

## 1st March 2024

### Week 4

#### **Principal Report**

A massive THANK YOU to all that came along to the Working Bee on Saturday. It was a fantastic turn out and many tasks were completed, and our School is looking fabulous! A pair of loppers were found in the front garden and have been put aside for collection.



Our Strategic Plan for 2023-2025 has been ratified by the Board and uploaded to our website for all to view. This has come from the parent consultation meetings and discussions with staff and students.

## Swimming Sports Thursday 7th March

Get ready for next Thursday is our annual school swimming sports.

The timetable is as follows:

10.30am - 11.30am Juniors (5 -8 year olds)

11.30am - 12.30pm Lunch

12.30pm - 2.00pm Seniors (9 year olds and up)

There will be a parent/staff v students relay race so bring your togs

- Children are swimming at their age as of 31 January 2023
- All children aged 9 yrs and over will be swimming 2 lengths

It would be marvellous to see you all there!

Please note - There will not be a BBQ due to our tamariki receiving school lunches and we do not want to encourage food wastage, but adults are welcome to bring along some lunch and join us.

#### Wingspan trip

Tupu are off on a field trip today to Wingspan to see all the birds and as a good connection to our environment and local places. The children are super excited and we can't wait to hear all about it.



#### Cleaner position available

A massive THANK YOU to our wonderful cleaner, Tricia Druery who has been doing a superb job over the last five years. We appreciate all the time and effort in keeping our school clean and beautiful.



### Teacher Only Day - Thursday 4th April

We will be having a Teacher Only Day on Thursday 4th April. This is to allow the teachers and support staff to complete a refresher first aid course, which is a requirement for teachers. If anyone wants to refresh their first aid certificate, you are more than welcome to come along and join in. Please contact the school if you are interested.

#### Fern - Fuel for Schools

We would like to take the time to mention who those members of the community are that have contributed to your school, they are listed as follows:

Gretener Family Trust C&M Brenssell Partnership Onuku Yankee DU

ITP Ltd

R&L Contracting Ltd

BJ & SJ Jacobs Limited

Dates to Remember	
Thu 7 Mar	LRS Swimming Sports
Wed 13 Mar	Cluster Swimming Sports (RVC)
Wed 20 Mar	PTA Meeting 7pm
Wed 27 Mar	Cluster Summer Sports (RVC) Board Meeting 7pm
Thu 4 Apr	Teacher Only Day / Tech Challenge
Fri 5 Apr	Photolife
Mon 8 Apr	Lakes DHB Fluoride programme
Fri 12 Apr	Lake walk / Term 1 ends
Mon 29 Apr	Term 2 begins
Wed 1 May	PTA Meeting 7pm
Wed 8 May	Board Meeting 7pm
17 - 21 May	Life Education

# Please put your hands together 👏 👏



Last certificates went to... Cayden Allen for moving up to red sight words. Renata Davey for moving up to blue sight words. Caoimhe Dawson for courage and progress in maths.

Finn O'Dea for using amazing adjectives in his writing. Charlie Schutt for continuous effort in all aspects of his learning. Toby Marshall for showing great perseverance in writing.

The Principal Certificate went Caitlin McMillan for manaakitanga



#### **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**

Bryce Davey & Chase Roberts

#### Kakaramea

Callum Koekemoer & Morgan Perry

Congratulations to our house winner for last week...



# Tarawera!

## 🤩 Caught Being Awesome of the week 🤩

"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.

Last week our Caught Being Awesome recipients were...

Junior – Rebecca Sterkenburg Senior – Johannah Allen





Fact of the week: The loudest animal in the world is a mere 2cm long prawn. The Pistol Shrimp is capable of snapping its claw shut so rapidly, that it creates a bubble that collapses to produce a sonic blast, louder than a Concorde's sonic boom.



Every Friday, straight after lunch, we have a whole school assembly. Each class shares a little snippet about what they got up to that week. We also give out certificates to celebrate our tamariki each week.

Everyone is welcome to join us for assemblies. Last week Tupu shared their amazing bee art that we started in week one. Thank you Heidi and Elsie for being so brave to get up and speak about it!



# RAKAU

Why do bees have sticky hair? Because they use a honeycomb!

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa.

Rakau has had another busy week of learning. We have really been working hard on our basic facts and handwriting making sure our writing is legible. In reading and inquiry we have been looking at how roads get their names and most importantly, how the roads in our area got their names.

Just a reminder that our weather is forever changing at the moment. Please make sure your child has warm clothes in their bags. Also, at assembly last week we had a chat about acceptable clothing for school as some clothing seems to be getting shorter and shorter. The rule of thumb I use is if you can see up it, down it or through it, don't wear it to school please.

Have a safe and happy weekend. Ngā mihi, Rakau class

# MAHURI

Riddle: I have a head like a cat and feet like a cat, but I am not a cat.

What am I?

We have been learning about adjectives, compound words and digraphs this week in our literacy programme.

Our writing focus has been on report and informative

on report and informative writing; we are currently designing a brochure all about our fantastic school. In reading we have been enjoying our new class books and reading games that we use when we have finished our 'Must Do' work.











#### HEALTH REPOROA – SCHOOL NURSES FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Kelly, Melissa, Katie & Shayna





Kia ora koutou, staff, students and whānau. We are Health Reporoa, rural nurses and health services. We have a clinic in Reporoa and also get out and about on the road meeting the need of our community.

My name is Kelly and I have joined the Health Reporoa team in the middle of 2019 with a background in surgical and rural nursing. I am looking forward to starting the school year to meet more of the faces in the community, and doing what I can to help our tamariki lead a healthy life.

My name is Melissa Brennan I have worked for Health Reporoa for 9 years. Before this I was a Paediatric nurse at Rotorua Hospital. This year I have taken on the immunisation coordinator role in the schools. As part of this programme we offer the 11 year old Boostrix vaccine as well as the Gardasii (HPV) Vaccine in year 8.

My name is Katie Page, I have background in surgical and school nursing. I am looking forward to starting the school year to meet more faces in the community, and doing what I can to help our tamariki lead a healthy life.

My name is Shayna, I joined this amazing team in December 2023. I have a background in surgical nursing at Tauranga hospital and most recently the Emergency department at Rotorua Hospital. This is my first community role as a nurse and I am looking forward to working with in the community and providing support where needed.

You can contact us regarding any health concerns you may have for your tamariki/children. Please feel free to give us a call, send an email or text us.

Contact: Monday to Friday 8.30 - 3.30 ph: 07 3337301 Cell: 0275852138 Email: reporoasms@raphs.org.nz







