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24th November 2023

Week 7

Principal Report

We have three and a half weeks of school left for 2023 and it is only four weeks until Christmas!!

In the last week or so the teachers have been busy testing and getting the latest updates on the children's academic achievements, as well as their progress. This has been completed and report writing is in full swing. Reports will be sent home 20th December (last day) with the children.

The swimming instructors who were due this week have had to cancel as the instructor has covid and can not attend. We are trying to make new arrangements with them, maybe for 2024.

Pool Keys

Can we please have an indication of who will be hiring a pool key for the summer. Please advise at the office by **Friday 8th Dec**, so we can see if it is viable to keep the pool open during the holidays. We need at least 10 people to have keys to make this worthwhile.

Parent/Whanau Evening

The first of our parent evenings was held last Wednesday. This session covered the legalities of the curriculum and why, how and when we do things. We also gathered parent voice on what to cover in the local curriculum and reassessed our values.



We have our **Literacy session this Wednesday 29th November 6.30pm**.

The teachers will inform you of how we do our reading and writing for years 0-8. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Dental Van

The Dental Van was in for two days last week to catch up on the remaining few children. If your child/ren have any dental issues please call 0800 525 378.

Cluster Athletics

Well done to all of our competitors at the Cluster Athletics, you represented our school with pride! Thank you to our parents who helped with transport and supported our tamariki and events. Congratulations to those who qualified for the CBOP event to be held on the 5th December. Below are the results from the Cluster event. If I have missed anyone please email me natalieg@lakerere.school.nz

<p><u>Shot Put</u></p> <p>Natasha - 1st, with a record throw of 5.71m!</p> <p>Morgan - 3rd</p> <p>Ezekiel-Rae - 1st, with a record throw of 11.91m!</p>	<p><u>Discus</u></p> <p>Te Kohu - 1st</p> <p>Natasha - 1st</p> <p>Hemi - 2nd</p> <p>Ezekiel-Rae - 2nd</p>
<p><u>Long Jump</u></p> <p>Nikau - 1st</p> <p>Rebecca - 3rd</p> <p>Hemi - 3rd</p> <p>Ezekiel-Rae - 3rd</p>	<p><u>High Jump</u></p> <p>Holly - 3rd</p> <p>Ezekiel-Rae - 3rd</p> <p>Cecelia - 2nd</p>
<p><u>60m</u></p> <p>Hemi - 3rd</p> <p>Ezekiel-Rae - 3rd</p> <p>Cecelia - 2nd</p>	<p><u>100m</u></p> <p>Hemi - 3rd</p> <p>Cecelia - 2nd</p>
<p><u>200m</u></p> <p>Hemi - 2nd</p> <p>Connor - 3rd</p> <p>Cecelia - 2nd</p>	<p><u>400m</u></p> <p>Jonty - 3rd</p> <p>Hemi - 2nd</p> <p>Holly - 3rd</p> <p>Josh - 2nd</p>

Nathan Wallis 4th December 2023 Westbrook School

Hot from the Press! We have two free tickets to this event. Please get in touch with Carla in the office if you are interested, first in = first served!

This is a new presentation by Nathan Wallis - New Zealand's renowned Neuroscience Educator!

Understanding Your Brain:
Building Resilience and Maximising Learning

The concept of building resilience in our children is more and more at the forefront of parents' minds. Academic success is in fact a result of resilience and can mean very little without it. In this summary of the evidence and research around what resilience looks like, how it's fostered and which environments do it the best, Nathan will break down for parents (in his usual 'straight from the hip' humorous style) exactly what we can do to facilitate our children developing resilience, increase their academic ability and enjoy an overall better quality of life. We will look at how our brains work as a basis for understanding how to achieve this. Relevant to parents/carers for all age groups - from newborns to teens!



Understanding Your Brain Building Resilience & Maximising Learning

Westbrook School / ROTORUA
Mon 4th December 2023, 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Tickets at www.eventfinda.co.nz



www.nathanwallis.com
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Reminders:

- If you are interested in a pool key this summer, contact the office by Friday 8th December.
- Students need to bring their togs and towels for swimming. Parents need to advise teachers if their child is not able to swim due to a medical condition.
- Our Celebration of Learning/Prizegiving (COL) will be held on Tuesday the 19th of December. Juniors 9.30am, Seniors 11.30am.
- Call the school phone, 3666814, to leave a message for any after school bus changes by, please note that this always gets checked before buses depart. For absentees please use our SKOOL Loop APP, or leave a message as above.
- Sign in / out for any late students, early pickups or visitors to come through the office and use the sign in register. Some of you may have already noticed that we have a new device for this, it has been working well with our Student Management System.
- Please ensure children have healthy snacks and water for morning tea. This helps their brain focus and is better fuel for their growing bodies.



Dates to Remember

Tue 28 Nov	Board Meeting 7pm
Wed 29 Nov	Parent curriculum evening 6.30pm
Thu 30 Nov	PTA Meeting 7.00pm
Wed 6 Dec	Parent curriculum evening 6.30pm
11 - 15 Dec	Senior Camp
Tue 19 Dec	Celebration of Learning
Wed 20 Dec	Last day of school



How spoiled are we to have our lovely local Mel Fraser-Harris drop in some gorgeous blooms for our school office?!

Thanks Mel! 🥰

PTA - Fishing Competition 2024

Our annual fishing competition is being held on the 13-14th January 2024. Get your entries in as we can only accept 100 competitors.

Can you help with household donations?! We have a wheelbarrow ready for collections in the school office

Lake Rerewhakaaitu school PTA



Fishing competition Wheelbarrow raffle



Non-perishable grocery items wanted!

The Lake Rerewhakaaitu School PTA are after any non-perishable items to fill our wheelbarrow for our raffle at next year's fishing competition! All profits made go towards keeping our school awesome. Please drop off at the school office or phone Sammie Allen on 0210607948 to arrange collection.

Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌



Week 6 certificates went to... Renata Davey for getting in the school pool for the first time. Charlie Whitworth for trying hard in handwriting. Johannah Allen for excellent progress in maths.

Finn O'Dea for amazing progress and effort in maths. Cecelia Dunlop & Salem O'Brien for having a great attitude towards learning.

The Principal Certificate went to... Cooper Scott for perseverance and resilience.



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.

Congratulations to our house winner for

week 6.. **Kakaramea!**



TUPU

Fact of the week: *A microwaved baseball will fly farther than a frozen one.*

Dragon Stories

As a class, we read a story called "Once Upon a Dragon's Fire". We explored the characters, setting and problems that happened. The students enjoyed reading about the dragon and how it looked very different from their perspective of what they thought a dragon looked like.



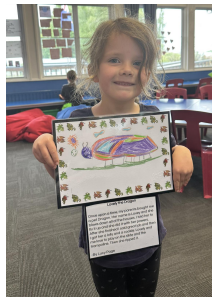
We then wrote our own stories about our own pet dragons! We wrote about the setting and problems we had with our dragons.

Rockmoss the Dragon

Once upon a time my parents bought me a pet dragon. My pet dragon burnt my home. Me and my Dad put it out. My pet's name is Rockmoss. Me and my Dragon played on the Trampoline and my dragon played on the swingset. Then we went to bed. By Renata Davey

War The Dragon

Once upon a time, my parents brought me a pet dragon! My Dragons name is War. He was a naughty dragon with his fire he blew a whole city down. I had a dragon he was naughty he blew down city and town! But Deisel said to the dragon stop. By Deisel Johnston



Bubble the Dragon

Once upon a time my mum bought me a pet dragon. I named it bubbles because it is cool and cute and it blows fire and it has rainbow spikes and it lives in a cave. Then I went back home and went to sleep in my bed. In the morning Bubbles played with another rainbow dragon. By Caoimhe Dawson

RAKAU

What did the Pig say on a hot day?

Man, I'm Bacon!!

Rakau had another great week!

This week we have been testing for the end of year and looking at the progress we have made throughout the year. On Tuesday most of Rakau went across to Reporoa College for Cluster Athletics. Thank you to our parent helpers and college students who helped for the day and for their vocal support around the track! This really helped us to dig deep in our events.

Camp is coming up in week 10! Gear lists will be out at the end of week 8!

Have a safe and happy week.

Ng ā mihi,
Rakau Class

MĀHURI

With the weather being up and down, wet and sunny, cold and hot lately we have had a mixture of inside and outside activities.

Athletics finished this week and we have continued to swim most days, please remember togs and towels daily. We have enjoyed experimenting and playing different games and sports, like Dodgeball.

Our favourite inside activities this past week have included performing plays, building blocks, Jenga/domino tracks, playdough, stamps and battery powered electrical circuits.



JOIN US FOR SOME CHRISTMAS FUN
AT....

REPOROA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

MONDAY 18TH - FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2023
9AM-3PM

@ REPOROA MEMORIAL HALL

HALF DAY (9AM-12:30PM) \$25
FULL DAY \$40 PER CHILD

Join "Reporoa Holiday Programme" on Facebook
for photos and details!

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2023 Cluster Athletics

Christmas Festival

Join us for arts and crafts, a treasure hunt, face painting, balloon animals, family photos, and meet Santa himself!!

16 - 17 December
10am - 2pm

Jean Batten Square
(next to Rotorua Library)

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