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Principal Report

Term 3 2025
Week 7

Kia ora e te whānau, and welcome back for Term 3!

Over the holidays, while you were all resting and exploring, we had a hive of activity at school with contractors. We had some large trees felled at the school houses, seven new heat pumps installed in the classrooms, library and admin, to keep everyone warm and toasty, the old radiators were removed from the classrooms and a new bell system installed. The new bell system allows for changes in rings for different occasions, such as: normal, lockdown, civil emergency, fire and interviews.

We also had our DP / Rakau teacher interviews and are we're absolutely thrilled to announce that Julieanne Bull is joining our Lake Rerewhakaaitu school team! Whaea Julieanne comes to us from Kihikihi School, where she has been lighting up a Year 6-8 classroom. But that's not all – Julieanne is bringing a wealth of talent and experience to our kura, having served as a Team Leader and a Sports Coordinator. We know her passion and leadership will be a fantastic addition to our school community. Get ready to give Whaea Julieanne a warm LRS welcome in Term 4!



Kia ora Koutou,



Ko Tongariro te maunga
Ko Rotoaira te awa
Ko Te Arawa te waka
Ko Ngāti Tūwharetoa te iwi
Ko Hikairo te hapu
Ko Otukau te marae
Ko Julieanne toku ingoa
Ko Thomas te tāne
Ko Paul, Colin, Jack, Ryan te
tamariki

I am really excited and looking forward to starting in my new position at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School. I am currently the kaiako in a senior class (year 6-8) at Kihikihi School. I have four boys aged between 22 and 14. My youngest, Ryan, is boarding at Lindisfarne College, as a year 9 student; Jack is working in forestry, Colin is contracting and Paul, my oldest is on a big station in the middle of nowhere inland from Tokomaru Bay. I enjoy spending time with my family, being on the farm, reading, swimming, running and hiking and can't wait to explore these things around the Rotorua area.

The Cultural Festival is our focus for the first 6 weeks and we will be practicing on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. This is keeping with our topic focus of Te Ao Māori - Te Maramataka. We are fortunate to have Miss Gow beaming through ZOOM on Monday afternoons to support us with our kapahaka. Weeks 7-10 of this term we will be engrossed with Maramataka and preparing for the Winter Cluster Sports, as well as continuing with our structured literacy and numeracy.

Tupu and Mahuri Parent Teacher Interviews - We have parent teacher interviews for Tupu and Mahuri class next Wednesday 23 July. Please ensure that you have booked your times through the Skoolloop app or contacted the office for an appointment. **Cutoff 3pm Tuesday 22 July.** Mr Whalley and Mrs Bullock will take all students onsite from 12 - 3pm, buses will run as usual at 3pm.

Reports - As you are aware our mid year interview reports went out at the end of Term 2. With the new curriculum and structured literacy and numeracy, this has seen a change in the way we report. We now report focusing on the year level that the student is at. This is reported as:

Needs Support - is behind where they need to be. and requires extra support to accelerate learning

Working Towards - is working within the range but not quite there.

Proficient - is working at the required year level

Exceeding - is working above the required year level

I am seeking constructive feedback on the reports to ensure that we are using plain language that is understood by all parents. Written or verbal feedback is much appreciated. You can also email me on: principal@lakerere.school.nz.

This year is our Triannual Board Elections, calls for nominations close 12pm Wednesday 6th August. Please see attached the Parent Election Notice and board member eligibility. Election day is Wednesday 10th September 2025. We have a Board meeting this Tuesday 22 July 7pm in staffroom. These are a great opportunity to see what it is all about if you are interested in becoming a member.

Please mark in your calendars the Kahui Ako Teacher Only day has been moved to 28th October

Kei te whakatakataka a matou akounga mo uga ahei a tona wa
Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow

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Office Hours

Monday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Tuesday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Thursday: 9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Reminder for all bus changes to either send a note or leave a msg on 3666 814.

Please do not email on the day, as it may not be seen in time, or available to those who are onsite.

Important dates

July

Wed 23 Interviews - Tupu & Mahuri
Board Meeting 7pm

August

Tue 5 Lakes DHB Fluoride
Wed 6 Board Nominations close
Fri 22 Cultural Festival
Wed 27 PTA Meeting

September

Tue 9 Cluster Speeches
Wed 10 Board Election Day
TBA Board Meeting 7pm
Fri 19 Term 3 Ends



School Board Elections

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School



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Parent Election Notice (notify community)

Nominations are open for the election of 5 parent representatives to the school board.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form. Use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community. You will also receive a nomination cover letter calling for nominations. Information on who is not eligible to be a board member is provided with this notice, and the nomination form.

If you need more nomination forms, contact the school office.

Nominations close at **noon** on Wednesday 6 August 2025. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at **4pm** on Wednesday 10 September 2025.

Signed Vicki Koopal

Returning Officer

People who are not eligible to be school board members

The following people are not eligible to be school board members. A person who:

- is an undischarged bankrupt; or
- is prohibited from being a director or promoter of, or being concerned or taking part in the management of, an incorporated or unincorporated body under the [Companies Act 1993](#), or the [Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013](#), or the [Takeovers Act 1993](#); or
- is a permanently appointed member of the Board staff, unless they are standing for election as a staff representative; or
- contracts or sub-contracts with the Board without the approval of the Secretary of Education and receives payments exceeding \$25,000 in any financial year. This would also cover situations where a person has a 10% or more shareholding in the contracting company or a company that controls the contracting company; or
- is subject to a property order under the [Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988](#); or
- has been convicted of a specified offence identified in [Schedule 2](#) of the Children's Act 2014, unless that person has obtained a pardon or been granted an exemption; or
- is a person in respect of whom a personal order has been made under that Act that either the person is not competent to manage his or her own property affairs, or does not have the capacity to communicate/make decisions relating to his/her welfare/personal care; or
- is a person who has been convicted of an offence punishable by imprisonment for 2 years or more, or who has been sentenced to imprisonment for any other offence, unless that person has obtained a pardon, served the sentence, or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed on the person; or
- is not a New Zealand citizen, **and** is –
 - ☐ a person to whom [section 15](#) or [16](#) of the Immigration Act 2009 applies; or
 - ☐ a person obliged, by or pursuant to that Act, to leave New Zealand immediately or within a specified time, being a time that was less than 12 months; or
 - ☐ deemed for the purposes of that Act to be in New Zealand unlawfully.

A returning officer for an election (or by elections) of board members is not eligible to be nominated as a candidate in that election.

For more information:

- see clauses 9 and 10 of [Schedule 23](#) of the Education and Training Act 2020 (the list above is a summary of these clauses).
- call NZSBA Advisory and Support Centre 0800 782 435, option 1.

Kia ora koutou,

TUPU

We welcome two new students, Riana and Zahndre, to Tupu class this week. We have lots of new learning lined up for this term. Our PE focus is small ball skills, our topic is Te Ao Māori and we will be developing our music and performance skills as we prepare for the Kapa Haka festival later in the term. We have begun our topic study by thinking about the moon. Some initial questions we have asked are: Is the moon made of rock? What is the difference between the sky and space? What are the round things on the moon?

We are learning te reo Māori words for kai/food and learning how to ask for items by saying, "Homai te (aporo)."

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu class.

MAHURI

Kia ora whānau, and welcome to Term 3!

Mahuri is excited to kick off the term with an exciting new inquiry focus: Maramataka – the Māori lunar calendar. Over the next ten weeks, our students will dive into how the moon's phases influence different aspects of daily life, from gardening and fishing to traditional Māori stories and knowledge.

This week, we're starting with a moon journal. Each day, ākonga will observe the night sky, sketch the moon, and identify its current phase. This hands-on activity is just the beginning of a fascinating journey into mātauranga Māori and the rhythms of the natural world.

Stay tuned for updates on our discoveries as the term unfolds!

Ka kite anō,
Whaea Kylie

RAKAU

Rakau Recap: Exploring Shapes, Speeches & Celestial Wonders!

Q: What do you call a fake noodle

A: An im-pasta

What a busy week in Rakau! With Mr Whalley, we've been delving into the exciting world of geometry, exploring various 2D and 3D shapes. We've also kicked off our speech preparations, focusing on captivating our audiences with engaging "hooks."

Mrs Bullock has led us on a celestial journey, investigating the moon and crafting sentences using key vocabulary. In maths, we're mastering 'place value' with numbers extending up to tens of millions. A special shout-out to Miss Gow, who joined us via Zoom on Monday to assist with our kapahaka practice – it was fantastic to see her!

Have a fantabulous weekend :)

Community exercise class
— waist management

FREE open night

Join us
Thursday 24 July
6.30–7.15pm
Rerewhakaaitu Hall

Curious about the local exercise classes run by Christine Church? Come along to our open night and give it a try for free! Christine runs a welcoming, age-inclusive circuit class focusing on improving functional strength and mobility. All exercises can be modified for fitness levels and abilities. We'd love some new faces to join our crew, so grab your water bottle, towel and mat (if you have one) and head along!

Our school is the hub for Civil Defence. Each Wednesday we have students call in to the Civil Defence centre in Rotorua. We are wanting to form a small committee with locals to see how we can better protect our community by updating our civil defence list, equipment, supplies and contacts. We NEED helpers, if you can lend a hand this please contact us at school.



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Onuku Maori Lands Trust Pet Lambs

Onuku Maori Lands Trust are offering the opportunity to rear newborn lambs over an 8-week period.

Their team will:

- Provide newborn lambs (a few days old) for students to rear;
- Supply one bag of lamb milk replacer per lamb;
- Deliver an educational session on animal care, feeding schedules, and welfare;
- Share easy-to-follow support materials (booklets and online resources);
- Offer a \$30 reward per lamb returned at ≥17kg after the programme;
- Present certificates to participating students and support our Pet Day.

We are happy for the whanau to keep the lamb if they purchase the powder to rear themselves or reimburse us for the powder cost.

Onuku Maori Lands Trust are willing to provide as many lambs as you want and if families wish to rear a number of lambs and then they can donate the funds to the school.



Please let us know ASAP if you are interested in this, and how many lambs you would like to rear.

Contact:

Email: office@lakerere.school.nz or

Phone 07 3666 814



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The Automatic External Defibrillator that is situated at the Hall is locked. If you have an emergency where you need to access the machine, dial 111 and they will give you the pass code that will open the cabinet.

There is also a fully automatic defibrillator available at Trevor & Harriet Hamilton's residence 803 Ashpit Road, around the back side of Lake Rerewhakaaitu. Because this defibrillator is fully automatic no training is required simply turn on and place the pads on the patient, the device takes over.

This defibrillator is registered with St John. The Defibrillator is positioned at the front door under the porch and is in a non-coded box for quick access.

These machines can help to save lives and the St Johns statistics show why we need an AED:

1. Each year more than 2,000 New Zealanders will suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital
2. For 72% of cardiac arrests a bystander will perform CPR
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 Where: MiCamp Taupo
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