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## 23rd February 2024

## Week 3

### Principal Report

Finally we have some rain to settle the dust!

The Board meeting was held on Tuesday night, and as is required at the first meeting of the year, we elected a Presiding Member. Congratulations to Daniel Schutt on being our Board Presiding Member.

We also had our PTA meeting on Wednesday night to finalise the Fishing Competition and the Tarawera Ultra Marathon. The Fishing Comp raised a little over \$9000, which is a massive effort! A huge thank you to all that are involved in the PTA and those that come along to support and help out. Your support goes a long way in helping to keep Lake Rerewhakaaitu school being the best little school in Aotearoa. This year the PTA fundraising focus is to re-bark the playground landing areas.

### Attendance Target 2024

Our target: to improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher.

### As of today:

- **68% of students have an attendance rate of 90% or above.**
- 50% of students are attending 100% of the time.

We are still needing to get our attendance up. **Let's do this!!**

### Tomorrow!! Meet & Greet/Working Bee

Tomorrow we will be holding a Meet and Greet / Working Bee at school from 9.00am - 3.00pm. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers and any new school families. We will have the BBQ going for lunch.

### Jobs that need doing:

- Cleaning gutters
- Weeding gardens
- Removing blackberry from playgrounds
- Cleaning playgrounds
- Renailing decks
- Trimming edges around paths & play areas
- Building the green house
- Putting shade cloth on the old green house
- And many other small jobs

Bring along tools like; hammers, rakes, shovels, water blasters, secateurs, loopers, hedge trimmer, and anything else you feel will help. We need a small socket set, screw drivers (flat & phillips), and a battery drill.



### PTA - Tarawera Ultra Marathon

Last weekend we supported this amazing international event again by running a Lake Rerewhakaaitu Aid Station. What an amazing day! The vibe from the runners doing the miler (165 km) was ecstatic when they saw us all dressed up and ready to help.

PTA would like to thank everyone that was able to help us make this event a success.

A big Thank you to:

- The Board members that pitched in to help us out
- Our PTA volunteers, children and grandparents.
- Our school for doing some amazing art work for our aid station.

## 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  
ITP Ltd  
C & M Brensell  
Partnership  
Onuku Yankee DU  
R & L Contracting Ltd  
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## Dates to Remember

Sat 24 Feb	Meet & Greet / Working Bee
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 week's certificates went to...



Eleanor Dyson for trying hard in mathematics.  
Elsie Pacey for being a great friend and helper.  
Te Ngahere Redmond for wonderful creative writing.  
Charlie Whitworth for bravery and progress in the swimming pool.

Lincoln Sharp for showing great perseverance in learning.  
Cooper Scott for showing great perseverance and resilience in music.

The Principal Certificate went to...  
Finn O'Dea 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

Bryce Davey & Chase Roberts

## Kakaramea

Callum Koekemoer & Morgan Perry

Congratulations to our house winner for last week..

## Kakaramea!

## 😄 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 – Renata Davey

Senior – Cooper Scott



Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?

If so, GirlGuiding NZ is here:

Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds

Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old

Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old

Rangers: 12 – 17 years old

For further information please contact: GirlGuiding New Zealand

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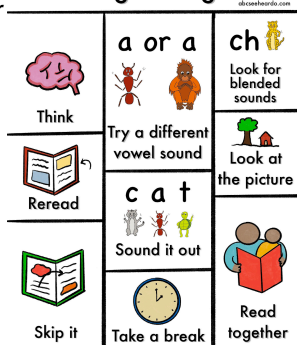


# TUPU

Fact of the week: A single honey bee colony can produce around 100 kg of honey each year – that's 220 jars!

Tupu has been enjoying their reading this term. We are following a hybrid approach between the colour wheel and the BSLA programme. We are learning different reading skills and strategies to help our comprehension and understanding.

## Reading strategies



# RAKAU

Why did the Strawberry cry?  
He found himself in a jam!

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Last week Rakau students had a go at writing a 'Who am I?' poem. We started by looking at the purpose of planning before we write.

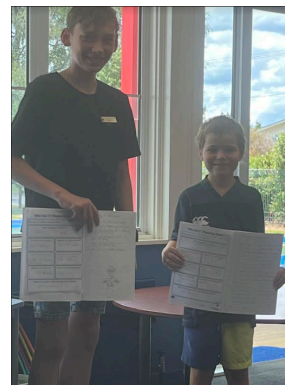
These poems included the things we like and don't like. They also made us think about what subjects we are good at and which ones we may need help with. Charlie and Callum shared their writing with the school at assembly.

Rakau continues to train daily for swimming sports. Please remind students to pack their togs, hair ties and goggles if they have them please.

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Ngā mihi,

Rakau



# MAHURI

Riddle: You'll find me in Mercury, Earth, Mars and Jupiter, but not in Venus or Neptune. What am I?



Last week we shared our cover pages and the beginnings of our inquiry: 'Our Place: the importance of our roads'.

Please talk to your child about the name of the road they live on; it is important that every child knows their town/area and the road they live on as well as being able to either identify their house/rapid number or significant features in the case of an emergency or requesting help.

We have been making the most of the sunny afternoons by swimming everyday and going out for summer sports with Tupu. So far we have learnt how to play 'Rob the Nest' and 'Scatterball'.

Please make sure your child has appropriate clothes for these hot days, brings their togs and towel everyday, and has water and healthy snacks for morning tea.

## Automatic External Defibrillator

Although it has been here for a while now, a big thank you to the community for getting the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) installed at Rerewhakaaitu. It has been used on several occasions since it was installed.



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%**

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.

We wish to inform all Rerewhakaaitu residents that a fully automatic defibrillator is available at Trevor & Harriet Hamilton's residence 803 Ashpit Road Rerewhakaaitu 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 will be registered with St John. The Defibrillator will be positioned at the front door under the porch and will be in a non-coded box for quick access.

## HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR SCHOOL APP?

- Receive instant notifications to your device about school news and notices
- Translation function available
- View newsletters
- Notify us of your child's absence
- Sign permission forms
- Book interviews and more!

**Simple free download:**  
In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

# TOTS TO TEENS

## CHILDHOOD IN AOTEAROA

FOR YOUR PARENTS

Out now!

Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents

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What's in this issue for parents?



- » The terrible twos
- » Getting the most out of Open Days
- » Gut health for young athletes
- » Tempting chocolate treats
- » Healthy eyes for a better future
- » What is your child's learning style?

- » 7 Tips for parents who have ADHD
- » How to talk about periods.
- » The ultimate party-planning guide
- » PLUS awesome giveaways

## Come and Join PTA

**BE BETTER CONNECTED**  
CREATE CLOSER LINKS WITH THE HEAD, TEACHERS AND STAFF. IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE SCHOOL, THE PTA IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO FIND OUT HOW THINGS WORK AND BECOME PART OF THE COMMUNITY. IF NOT, YOU'LL STILL GAIN GREATER INSIGHT BY SEEING HOW THINGS WORK FROM BOTH SIDES.

**IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**  
STUDIES SHOW THAT CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE INVOLVED IN SCHOOL, ENGAGING WITH THE PTA, IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION PART IN IMPROVING THE SCHOOL AND WATCH THEM THRIVE.

**CREATE LASTING MEMORIES**  
OUR CHILDREN ARE ONLY AT SCHOOL FOR A FEW YEARS, BUT THEY WILL REMEMBER THE DIFFERENCE WE MAKE FOR A LIFETIME. THEY WILL CHERISH THE ACTIVITIES AND GAMES WE FUND, LEARN USING RESOURCES WE BUY, AND REMEMBER THE EVENTS WE HOLD. HELP KEEP THE PTA GOING SO FUTURE PUPILS CAN BENEFIT TOO.

**SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**  
THE PTA IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHOOL. FUNDS RAISED ENRICH YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AND MAKE EVERY STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE BETTER. BE PART OF THE GROUP THAT PAYS FOR THE PLAYGROUND YOUR CHILD LOVES OR FUNDS THE LIBRARY THAT'S THEIR FAVOURITE PLACE TO BE.

**LEARN NEW SKILLS**  
EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING THEY CAN BRING TO THE PTA, BUT YOU CAN ALSO LEARN NEW SKILLS BY TRADING WITH OTHERS. ALWAYS WANTED TO PERFECT THAT COOKIE RECIPE? NOT SURE HOW TO DESIGN A POSTER? WANT TO HONE YOUR PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS? YOU CAN DO IT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

**MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS**  
MEET AND CHAT TO A WIDER CIRCLE OF FAMILIES FROM DIFFERENT CLASSES AND YEAR GROUPS. GET TO KNOW OTHER PARENTS, AND BOND OVER EXCITING EVENTS, SOCIALS AND GET-TOGETHERS. FIND A PLACE TO BELONG AND SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR VALUES.

**IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS**  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME, AND IT'S ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE DADS AND MALE CARERS REPRESENTED, AS MALE ROLE MODELS ARE CRUCIAL IN CHILDREN'S UPRISING. DADS CAN BRING A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, AND THEY CAN BRING ALONG OTHER DADS.

**IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE**  
WHETHER YOU'RE A FULL-TIME PARENT OR WORKING THE NINE TO FIVE, ANYONE CAN GET INVOLVED. IT'S LESS COMMITMENT THAN YOU THINK, AND YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO ATTEND MEETINGS. SMALL JOBS SUCH AS DESIGNING A POSTER, DISTRIBUTING LETTERS OR RUNNING A STALL KEEP EVERYTHING RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

**BECAUSE IT'S FUN!**  
BE PART OF THE TEAM WHICH ORGANISES THE BEST EVENTS AND GET-TOGETHERS. DEBRIEF OVER A GLASS OF WINE (OR TWO). SUGGEST YOUR MOST HARE-BRAINED IDEA AND WATCH AS IT CATCHES ON AND EVERYONE WANTS A PIECE OF THE ACTION. LAUGH, CRY, BE THERE FOR EACH OTHER.

## HAVE YOU GOT SOME PROUD MOMENTS TO SHARE?

We would love to share your achievements and fun in our newsletter!

SEND THEM TO [OFFICE@LAKERERE.SCHOOL.NZ](mailto:OFFICE@LAKERERE.SCHOOL.NZ)

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