



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Newsletter #11 2025 – Term 3 Week 10 – TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI

FROM KYLIE'S DESK

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Here we are at the end of term three – and what a big week it is shaping up to be – we are seeing this term out with a big bang! This week we are celebrating Māori Language Week by continuing with the great work we do in this space all year round. Staff will be on the lookout for our Te Reo Champions – they will go in the draw for some pretty awesome prizes!

PLAY> EAT > LEARN>

This week we are trialling a change to how we structure our break times. We are looking at the PLAY> EAT > LEARN model where we start breaks by playing first and then bringing the children in to eat before returning to class. We are curious as to whether this will have a positive impact on some of our reluctant eaters and whether it will see children returning calmer to class and more engaged in their learning. We will review at the end of the week with staff and students to see if we would like to implement the change for term 4. We would be interested in any feedback you have regarding this – flick me an email and let me know your thoughts.

ON TUESDAY MORNING WE ARE HEADING STRAIGHT TO THE SHOWGROUNDS FOR A LEARNING CELEBRATION REHEARSAL – WE WILL GET THE BUSES TO DROP THE CHILDREN THERE STRAIGHT AWAY AND ASK PARENTS TO DO THE SAME. STAFF WILL THEN FERRY CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN WE ARE DONE.

And then to finish off the term ...

Get ready to hoist the Jolly Roger and join our crew for a day of swashbucklin' fun! On the **last day of term**, we'll be celebratin' International Talk Like a Pirate Day. We're encouragin' all our little scallywags to come dressed in their finest pirate gear and be part o' the grand adventure.

We be askin' for a small "treasure" from each of our pirates to help us with our mighty raffle next month. Instead of doubloons, we're lookin' for a donation of one or two grocery items for the raffle baskets.

So, gather yer crew and send in yer grocery item treasures with yer little pirate on the last day of term! Shiver me timbers, it's gonna be a day to remember!

See you all at the Learning Celebration on Wednesday!

Mauriora,
Kylie



NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Our Board were saddened to receive a resignation from Whaea Lyn as she is moving down to the Waikato to be closer to her family, in particular, her beautiful grandchildren. We will acknowledge her service to our school and farewell her officially closer to the end of the year but for now would like to reassure our families that as a board we will prioritise filling her position with someone who will be as committed to providing excellent learning opportunities as Lyn has been.

Our board are also having a working bee on Saturday afternoon at 2pm to plant some trees down on the bottom field as part of Stage 1 of our bike track project. They would love as many people to bring their shovels and help out – please let Rochelle in the office know you can make it.

GRATITUDE

Huge thanks to the parents who volunteer and help out when we ask – to those who have transported for trips recently, Ben Marrett, to Michaela van den Berg who helped make props for one of our plays, to Chantal Williams who managed to get us some discounted meat for our Ag Day, and to Paul Sorenson who has been working tirelessly to prepare for our bike track project. Last week he had a drone pilot here spraying gorse in the rugby field AND he has sourced native trees to be planted. PLEASE join him on the working bee on the 20th.

CONGRATUATIONS

As you will remember Rob Cope came and presented to our local community a few weeks ago about the risks of our children being online. As a school we offered some additional incentives to attend - congratulations to Madie + Ethan Wallace and to Michelle Harris -who won \$70 Anzac Theatre Vouchers.

OUT AND ABOUT REPRESENTING

On Wednesday last week Heidi represented our school at the Northern Wairoa Speech comps with her speech about Axolotls. It was a great evening with a wide range of speeches – the winner of the day was Levi Parkinson from Dargaville Intermediate with a speech about why school should start at 10am!



Following that on Friday was the Northland Inaugural Book Challenge. This was a new competition for us to enter and we were thrilled with the way Heidi, Rowan, Natasha and Stella represented our kura at this fun event. The team finished 10th out of 22 teams and walked away with a great bag of new books for our school.



DAFFODIL DAY

WOW – amazing support for the Daffodil Fundraiser earlier this month – we broke all records and showed we HAVE got the biggest heart – a generous \$204 was donated.

AG DAY 2025

We already have some animal registrations in for Ag Day. Today is the last day for the animals to be born (1 July – 15 September) and registration forms must be in by this Wednesday 17th Sep. 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 held on Thursday and was a mash up of all classes practising for our Learning celebration – we think you will enjoy seeing what they have been working on!

Class awards this week went to: Natasha, Leon, Leila, Harper, Phoenix, Bella and Gemma. Congratulations!



PATH card winners this week were Hazel, James and Leon (again!) who spun and won 2 x free time with a friend and a game of pie face.

We then 4 students who hit their 25 milestone – they all chose to dip in the newly stocked treasure chest!

We also celebrated Heidi who won a prize in the Franklin Writers Group competition - a national competition where entrants were required to write a piece on the theme "Crossroads". Heidi was placed in the top ten for the youth section. Hopefully she will share her writing with us at the Learning Celebration.

And finally we also acknowledged our clever students who participated in the Canterbury University extension exams this year. Students had a go at either English, Maths or Science, or in some cases all three! We acknowledge all of their efforts but in particular we would like to commend the following:

Layton – achieved in Science

Rocco – achieved in Science and English

Stella – achieved in English

Leon – achieved in Science

Heidi - merit in Science, achieved in Maths, excellence in English

Rowan - achieved in English.



LEGO GROUP

In Kākano Mrs Christey has started a Lego Group with some students. They use the Lego to encourage communication and strengthen teamwork, creativity and thinking skills amongst other things. Students are given a challenge to complete, they have a go at making a construction, then share about their construction and reflecting on what everyone has done. Mrs Christey takes this group and is supported by Mātua John, our Resource Teacher.

CLASS UPDATES

We are excited to be sharing our learning with everyone at the Learning Celebration on Wednesday so are saving our class updates till then.

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.

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

Wednesday 17 Sept	Learning Celebration – 5:30pm
Friday 19 Sept	Last day of T3, Dress like a pirate day, BRING A GROCERY ITEM!
Monday 6 Oct	First day of Term 4
Wednesday 8 Oct	School Photos
Friday 17 Oct	Ag Day entries to school – Flowers
Saturday 18 Oct	Ag Day
Monday 27 Oct	Labour Day Holiday
Wednesday 29 Oct	Contributing Schools Camp (29-31 st Oct)
Wednesday 5 Nov	Central Ag Day
Monday 17 Nov	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 3 Dec	Prizegiving
Friday 12 Dec	Last Day of Term 4