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## 15th December 2023 Principal Report

Week 10

This is our final newsletter for the year and what a fantastic year it has been. We look forward to celebrating with you all at our Celebration of Learning on Tuesday. Reports will go home with students on Wednesday.

With COVID not having such an impact in 2023 we have been able to have open days and events that encourage our community to come along to our school:

- 14/15 Jan PTA Fishing Comp
- 20 Feb Meet and Greet
- 11 Mar PTA Ultra Marathon
- 9 Mar Swimming Sports
- 24 Mar Little Heart Day
- 1 April Working Bee
- 6 April Shared lunch

We've also been fortunate to have our students attend events outside of school:

- 15 Mar Cluster Swimming
- 21 Mar RATS Duathlon
- 5 Apr CBOP Swimming
- 9 May Fell Cup
- 10 May Weetbix TRYathlon
- 11 May Forestry nursery trip
- 24 May Fun Run
- 31 May Cluster Cross Country
- 5-9 June Hillary Camp
- 17 June PTA Amazing race
- 9 Aug Disco
- 11 August Wacky Hair Day / Shave for a Cure
- 14 Aug Science Roadshow
- 18 Aug Cultural Festival
- 4-8 Sept Scholastic Book Fair
- Nov-Dec 3 Parent Curriculum evenings
- 11-15 Dec Senior Camp

A huge thank you to all that supported us over the year. A special thanks to those that toil away in the background, also a massive thanks to Rodger Scott for keeping the boiler going over the winter and now during the summer for our pool. Thanks to Stevie Simeon for taking students for environmental studies and pest control around our school and domain area

The children have also been active in helping keep the school up to standard and safe. De-nailing the garden edging and a little bit of plumbing.



A massive **thank you** goes to;

**Our amazing staff:** Miss Harris, Miss Gow, Mrs Trumper, Mrs Arnott, Whaea Carla, Whaea Rora, Whaea Sarah, Whaea Adelaide, Mrs Anna and Mrs Druery.

**Our Board:** Bianca Sterkenburg, Catherine Farrell, Daniel Schutt, Norm Armer, MaryAnn Martin and Natalie Gow.

**Our PTA:** Sam Allen, Anna McMillan, Katie Page, Adelle Pacey, Marian Brensell, Ranee Perry and Angela Robinson

**And to you,** the parents and whanau, who all made a massive contribution to the children's accelerated learning for 2023. Below are the results of our targets for 2023.

### Targets 2023

#### Target 1

**All priority learners who are achieving more than one year below expected curriculum levels at the start of the year will demonstrate accelerated progress by the end of 2023**

Target	# Students	% Progress
Reading	9/9	100
Writing	12/12	100
Maths	5/5	100
	26/26	100

Targeted Students have been making 2 years to 8 months in a term of accelerated progress.

### Writing whole school curriculum levels

Curriculum	Target 2024					
Year	>1yr	<1yr	Level	Extended		91%
1	0	0	78	22		100
2	0	0	57	43		100
3	0	57	29	14		100
4	0	60	40	0		100
5	16	50	16	16		82
6	16	16	33	33		82
7	0	0	100	0		100
8	33	33	33	0		66

Maori Curriculum	Target					
Year	>1yr	<1yr	Level	Extended		84%
1	0	0	50	50		100
2		100				100
3		50		50		100
4				100		100
5	25	75				75
6		100				100
7		33	66			100
8	100					

Writing					
Progress					
LRS %	LP	P	AP		
all	9	29	61		90
Boys	6	31	63		94
Girls	13	27	60		87
Maori	16	55	28		83

### Reading whole school curriculum levels

Curriculum	Target 2024					Within Level
Year	>1yr	<1yr	Level	Extended		96%
1	0	0	75	25		100
2	0	14	57	29		100
3	0	75	0	25		100
4	0	40	40	20		100
5	16	0	16	67		83
6	12	0	25	63		88
7	0	0	100	0		100
8	0	0	0	100		100

Maori Curriculum	Target					Within Level
Year	>1yr	<1yr	Level	Extended		94%
1	0	0	50	50		100
2	0	50	50	0		100
3	50	0	0	50		50
4	0	100	0	0		100
5	0	0	33	66		100
6	0	0	100	0		100
7	0	0	100	0		100
8	0	0	0	100		100

Reading					
Progress					
LRS %	LP	P	AP		
all	0	40	60		100
Boys	0	44	56		100
Girls	0	35	65		100
Maori	0	44	56		100

### Maths whole school curriculum levels

Curriculum	Target 2024					Within Level
Year	>1 yr	<1yr	Level	Extended		87%
1	0	0	75	25		100
2	0	14	43	43		100
3	0	14	57	29		100
4	0	40	40	20		100
5	37	25	13	25		63
6	0	0	67	33		100
7	33	33	33	0		66
8	33	0	0	66		66

Maori Curriculum	Target					Within Level
Year	>1yr	<1yr	Level	Extended		77%
1	0	100	0	0		100
2	0	0	25	75		100
3	0	50	25	25		100
4	0	50	50	0		100
5	50	50	0	0		50
6	0	0	100	0		100
7	33	33	33	0		66
8	100	0	0	0		0

Maths					
Progress					
LRS %	LP	P	AP		
all	2	44	54		98
Boys		48	52		100
Girls	4	39	57		96
Maori		43	57		100

### What has contributed to target students accelerated progress:

#### We believe that:

- The appointment of a specialist teacher to target our students needs and to work with the teachers, LSC and RTLB.
- The goals set in CAPs meeting - not all are academic as some students require assistance with physical and emotional barriers to learning.
- Where ever possible we have sort assistance from outside agencies
- Students taking responsibility for their own learning and seeing themselves as learners.
- The targeted programmes have had a positive effect on student learning.
- The link to our Progression books and having individual/personalised targets for each child.
- Regular reflection and discussion times at staff meetings

#### Barriers to the learning:

- Pastoral - with students having issues that are not school related and these affect their mental and emotional state.
- Attendance of some target students is still a concern.

## Where to next

Continue with the programme as it stands and continue to work with whanau and parents to support students at school. We are also working closely with parents and whanau on attendance.

## Target 2024

All priority learners who are achieving more than one year below expected curriculum levels at the start of the year will demonstrate accelerated progress by the end of 2024

## Target 2

**To improve attendance and engagement to achieve 90% or higher in attendance.**

Unjustified absence **6.1%**

Justified absence **6.5%**

Present **87%**

Justified and present **93.5%**

56% of students attendance at **90%>**

24% of students attendance at **80-90%**

80% of students are present 80% of the time

## Target 2024

Next year will be looking at having 75% attendance 90% or above

## End of Year Celebration of Learning

Our Celebration of Learning/Prizegiving will be held next week on Tuesday the 19th of December.

Celebration of Learning Programme schedule:

Junior Celebration of Learning 9.30am	Senior Celebration of Learning 11.30am
Karakia Timatanga	Karakia Timatanga
Welcome	Welcome
Waiata	Waiata
Tupu showcase	Rakau showcase
Academic Effort & Progress awards.	Sports and Academic awards
Christmas song	Academic Effort & Progress awards.
Karakia	Farewells
Whakamutunga	Christmas song
	Karakia
	Whakamutunga

## Last day of school

**School will finish at 1.00pm on Wednesday 20th December. Buses will depart school from 1.00pm.**

## 2024

### Classes

Year 0-2	Miss Harris
Year 2-4	Mrs Trumper
Year 4-8	Miss Gow
Target Teacher	Mrs Arnott

## Support Staff

Teacher aides	Rora Arnott and Sarah Scott
Cleaning	Mrs Druery and Anna McMillian
Grounds	Anna McMillian
Office	Carla Williams

## Stationery

School stationery packs will be supplied for all of our students returning in 2024 (and known new entrants). This decision was made to support our families during these financially difficult times. For any other students not yet advised, stationery lists will be available online via Qizzle.



We reckon they look pretty snazzy! Thank you!



Check out our fabulous new hi vis vests, kindly donated by Brent Macartney - Territory Manager from Brandt equipment.



Have a wonderful festive break with the children and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

## Dates to Remember

Tue 19 Dec	Celebration of Learning
Wed 20 Dec	Last day of school - 1.00pm finish
Wed 7 Feb	Term 1 2024 starts

Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌



Last week's certificates went to...

Charlie Whitworth for always being a team player  
Nikau Mohi for

amazing story writing  
Paige Jepsen for being polite and caring  
Cooper Scott for being a great leader  
Principal Certificate went to...  
Cecelia Dunlop and Salem O'Brien for whanaungatanga



## House Points

Each week we will be giving out a house cup to the house that's in the lead. Students can earn house points by following our school rules, being on task and even when they get caught being awesome.

Our house leaders are:

**Tarawera** - Connor McMillan & Josh Roberts

**Kakaramea** - Holly Rogers & Ezekiel Poumako-Bartlett

Congratulations to our house winner for

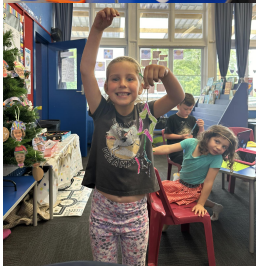
last week.. **Tarawera!**



## TUPU AND MAHURI'S CHRISTMAS CRAFT WEEK



This week Tupu and Mahuri combined into one to make awesome Christmas crafts. Students got to make cards, wreaths, edible Christmas trees and more! They all had a fun time; it was a great way to finish week 10!



We've ended our Christmas craft week with a camp day at school! The kids put up tents together, read books, roasted marshmallows, played with bubbles and more! It was a lot of fun and a great way to end the term.



## RAKAU

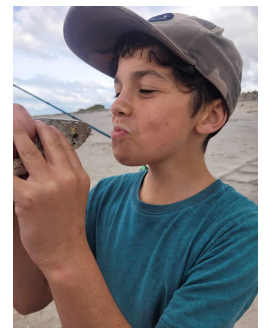
What is Jackie Chan's favourite drink?

Wah-ter!

Rakau had an amazing time at Thornton Beach. Some of our highlights were going fishing, finding and trying Kina at Otarawairere, making each other into sand art mermaids, trying white bait fritters and smoking the fish we caught!



We visited Mr Whalley's wharf for morning tea and got to see Elsa the calf. We also got to see where Miss Gow grew up.



Thank you again to our parent helpers, also the Thornton area locals who showed the kids how to clean fish, open Kina and donated whitebait for them to try.

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Ng ā mihi, Rakau



## 2024 Fishing Competition Sponsors

The PTA would like to thank the following companies/people for their AMAZING support toward our 2024 Fishing Competition. All of your support has been phenomenal this year, thank you!

- PIAKO TRACTORS
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- Rainbow Mountain Quarries
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And all the amazing people who donated goods to our wheelbarrow raffle!

If we have missed anyone off this list, please let us know ASAP so that we can update for our future Sponsor acknowledgement posts.



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## Waiotapu Cubs 2024

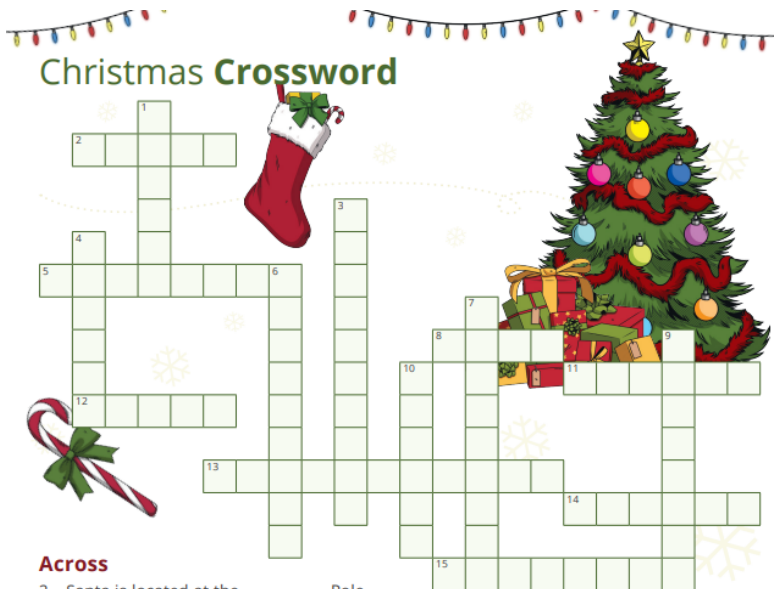
The Waiotapu Scout Group is excited to be re-starting its CUB Section once school goes back in 2024. Cubs is open to boys and girls aged 7-11 years old who live in the Reporoa, Rerewhakaaitu, Waikite, Ngakuru, Waimangu and Broadlands districts.

While weekly Cub nights will be based out of our awesome Waikite Valley den, we often use our surrounding lakes, farms, rivers and forests for extra outdoor adventures. Check out our Waiotapu Scout Group Facebook page to see the sort of stuff we get up to.

To run a great action-packed program we will also require the assistance of 1-2 more parents to come on-board as leaders. Enjoy campfire cooking, simple carpentry, kayaking or short bush hikes...you would be perfect!

**For more info or to register your interest contact:**

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### Across

- Santa is located at the \_\_\_\_\_ Pole.
- Santa is sometimes referred to as Saint \_\_\_\_\_.
- Most traditional Christmas trees are of the \_\_\_\_\_ tree variety.
- Some people count down the days leading up to Christmas using a festive \_\_\_\_\_ calendar.
- Santa's helpers, the \_\_\_\_\_, help him run his workshop.
- If you are looking for a Christmas craft project, consider making a \_\_\_\_\_ house.
- '\_\_\_\_\_ Night' is a popular Christmas carol often sung around the holiday period.
- Christmas Day takes place on the 25th of \_\_\_\_\_ each year.

### Down

- A popular Christmas decoration that can usually be found hanging on the front door of someone's home is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ is a decorative figurine that often resembles a toy soldier.
- '\_\_\_\_\_ all the way!'
- These items can normally be found hanging above the fireplace, waiting to be stuffed with presents.
- It is tradition to give someone a kiss under the \_\_\_\_\_.
- This animal pulls Santa's sleigh.
- The Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ is an essential addition to any decorated Christmas tree.



## HAVE A GO DAY!!

**DATE: 16TH DECEMBER 2023**

**TIME : 9AM-3PM**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Come and learn how to:**

- Barrel Race
  - Pole bend
  - Rope the dummy
- WHERE: Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo Grounds

**COME AND LEARN FROM SOME OF OUR VERY OWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!**

**BARREL RACING AND POLE BENDING JACKPOT TO FOLLOW IN THE AFTERNOON !!**

**Jackpot entry fee - \$20.00 per combination**



Over the Christmas and New Years period, Rerewhakaaitu resident Vanessa Vanstone will be managing the Ash Pit and Brett Road campgrounds once again. Vanessa has done a great job for many years and we are thankful to have her again for 2023/24.

A volunteer working bee will be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 8.30 – 4.30 for any locals keen to lend a hand. This will involve mowing, trimming edges around structures, painting, cleaning toilets, weed spraying, clearing branches.

This work requires a low to medium level of fitness and decent work boots. Anyone keen to lend a hand is welcomed. Please register by emailing [cnoble@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cnoble@doc.govt.nz)

A reminder that during the quieter seasons, despite these campgrounds having animal and motorbike prohibitions, DOC generally turns a blind eye to these activities. We understand the local community enjoys this site for these activities, however, in summer, with an influx of visitors, we ask that the campground rules are followed, and farm / dirt bikes, quads, dogs and horses are not brought into the campground. No fireworks or campfires are permitted in the campgrounds at any time.

Campsites must be booked and paid for in advance and this can be done through the DOC website.

DOC wishes the Rerewhakaaitu community a safe and enjoyable festive season.



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