ARARIMU SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

26 November 2026

Term 4 - Week 7

Congratulations to our 33 students who took part in the Weetbix Tryathlon this week. I know the day was very very hot with lots of fun thrown in. What a great way to introduce yourself to the love of Multi Sport (triathlon, duathlon). New Zealand has many great multisport athletes, whose shoes you could follow in!

You may have noticed that we have the Hungerball Inflatable set up on the turf for the next few weeks. It is such a fun game and our students just love it. Because this is set up on the turf, the turf gate will be kept locked and the turf unavailable for use from Tuesday to Thursday. The Hungerball inflatable is just too large to move in and out daily.

From my office I can hear many students having a great time in the swimming pool. The life jackets are a hit and help our students become more safety wise in the pool.

As we near the end of the year I ask that you pay any accounts you have outstanding. I know the economy is tight, and this also applies to school spending. We just cannot afford to carry non-payment of expenses like trips, camps and uniform.

I had the privilege of watching our Kapa Haka perform at the Cultural Festival recently and they were just awesome. Mariana, Evan, Jojo and Sarah all do a great job of preparing them for this event. So much work has gone on behind the scenes to ensure this day is successful and I want to thank them for this. We are truly blessed to have their support and dedication.

As our Surplus Staffing process comes to an end I am aiming to share more information about 2027 classes and structure with you in Week 9. I thank you for your patience as we work through this.

Happy swimming!

Craig Henderson
Principal

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY AWARDS



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Week 2 Thursday 22nd October	SUBWAY
Week 4 Thursday 5th November	SUSHI
Week 6 Thursday 19th November	SUBWAY
Week 8 Thursday 3rd December	SUSHI

School Lunch Schedule
Order by 9.00 am Thursday at
www.dollarforschools.co.nz

NEWSLETTER	26 Nov & 10 Dec
YR 7 & 8 TECH.	Every Wednesday – 11:00 to 1:20 pm Rosehill Intermediate
KAPA HAKA	Every Thursday 2:00 – 3:00pm In the Hall or Rm 8
LAUNCHPAD (Bible)	Every Wednesday 2:25 to 3:00 In the Hall
PIANO LESSONS	Every Wednesday with Kathy (for booked students)
GUITAR LESSONS	Every Monday with Sean (for booked students)



LIMITED AMOUNT OF ARARIMU POOL KEYS AVAILABLE

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SWIMMING

Making a splash • Building confidence • Having fun












LIFE JACKET SAFETY



- Wear it properly
- Keep it fastened
- It helps you float
- Stay safe in the water!



My Kapa Haka Festival Experience

HUNUA CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2026 • MARETAI BEACH SCHOOL, BEACHLANDS

On the 13th of November it was very hot but perfect for The Kapa Haka festival at Maretai Beach school in Beachlands. When we got there the welcoming ceremony had already started but we just heard the health and safety briefing. Once that was accomplished we ate our morning tea and then we were granted permission to go on the playground. On the playground there was a castle but I couldn't get up so Georgia gave me a leg up, I was the first one up and then Iver, then Raymond but then Samuel yelled "Oi! You are not meant to be up there because it is under repairs."

When that was finished we had to get dressed in our kapahaka uniform. The teachers whaea Mariana, whaea kakariki, whaea Jojo and Matua Even helped us get ready. The girls uniform was a blue navy ironed dress, a patterned belt, a feather clip that sat on our shoulder and a headband with a feather behind our ear.

The boys had to wear a patterned sash and some shorts, then we did a practice and sang in our group huddle.

After we sang we headed into the backstage area, sprawled out across the table were refreshments but we were not allowed them. The girls had to wiri which was quite good because my hands were quivering with nerves and sweat beaded down my forehead. After the last boy came into the backstage area we tiptoed into position and started to sing Harea Mai. It sounded beautiful, like we were in a choir. I beamed with pride as I saw everyones cheerful faces. Next Zarah conducted us to sing 'Te Maiti Waka', I was smiling as I sang it in a prideful tone.

After we finished everyone clapped and cheered and then the Haka began. Sava stood proudly as his voice echoed around the hall. Then the Haka finished with a feisty pukana. We all looked very scary. The crowd was very impressed by it and whispered statements of greatness to each other.

We then toned down the scariness and sang a beautiful song called 'Purianea'. When we finished the crowd applauded us and shouted "WAY TO GO" "YOU ARE SO GOOD" "WELL DONE". We then walked out.

I felt very proud of myself, I couldn't have done better than what I did. Kapa Haka is very special to me because I don't get to speak it at home but the teachers teach me all the vowels and the cool songs. I am speaking for all the Kapa Haka students, thank you Kapa haka teachers for all your great work. It means so much to us.

By Isla Blackler

Term Four Events Calendar

Monday 12th October	Term Four Starts at 9.00 am
Wednesday 14th October	Group Day - last day for entries is Monday 14th October. Enter in the school office
Thursday 15th October	Year 8 Graduation Planning Meeting online at 6.30 pm for current Year 8 Families
Wednesday 21st October	NZ Shakeout Day - Earthquake Drill Practice
Thursday 22nd October	EPro8 School Finals for all teams
Thursday 22nd October	Subway Lunches
Friday 23rd October	Senior Athletics (AM)
Monday 26th October	Labour Day - School Closed
Tuesday 27th October	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30 pm in the staffroom.
Tuesday 3rd November	ECCS Athletics for selected students
Thursday 5th November	Sushi Lunches
Friday 13th November	Hunua Cultural Festival
Tuesday 17th November	Counties Athletics
Thursday 19th November	Subway Lunches
Friday 20th November	Ararimu's Got Talent Finals
Tuesday 24th November	Weetbix Tryathlon
Monday 30th November	Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30 pm in the staffroom.
Thursday 3rd December	Sushi Lunches
Monday 7th December	Helpers Morning Tea for 2026
Friday 11th December	Hard copy of End of Year Report comes home
Tuesday 15th December	End of Year Prize-giving
Wednesday 16th December	School finishes at 1.00 pm

Please note: There will be other events added throughout the term.

You are invited to our Helper's Morning Tea on Monday 7th December, it is for the wonderful parents or caregivers that helped with anything during the year.

RSVP on or before 27 November to office@ararimu.school.nz



Prize-giving 2026

Date: Tuesday 15th December

Venue: Ararimu Hall

Doors Open: 5.30 pm

Start Time: 6.00 pm

ALL Students are expected to attend

Order of Events

Welcome
Board of Trustees Report 2026
PTA Report 2026
Class Awards for Years 0, 1 & 2
Kapa Haka Performance
Principal's Report
Class Awards for Years 3, 4
Class Awards for Years 5, 6, 7 & 8
School Song
William Pike Challenge Certificates presented
Leaders announced for 2027
Special Awards
Year 8 Leavers Presentation
Close of Evening

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Ararimu's Got Talent

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FINALS

Friday 4th December
Venue: Ararimu Hall
Start Time: 9.15 am



Audition Order	Junior
Tessa Cunningham	Dance
Asher Nixon	Magic
Ruby Marsh	Dance
Isla Blackler & Taylor Jacobson	Dancing & Singing
Zarah & Alyssa Rudduck	Dance
Half time Entertainment	**Room 2 Dance**
Audition Order	**Senior**
Lucy Man	Rythmic Gymnastics
Ella Corbett & Aria Morgan	Dance
Charlie Holdaway	Piano
Sava Wolfgram	Dance
Anri van der Veer & Lucy Man	Dance
End Entertainment	**Band**

Prizes for Junior, Senior and an Overall Winner

HELENSVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Celebrating 150 YEARS in 2027!



Welcome to Our 150th Anniversary Newsletter

In 2027, Helensville Primary School will proudly celebrate 150 years of learning, friendship and connection within our community. This newsletter has been created to bring everyone along on the journey as we prepare to recognise this very special milestone.

Over the coming months, we hope to share stories and memories from past students, staff and whānau. We would love to hear about your adventures at Helensville Primary School, the friendships you made, the teachers you remember, the special events you enjoyed and the moments that have stayed with you. We are also keen to hear where life has taken you since leaving our school.

We invite our community to dig out old photographs, share treasured memories and help us celebrate the people and stories that have shaped our school over the past 150 years.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Save The Date :** *4th and 5th June 2027*
- **Spotlight On:** *Georgia Logan*
- **Draft Schedule Of Events**



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FROM ARARIMU SCHOOL OFFICE - SELLING FAST

Mōrena,

My name is Gineke Barclay and I'm the Club Development Manager at Drury Football Club. Our goal is to get as many kids from our community having fun and playing football as we can so we'd love it if there was a way we could reach out to your school community about options for playing next year.

We have three main things we'd love to promote:

- Girls-only Fantail programme - this is for girls aged 5-12 years old to give football a go in a safe girls-only environment without the pressures of joining a team, playing competition matches etc. (this is a term-based programme which carries a small fee of around $20 per term to join)
- Fun Summer Footy - this is for all tamariki aged 4-15 years old and runs in January/February before the winter season kicks off so kids have a chance to give football a go in a super social environment. There is no fee or registration at all for this, children just show up on the day and get placed into teams with others of the same age for some social small-sided games
- Winter Football - this is the regular season of football with full registration, organised teams + planned competition from April-September, we will have musters, sign up days etc before kicking off. We have teams available from 4 year olds right up to high school.

We already have children playing in the above sections from our local schools so would love it if you could please let us know if there is a way we could pass on some information to your school community, perhaps in the new year or at the end of this term? Just let me know and I can put something together to suit.

Thanks in advance for your help, I know this time of year is peak burn-out season for kaiako and school administrators 💛

Gineke Barclay
Club Development Manager
Drury United Football Club

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Parenting *Talk*

Tackling Technology



DATE
6pm
Tues 10 Nov

VENUE
Ramarama School

FREE EVENT
Includes light refreshments

RSVP

Raising kids in a *digital* world

Technology can be a helpful tool, but it's also a minefield – especially for our kids!

With the latest information on topics including cyberbullying, grooming and sextortion, as well as insights on parental controls, appropriate boundaries and healthy habits, this talk is your vital guide to keeping kids safer online.



Kristin Ward, Parent Coach
With a background in social work and child & adolescent mental health, Kristin helps parents to be on the same team as their kids, no matter what challenging behaviour they are facing.

Parenting Place

KIA ORA AKE





Please contact Sean if your child is interested in Guitar Lessons.

Downloading the Skool Loop app
a step by step guide



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1. Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
2. Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
3. Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side. You can select as many schools as required.
4. Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
5. Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
6. Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.
7. Use the circular arrow button at the top of the main screen to toggle between your chosen schools.

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1. Go to the 'Settings' tile in the bottom right hand corner of the Home Screen
2. Go to 'Subscribe to groups'
3. Tap to select the group/s you would like to receive notifications from
4. You're good to go - you will now receive all notices sent to the groups you have subscribed to



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