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Newsletter #4 2026 – Term 2 Week 11

FROM WHAEA SARA'S DESK...

Kia ora e te whānau,

Embracing Growth: Our Journey with the New Curriculum

Our teaching team has been incredibly motivated to dive into the latest updates in education. With a positive, give-it-a-go attitude, we have been exploring exactly what these changes mean for our students and our unique school community. As part of this learning journey, we have aligned our reporting with the newly revised Years 0–10 English, Mathematics & Statistics learning areas. The update introduces new Progress Markers to define the learning milestones expected at each year level. Thank you for partnering with us and supporting change as we continue to grow our understanding and reflect on our learning.

Celebrating Cross Country Success

Earlier this term, we participated in the interschool cross country alongside Ruawai Primary. Showcasing immense determination and resilience, our students gave it their all and brought a fantastic energy to the competition. Thanks to their hard work, we had a strong, healthy representation at the NW Cross Country event. A special congratulations goes out to the runners who qualified to represent Northern Wairoa at the upcoming Northland Cross Country competition next term.

Kapa Haka

Our Kapa Haka programme offers students a wonderful opportunity to immerse themselves in Māori performing arts fostering a deep sense of belonging, confidence, and teamwork. We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful kaiako, Mia and Raiha, who have generously volunteered their time and shared their incredible passion and skill with our kura. Looking ahead, we are excited to explore how we can weave other cultures into our Kapa Haka journey, celebrating diversity within our school. We can't wait to take our performance on the road, touring local schools to showcase our Kapa Haka achievements next term.

Matariki & Learning Celebration

We wrapped up the term on a high note with our Matariki & Learning Celebration. It was wonderful to come together as a community to share a delicious hāngī and celebrate our vibrant learning environment and the meaningful connections that bring us together. A massive thank you to our students for preparing the feast, to our families for their generous donations of kai, and to the hāngī team for all their mahi.

The team at Arapohue School, wish you all a safe, relaxing, and well-deserved term break. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for more learning adventures in term 3.

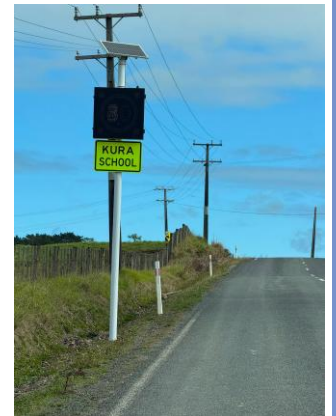
Ngā mihi maioha
Sara McKinley

PIE DAY FRIDAY

It's official... Pie Day Friday has been a hit! With overwhelming requests, we have decided to continue this for Term 3 while the weather is cooler. Orders can be placed weekly (or ordered and paid for in advance if you prefer) at the office before 10am Friday. Online payments are welcome. New order forms will be issued week 1 of Term 3.

NEW SPEED RESTRICTIONS

New speed restriction signs have been installed on the approach to the school grounds in both directions to limit the vehicle speed past our school to 60km/h. We welcome this new safety measure to help protect our school whanau.



WINTER BLUES

This week has been overshadowed by winter illnesses amongst our students. Heading into the winter weather of Term 3, please ensure your children have warm clothing with them before leaving home. We do have some jackets and shoes if anyone may require them. Thank you for keeping your unwell children at home.

AG SHOW DAY

We have booked Saturday 17th October 2026 for our Ag Show Day this year. A reminder for anyone wanting to bring a Calf, Lamb or Goat to show, they need to be born between 1 July and 15 September 2026. If you are wanting your child to have an animal but do not have the contacts to source one, please let us know and we will endeavour to assist.



MANA AKE PROGRAMME

Next term we will be joined by Chelsea, our new Mana Ake Kaimahi. This is a fantastic initiative available to our ākonga. Chelsea will visit every Friday to provide support in our kura environment and build relationships with students and whānau.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

A reminder if your children are not eating the School Collective lunches please make sure they have adequate food for the day. We are seeing an increased number of students not wanting the lunches provided but are not bringing alternative food to sustain them for the school day.

Mana Ake Kaimahi



Chelsea Isaacs-Mathewson

Ko Tokatoka rāua ko Tutamoe me Tangihua ngā maunga
Ko te Wairoa te awa
Ko Māhuhu-ki-te-rangi me Ngātokimatawhaorua ngā waka
Ko Ngāti Whātua te iwi
Ko Ōtūrei, Te Houhonga me Tangiteroria ngā marae

Ko CHELSEA ahau

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa

KIA ORA

I am excited to be working with your tamariki through the Mana Ake programme. My role is to support children to build confidence, resilience, positive relationships, and emotional wellbeing in a safe and supportive environment. I enjoy helping tamariki discover their strengths and develop skills that will support them both at school and at home. I look forward to getting to know your tamariki and working alongside whānau and kura to help them thrive.

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

Term 2 policies	Review opens 20 April
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily Kura Bus*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kura Swimming Pool*/ Swimming Off Site*	Board review
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)	Board review
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EOTC Risk Assessment and Management	

BUS/PICKUP CHANGES

Please ensure any changes to afternoon bus/pickup routines are phoned (09 439 7513), texted (021 08826534), or emailed (rochelle@arapohue.school.nz) to the office prior to 1pm. The office is unmanned after 1pm.



NEWS FROM KĀKANO

Student voice:

Bella Neighbours - My favourite science experiment was when we had to put our hands into icy cold water for as long as we could stand it. Then we used blubber gloves and it changed everything. I liked setting up the classroom for Matariki and seeing everyone's reaction because it was so beautiful. I'm looking forward to raising a calf for AG day and getting even better at maths.

Sadie Wallace - We used a tuning fork to make rainbow rice jump up and down on a drum. It showed that sound moves. We listened to the different sounds in the bush. I'm doing steps web now and I want to do more activities next term at school.

Ariha Bray - I took my book home and I read it to Mummy. And I read it all by myself. I'm going to do more reading next term. I'm going to try the hangi today because I couldn't come to Matariki.

Amelia Kemp - I like doing all the science experiments because it's fun to find out by doing things. We looked at little cookies of wood to find out how old the trees are. On Maths Whizz it's really fun and I am a whizz champion. I learnt different ways to add 9 to a number to make it easy. I love art so I'm excited about getting ready for AG Day next term.

Hazel Israelson - I've just started doing Steps this term and I'm doing well because I really concentrate. I like learning phonics when we write on the whiteboards and make words that look how they are meant to look. I loved the food for Matariki and sharing with my family and friends. I can't wait for AG Day because I'm getting better at leading Junior and Ice Cream.

Kurt Lugtigheid - I like learning about Antarctica and hearing the story about Ernest Shackleton. He went to Antarctica and his ship got stuck in the ice. They had to make their own fun. They played soccer and they killed penguins and seals. I know my ten times table and I like Maths Whizz.

NEWS FROM MĀHURI

My favourite things from Term 2: I enjoyed the learning celebration. It was fun. I loved doing the kapa haka in front of my family. I learnt division and multiplication in maths. In reading, finding the meaning to new words and topics.

I am proud of getting into the Northern Wairoa Cross Country because I was racing against a lot of other kids.

What am I looking forward to in Term 3: I can't wait to learn about space and rockets in the new science kits. I improve multiplication so I can get faster in the times table Charts .

By Monty Douglas

My highlights from Term Two: I enjoyed learning about Antarctica, which was a science kit topic.

I learnt how important Antarctica is to our environment, how different animals live there and how they survive.

I am proud of all the things i have participated in of our Kapa Haka performance in front of our families for the Matariki Celebration

I am looking forward to in Term 3: I can't wait to do all the preparation for the upcoming AG day. And overall just AG day, which I am rearing a calf to show.

I hope to learn more about space, as this is the topic for our next science kit.

I want to improve on my writing vocabulary and learn to spell better.

By Harper Israelson



My favourite things from Term 2:

I enjoyed learning a new haka, from our Kapa Haka teachers. Also learning about how Antarctica is important to our environment as well as the animals and their life cycles. I learnt that the Antarctica Fur seal holds the record for the deepest diving seal. I was proud of how our group of students performed at the matariki celebration.

I am looking forward to in Term 3:

Even though I won't be there for Term 3, I look forward to going on a trip to Germany to see my family. But I still hope to learn lots on my trip. I would like to improve my kapa haka skills with that I mean my pukana, and my actions to the waiata and haka we learn.

By Lily Meduna

My favourite things from Term 2:

I enjoyed reading about wasps and their life cycle and how to protect our environment.

I learnt a trick with division it is multiplication backwards.

Something I was proud of was being the fastest kid in school and at Cross Country.

What am I looking forward to in term 3:

- To get back to reading and learning about all the different topics.
- I hope to learn more about maths so I can get faster at my multiplication.

By Jackson Sears

My favourite things from term 2:

I enjoyed writing and the different topics we learned about.

I learnt how to write using a picture prompt about a trap door and how to set out my writing properly as well as add more interesting words to make my writing better.

I am proud of doing the Kapa Haka in front of my family at the Matariki learning celebration.

I am looking forward to in Term 3:

I can't wait to learn about space and rockets in the new science kits.

I hope to learn more in reading as I need to improve on answering my question tasks using the books we read.

By Alex Neighbours

NEWS FROM RĀKAU

Student Voice:

Jonathan: I'm most proud of improving my skills in both math and writing. Next term, I am really looking forward to challenging myself with algebra and representing our class in the Mathex competition.

Natasha: I am most proud of my progress in math and writing so far. I am excited to see what new topics we are going to learn next.

Ripeka : I am most proud of my involvement in Kapa Haka, as well as my writing and participating in the Book Battle. I'm also really proud of building the confidence to speak in front of an audience and clearly express my thoughts. Looking ahead, I can't wait for more Kapa Haka performances over the next couple of terms.

Rocco: I am most proud of all the competitions that I have entered this year. I just love entering and competing against other schools. I'm looking forward to all the new things I am going to learn and having the opportunity to participate in more competitions.

Jackson: I am most proud of my learning with Math Whizz and having the chance to share my music with the class. I'm really excited for all the fun activities we will do together this year.





Matariki

LEARNING CELEBRATION

Celebrating our past, looking to our future.



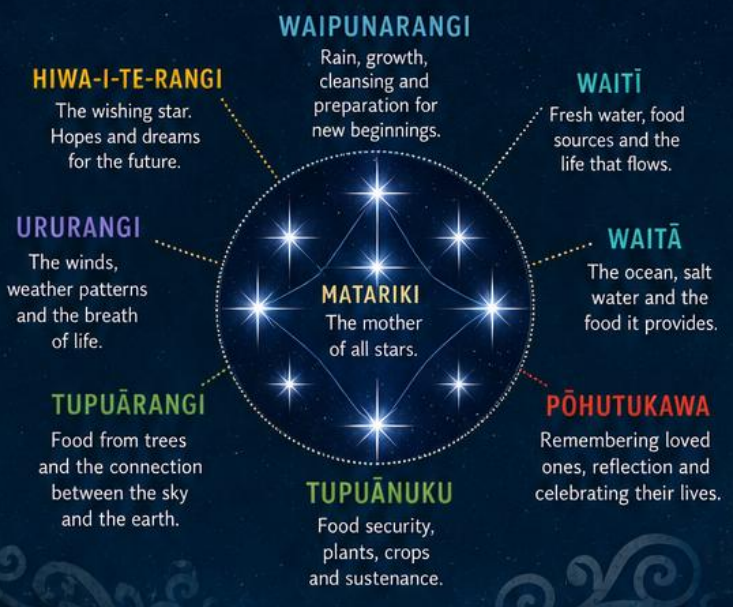
The 9 Matariki Stars

Matariki is the Māori New Year – a time to remember those we have lost, celebrate with those we love and look ahead to new beginnings.

Matariki is the main star – the mother of all stars.

WHAT IS Matariki?

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Ngā whetu o Matariki

The nine stars rise together as a reminder that we are all connected – to each other, to our whānau, and to the world around us.



We are so proud of our ākonga for their hard work and dedication, confidence and beautiful performances at our

Matariki Learning Celebration.

Ngā mihi to all the whānau for your support. ❤️

Wishing all our families a safe and happy holiday.

See you back in Term 3!

2026 Save the Dates

Friday	3 July	Last Day of Term 2
Monday	20 July	First Day of Term 3
Friday	18 Sept	Teacher Only Day - professional learning day for teachers
Monday	20 July	Term 3 begins
Tuesday	28 July	NW Mathex Year 5+
Wednesday	5 August	Storylines - An author presentation at school
Tuesday	11 August	Arapohue School Board Hui
Thursday	13 August	Whangārei Mathex Y5+
Monday	31 August	KIWI Spelling Competition Y5+
Wednesday	2 September	NW Dance
Tuesday	15 September	Arapohue School Board Hui
Friday	18 September	Teacher Only Day - professional learning day for teachers
Friday	25 September	Last day of Term 3
Monday	12 October	Term 4 begins
Saturday	17 October	Arapohue Ag Day 2026
Monday	26 October	Labour Day - Public Holiday
Monday	16 November	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday	15 December	Last day of Term 4

*Prizegiving date TBC

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DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

Term 3 2026

Te Manawa Tahī is a learning support hub where you can talk to educational professionals about your child's learning needs. This is a free service.

If you have a concern about your child's language development, learning progress, social and emotional well-being or behaviour, Te Manawa Tahī have specialists available so you can discuss your concerns directly with them.

All hubs are open from 9:00am until 12:00pm unless otherwise stated.

Te Manawa Tahī COMMUNITY TIMETABLE Whangārei, Bream Bay and Kaipara

Date	Hub Locations	Term 3 2026, Weeks 1 to 5
Mon 27 th Jul	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 29 th Jul	Bream Bay Community Trust, 9 Takutai Place, Ruakākā	
Thur 30 th Jul	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	
Thur 6 th Aug	Onerahi Community House, 130 Onerahi Road, Onerahi	
Wed 12 th Aug	Early Years Hub, 28 Hokianga Road, Dargaville	
Mon 17 th Aug	Clark Road Chapel, 4-6 Clark Road, Kamo	
Wed 19 th Aug	Ministry of Education, 24 Kaka St, Morningside	

Drop into a hub or to see a Speech Language Therapist make an appointment by phoning 0800 524 842 or emailing TT.Support@education.govt.nz

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