



ARAPOHUE SCHOOL

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Newsletter #13 2025 – Term 4 Week 6

FROM KYLIE'S DESK

It seems like as soon as we write a newsletter 100 other things creep up and we end up doing several more quick notices and updates and suddenly it is newsletter time all over again!

So to catch up, I am sure everyone has received the email updates and know by now that I am moving to the Ministry of Education for the year next year to work as Regional Leadership Advisor supporting schools across Te Tai Tokerau. As much as I know I will miss working with our students (and staff!!!) I am really looking forward to the change of space and place and the ability to have a wider impact within the education sector.

I leave you in the capable hands of Sara McKinley who will be Acting Principal, Laura Mitchel who will be teaching in Māhuri and Whaea Philippa who will continue to teach in Kākano. These ladies will be well supported by Rochelle Cleary and Catherine Christey. Last week we enjoyed a fabulous day at Action Ninja World where we gave lots of new things a go, increasing our skills and confidence along the way. This was such a fun day – huge thanks to Lorraine, Ashley, Rochelle and Maddison who supported us on the day and to ALL of you who worked with the later pick up time and no buses running – we appreciate this flexibility as it allowed us to venture slightly further out of town!

The end of year madness is starting to creep up on us and our calendar is looking quite full for the next 5 weeks – hopefully you can all keep on top of things and we hope to see you all at our Athletics Day and of course at the End of Year Prizegiving.

STAFFING UPDATES

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NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Our Board is busy getting everything in place for 2026 and we thank those that took the time to reflect on our Strategic Direction and offer input into our schools future. This along with our budget are currently being prepared as we also focus on finishing up 2025 positively. Members of our board have also recently participated in some Professional Learning to ensure that they have a good understanding of their role and are confident in the work they do.

GRATITUDE - AG DAY 2025

GOSH – what a success this event was again! This day is always a highlight on our calendar and I thank you all for the many and varied ways you supported the event. From supporting your children to complete home



entries and/or rearing an animal, setting up, packing down, manning a stall, providing flowers and/or baking, coming on the day and purchasing some quality products and great food to buying a cake – it all helps!!
THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!



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 by Kākano and was a lovely finish to a busy week

Class awards this week went to: Sadie, Emmanuel (absent), Alex, Elsie, Maia, Acacia-Rose and Matthew (absent).



PATH card winners this week were Jackson and Kurt who both spun and won free time with a friend AND Monty and Sadie who won Principal for an Hour.

We had 2

students who hit their 25 milestone – CONGRATS Rocco who chose to dip in the treasure chest and Layton who chose to play Pieface with Whaea Lyn!!

We also had several students who hit their 50 milestones so keep an eye on your letterboxes to see if you children have been extra-awesome!



AND FINALLY CONGRATS TO ALIVIA WHO WAS THE FIRST STUDENT TO HIT THE 75 MILESTONE – ROLL ON PIZZA WITH THE PRINCIPAL!!!

KĀKANO NEWS

We went to Action World and it was interesting playing this interesting game. There are bars to swing on and there was a crazy slide. **Phoenix**

I went to Action Ninja World and it was fun and it was Monty's birthday. I climbed up the rock climbing wall and it was fun.

Hazel

Whaea Lyn went down the water slide and I was trying to get up the ladder. **Willow**

I went to Ninja World and I jumped off the mat. **Sadie**

My friends are sliding down the slide with me. It was big and blue. We have to go feet first. We will get hurt if we don't. There is also a rope and the rope was thin. I had to balance on it. I went to the end and back. It was fun. **Bella**



MĀHURI NEWS

Kia ora from Māhuri,

As we find ourselves counting down the weeks to the end, our purpose is to stay focused on the learning that is still to be had. We are in our second week of our final science unit – 'Electric Future'. Where students are learning what must happen in order to control an electrical circuit.



Of course, it goes without saying the amazing fun that was had last week at Action Ninja World, despite the heat. We did our best to challenge ourselves, on some pretty scary activities and have as much fun as possible.

Māhuri students will be relieved to be almost at the end of the testing period, but thrilled, I'm sure, with their progress over the year. This is also Māhuri's student teacher; Dalina's final full week with us, she has one last day for the year next Tuesday. She has been a great asset to our learning, particularly with science and maths. She will be a valuable teacher to any school, once her studies are complete, and we wish her all the best.

Nga mihi nui, Whaea Lyn

RĀKAU NEWS

Rākau recently went on a Contributing School's Camp where we participated in challenging activities like a confidence course, multiple long tramps through the bush, and an icy swim. Through it all, every single kid made at least two friends with complete strangers-- an essential life skill.

The aim of the camp was for year 7&8s to make connections before moving on to high school, and to push ourselves to do things outside of our comfort zones.

Overall, I think the camp was a great success and everyone learned something new along the way. - Heidi

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.

2025 Some Dates to Remember

Monday	17 Nov	Teacher Only Day
Friday	21 Nov	School Athletics
Wednesday	26 Nov	Final Board Meeting
Friday	28 Nov	NW Athletics – 10am start Reports Home
Tuesday	2 Dec	Prizegiving rehearsal at Arapohue Hall
Wed	3 Dec	Prizegiving – 11AM start followed by a shared lunch
Tuesday	9 Dec	Carols Service – All Saints Church Mititai – evening
Thursday	11 Dec	FUN WATER DAY – TBC
Friday	12 Dec	Last Day of Term 4 -

School Athletics – Friday 21 Nov 2025

Please return this order form with payment by Wednesday 19th Nov

Sausage Sizzle ORDER - \$2.50 each		
NAME	Sausage (HOW MANY)	PAID - \$2.50each