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Principal Report

Term 1 2025
Week 7

We need YOU

Working Bee - This Sunday! 23rd March 9am - 3pm - Lunch provided
As we are a small school, we require help from our school community to keep our school looking sharp. Please join us to keep our school shining.

Here are the jobs that need to be done:

- Bark all of the gardens
- Waterblast paths, pool area and decks.
- Clean gutters
- Clean out the furnace room
- Edgings
- Finish placing the timber around the bark areas on the playground.

Please bring spades, cordless drills etc if you have them.



What a blast we have had this week!

This term we have been studying geology and volcanoes, especially features around our area and a close look at Mount Tarawera. On Wednesday, we had a fantastic trip to Waimangu Volcanic Valley where children were able to experience spectacular volcanic craters, enormous hot water springs, beautiful geothermal features, rare and unusual plant life and take a trip on the boat around lake Rotomahana, most children were able to have a go driving the boat as well!! Thank you to our whanau members that were able to help us on the trip.

Tuesday we had a large crew of 20 students that attended and took part in the RATS duathlon. All children put in their very best effort and did our community and school proud. Congratulations to all of our competitors, and well done to our podium placers: **Evelyn 1st** and **Finn 3rd** in their year levels. Ka pai!

The Education Review Office have circled back to us and we will be continuing the review that was started in 2023. Leanne Angland will be the lead review officer and will be accompanied by Zeb Nicklin. I have had the initial meeting and we are in the process of gathering all of the paper work and evidence for their visit.

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

This weeks attendance data:

Rakau 86%% attendance

Mahuri 95% attendance

Tupu 87% attendance

We had 23% of our students with 100% attendance. Well done those students.

Unfortunately our 90% attendance rate has dropped to 72% - our target is 75%.



Next week

Reminder to come along to our Parent Evening Tuesday 25th at 7.00pm. The curriculum refresh has been taking place over the last 18 months or so. This has seen a huge change in the NZ curriculum and how we teach and learn. There are major changes taking place. At Lake Rerewhakaaitu School we are being proactive and front footing the changes to give our teachers and children the best possible education that we can.

The parent evening is a chance for you to come along and see how we are giving effect to the curriculum refresh. I will show the work that the staff have been doing in relation to the curriculum and how we will be using it, how we will planning for teaching and learning, how we will be assessing and also how we will be reporting to the Board and the parents. Come along and see what we have been doing and provide us with your feedback.

Our Board meeting is on Wednesday, 26th. This year we also have our tri annual elections, if you are considering becoming a board member, these meetings are a great opportunity to see what the board does. Everyone is welcome, however please note that only board members have speaking rights.

Fonterra breakfast - Friday 28th March

Hillary Moffatt and Graham Blank from Fonterra will be at school Friday morning cooking a BBQ and providing sausages for the children as part of the Fonterra community programme. This is a new initiative and we are the first to try it, woohoo! Thanks to Graham and Hillary for being proactive in the community and choosing us for the trial run. How fortunate are we!



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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

Important dates

March

Sun 23 Working Bee 9am - 3pm
Tue 25 Parent Curriculum Evening
Wed 26 Board Meeting 7pm
Fri 28 Fonterra Breakfast

April

Mon 7 Photolife
Wed 9 Cluster Summer Sports
Fri 11 Term 1 Ends
Mon 28 Term 2 Starts
Wed 30 PTA Meeting 7pm

May

2 - 7 Life Education
Wed 7 Board Meeting 7pm
Fri 23 LRS Cross Country
Tue 27 Cluster Cross Country

Parent help required

Working Bee
Cluster Summer Sports
Cross Country & Cluster

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

Kia ora koutou,

TUPU

It has been a busy week in Tupu class! We had a great day at Waimangu on Wednesday, learning about our local geothermal geography. We liked exploring the boat, counting the black swans on lake Rotomahana, finding all the colours in the terraces, describing the shapes of the leaves in the bush, and seeing the hot water bubbling out of the ground. We've also been continuing to practice our swimming skills and making great progress with our water confidence and safety skills.

CLASS Snippets

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu class.



MAHURI

On Wednesday, Mahuri had a fantastic time on our whole-school excursion to the Waimangu Volcanic Valley Centre. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to experience first-hand the topics we've been learning about over the past eight weeks in our 'Our Place' inquiry unit, including geothermal features, mountains, lakes, and streams. The students were fully engaged and enjoyed every part of the day, from the bus rides and boat trip to the walk around the area. We're excited to share a few pictures from the day with you next week.

Whaea Kylie

A huge thanks to Denise and her team from SwimMagic Rotorua for delivering the Water Skills for Life (Making the Difference) programme for our whole school. This is a fully funded programme encompassing basic to advanced water safety skills. With all the bodies of water around us, these skills are imperative for our akonga.

RAKAU

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Rakau have had a great week with plenty of opportunities for learning experiences outside of the classroom! Tuesday saw 10 of our students participating in the RATs Duathlon in Rotorua, Wednesday we were at the Waimangu Volcanic Valley, and today we have 11 students from Rakau representing us at the Reporoa Cluster Swimming. A HUGE thank you to all parents who have offered support through supervision and transport this week, our students wouldn't be able to attend these events without you.

Rakau's main highlights from our visit to Waimangu this week were:

Looking at the Inferno crater, driving the boat, Frying Pan Lake, seeing Mount Tarawera from a different angle, looking at the Algae Lake, seeing mini tornado's on the lakes, baby geysers and riding in the 'Fancy' bus!

Have a safe, happy and restful weekend!

Ngā mihi,
Miss Gow



Last Friday we had Constables Te Aorewa Newton & Mathew Wing come to talk with our senior bus students about what to do in different scenarios. If there was an accident - how and when to slow or stop traffic, checking and moving others to a safe place. Another one of high importance was ensuring no one is distracting the bus driver.

Remember to remind your children the importance of not distracting the driver, and also teaching them your cell number so they know it off by heart, you never know when they may need it!

A WARM WELCOME

A warm welcome to **Ruby, Misqiah & Ngaperā** who are new to our school, and join their cousin here. We wish you a wonderful new journey here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School





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CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Soul and Matera for consistent effort and participation in learning at school. Rocco for his focus and enthusiasm in math tasks this week. Louis for helping his classmates or Whaea Kylie consistently without being asked. Ryan for showing great effort and perseverance in writing. Jonty for showing great leadership.

KAPAI
Keep it up!



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Principals award



Ka pai te mahi to Ryan

**HOUSE
POINTS**



Tarawera Kakaramea

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
Kakaramea - Ryan & Taituha

Congratulations to our house winner for last week