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Principal Report

Term 3 2025
Week 3

Kia ora e te whānau,

Next week I will be in Cambridge for a professional development course in literacy for Years 4-8 called 'The CODE'. This compliments our Years 0-3 work in BSLA. The CODE takes students' understanding of spelling patterns, rules, and morphology to the next level, developing accurate spellers. The Code and Dictations + Blended Review is a resource to support teaching Structured Literacy from Year One through to Year Eight.



The Junior Tough Guy & Gal will be held on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th August 2025.

Here is the entry [link](#). Please make sure you get onto this if your child/ren is keen to compete.

1.5km Course Option – Years 3 – 4 / 3km Course Option – Years 5 – 8

We will be creating PTA Calendar Art during Week 5. These are turned into diaries, cards and calendars which make great gifts for Christmas or birthdays or just have for yourself. More details will be sent out soon.

Passion projects are always a fun time and here we see Loki cutting out his patu on the scroll saw and Mr Whalley helping Wyatt.

Get your axes sharpened and hammers ready and come on down to our Working Bee - this weekend - Sunday 3rd August from 9am - 3pm. Jobs to complete are: chopping firewood, finishing off the garden surrounds, dismantling the green house, general clean up around the school and the school house. Please bring tools such: 10mm ring spanner and socket, wood chopping gear, spades, shovels, wet weather gear for using the water blaster. As always, a yummy lunch will be provided by our very own Masterchef - Mr Whalley! See you there!

TRIENNIAL BOARD ELECTIONS

Board nominations close this Wednesday 6th August. With the Board elections not far away we encourage you to consider coming onto the board and have the opportunity to guide the direction of our school over the next 3 years. We need 5 parent representatives on the board. They work alongside the principal and a staff representative to govern the school. If you are interested to understand a bit more we have published a guide on our website, under publications.

Attendance

Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher.

We are currently sitting at 64% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks absentees:

Rakau 92.7% attendance

Mahuri 92.7% attendance

Tupu 82% attendance

We have one student with 100% attendance for the year to date. Excellent effort to students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.



Each term, two students are drawn from the Caught Being Awesome winners hat for a special treat with Mr Whalley.

For Term 2, congratulations go to Jonty and Morris! To celebrate, we headed to McDonald's for lunch and then made our way down to the lakefront. After enjoying our yummy lunch, we took a walk along the lake and finished off with a delicious ice cream. It was a great chance to relax, chat, and celebrate the awesome behaviour these students have shown. Well done, Jonty and Morris!

And the Winner is...

RAKAU & MAHURI!



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

The Dental team is coming to Lake Rerewhakaaitu School on 5th August for a visit to apply a fluoride varnish to help provide extra protection to your child's teeth.

Fluoride is a mineral that occurs naturally in some water sources. Fluoride helps protect both child and adult teeth by strengthening tooth enamel. Fluoride replaces the minerals lost on the surface of the teeth during early stages of tooth decay.

What will we do?

1. Apply a protective coating of fluoride to your child's teeth.

What do you need to do?

- If your child will not be present on the day of the visit, please call the number below to book an appointment
- If **do not** want your child to have this service, or you want to discuss, please contact:

Phone 0800 Lakes Teeth (0800 525 378)

Text 027 578 0275

teeth@lakesdhs.govt.nz



07 3666 814

office@lakerere.school.nz

www.lakerere.school.nz

Office Hours

Monday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Tuesday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Thursday: 9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Important dates

August

Sun 3	Working bee 9am - 3pm
Tue 5	Lakes DHB Fluoride
Wed 6	Board Nominations close
Sun 10	Working bee 9am - 3pm
19 & 20	Tough Guy & Gal
Fri 22	Cultural Festival
Wed 27	PTA Meeting

September

2 - 5	Scholastic Book Fair
Thu 4	Puberty Talks
Fri 5	LRS Speeches
Tue 9	Cluster Speeches
Wed 10	Board Meeting 7pm
Wed 17	Cluster Winter Sports
Fri 19	Term 3 Ends

October

Mon 6	Term 4 Starts
Sat 11	Pet Day
Fri 24	Group Day @ Reporoa
Mon 27	Labour Day STAT
Tue 28	Kahui Ako TOD

November

Fri 7	LRS Athletics
Thu 20	Cluster Athletics

Parent help required

Working Bees
Cluster Winter Sports
LRS & Cluster Athletics

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



TUPU

Kia ora, koutou,

This week in Tupu we have talked about the sun and the moon. We've noticed that light and heat come from the sun. We did an experiment with a light and some objects and discovered that when light shines on an object it makes a shadow. The shadows look like the shape of the object and some shadows are darker than others. We also saw that light shines right through see-through objects.

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu class.



Pheonna - Welcome to
Lake Rerewhakaaitu
School.

Kia ora koutou,

MAHURI

Wow - the wet weather has certainly been upon us this week! Despite the rain, our Mahuri ākonga (learners) have thoroughly enjoyed playing UNO, chess, and drawing during wet playtimes when we're bunkered down inside.

They have also enjoyed choosing their speech topics and beginning the step-by-step process of constructing a speech. So far, ākonga have brainstormed their topic, purpose, and intended audience. They then explored how to craft an engaging introduction and organise their main ideas, followed by considering how to conclude their speeches effectively.

In physical education, we've been refining our small ball skills through a new unit. Students are developing and applying fundamental skills such as throwing, catching, striking, rolling, and dribbling. These games and activities promote coordination, teamwork, and a love of physical activity. It's a welcome change to get outside and move our bodies when the rain clears!

Ka kite anō,
Whaea Kylie

CLASS Snippets

RAKAU

What's the best way to save your dad
jokes?
In a dadda-base.

For inquiry the students have been busy researching and have started to present their findings about the planets and the phases of the moon.

During maths we have been studying 3D shapes and how different shapes have edges, faces and vertices.

The chess competition is still ongoing and we should find our chess captain soon. Check out Flynn and Louis in a close game.

Ngā mihi nui

CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

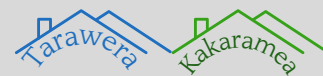
Leon and Morris for excellent learning in te reo Maori.
Caoimhe for thinking outside the box to solve a problem. Koven for celebrating and sharing your cultural identity. Te Ngahere for excellent speech writing.

Principals award

Kai/earne for great participation in Kapa Haka



HOUSE POINTS



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

House Captains are;

Tarawera - Chase & Jonty

Kakarama - Ryan & Taituha

Congratulations to our house winner for last week...

👑 Caught being Awesome 👑

"Caught Being Awesome" awards are given out to students of Lake Rerewhakaaitu School at playtime. Students can earn them by following our school values, being a good friend and following the school rules. These awards then go into either the senior or junior bucket, then at Fridays assemblies all get read out and one from each drawn out as our super star recipient.

Our Caught Being Awesome recipients are...



Quinton & Jonty

ATTENTION

WE NEED YOU!

We will be having two Working Bees on Sundays 3rd and 10th August, between 9am - 3pm, to get some jobs done around the school. Bring some tools.

We need to:

1. Cut up and sell all of the wood from the two large trees that were felled
2. Finish the edging around the playground.
3. Construct a small ramp for the school container.
4. Give the school house a good clean up before our new teacher arrives.

The Firewood will be sold (Green) at \$100/cube, please contact us ASAP to place orders.
Contact: principal@lakerere.school.nz or 07 3666 814



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.



Lake Rerewhakaaitu School BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN!

What does a Board Member look like?

Every board member brings their own unique experience and skills, but there are some key qualities that will help all board members thrive in their role:

- Enthusiasm for student success
- Active participation & positive engagement within our school & community
- Working well in a team
- Showing commitment and a willingness to learn
- Not being afraid to ask questions
- Good communication and people skills
- Honesty, integrity, and empathy

Get on board!

Nominate yourself or someone you know to be a school board member.

Nominations close
12pm Wednesday 6th August



It is that time of year again where children get excited to choose their pets for Pet Day. Our school Pet Day will be held on Saturday 11th October and Group Day on Friday 24th October @ Reporoa Primary. Lambs and Calves animals need to be born between 20th July and 25th September. If your child is interested in raising a lamb or calf, please check out the Rearing booklets via <https://www.lakerere.school.nz/publications>



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



*Calling all
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PLEASE CALL **SAMMIE 021 060 7948**
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OR
FOR MORE INFORMATION



SALE DATES

**THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST &
THURSDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

CALL SAMMIE TO ARRANGE PICK UP



Take notice

REREWHAKAITU

Automatic External Defibrillators

1. REREWHAKAITU HALL
2. 803 ASHPIT RD (T & H HAMILTON)

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.

AED



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
3. People may show no warnings or prior symptoms and 12% survive to hospital discharge following a cardiac arrest
4. Use of an AED within 3-5 min of collapse can increase the chance of survival by up to 44%

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