Arapohue School. I changed it to:

I go to Arapohue school, a place where the glass has to be cleaned every afternoon and where everybody knows everybody

And the final sentence was: The fire burned all night. I changed it to:

The fire, an orange blaze engulfing houses and swallowing all memories, burned all night.

By Leon

This term we are studying poems with Mrs Piper. A poem this week we looked at, is called "The Test". It is about a student making lots of excuses explaining why they failed the test—only to find out that they passed it. The excuses rhymed and had 4 syllables per line to create rhythm. With a buddy we had to keep the 1st and last lines the same as the original and come up with our own excuses.

The Test - By Natasha and Jonathan

*It's not my fault if I flunked the test.
This room's too cold to do my best.
The lights too bright,
There's a fight in sight,
My clothes are too tight,
Miss is looking,
The clock is ticking,
My stomachs aching
What's that? You say I passed the test?
Well, if I do say so, I did my best.*

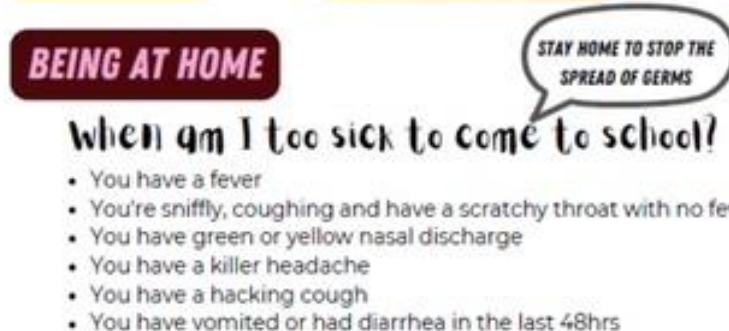
THE TEST – By Matthew and Jariah

*It's not my fault if I flunked the test
This room is too cold to do my best
What's the time
I dropped my pencil
The cat came in
Did mum pack lentils
The teachers breathing down my neck
Some kids are chatting
I need to check
If I have my tennis racket
It's getting cold
I need my jacket
And . . .
What's that? You say I passed the test?
Well, if I do say so, I did my best*

2025 Some Dates to Remember

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| Thursday | 14 August | Northland Mathex |
| 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 |
| Wednesday | 10 Sept | Board Elections |
| Friday | 12 Sept | Yr 7/8 Book Challenge |
| Wednesday | 17 Sept | Learning Celebration |
| Friday | 19 Sept | Last day of term 3 – Dress like a pirate day! |

Attendance Matters!



Animal Entry Form

Calf, Lamb, goat, piglet, kitten, hen, or duckling – check with school if there is a different animal you would like to enter.

Name _____

Age _____

Animal Type and Breed _____

Animal's Date of Birth _____

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