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# Principal Report

Term 3 2025  
Week 2

Kia ora e te whānau,  
What a fantastic week it's been at our wonderful little school!  
Our students are diving into their speeches, and they'll be putting the finishing touches on them at home. You can lend a hand by:

- Encouraging them to discover more interesting words.
- Being an attentive listener to their practice runs.
- Offering feedback on their volume, tone, and pace.

Year 1-3 Speeches: (up to 1 min)  
Year 4 Speeches: (1-2 min)  
Year 5 Speeches: (2 min)  
Year 6 Speeches: (3 min)  
Year 7-8 Speeches: (3 - 4 min)



Our LRS Speeches will be held on Friday 5th September. The winners from our Year 5-8 speeches go on to represent our school at the Cluster Speech Competition to be held in the Waikite Valley Hall on 9th September. Please note: Parents will need to transport their child/ren to this event.

Our Kapa Haka group is making great progress, and their dedication is shining through! We're practicing every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, getting ready for what promises to be a magnificent performance on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at Reporoa College. Mark your calendars!

A new chess club has kicked off, and it's wonderful to see the children enthusiastically challenging each other every lunchtime in the library. A huge thank you to Peter Allen for his generous donation of four chess sets, which has truly sparked their excitement for the game's challenges!



## TRIENNIAL BOARD ELECTIONS

Parents and caregivers should have received their nomination forms this past week. Calls for nominations close 12pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August. If you are interested to understand a bit more we have published a guide on our website, under publications. Election day- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## Attendance

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

We are currently sitting at 67% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks absentees:  
Rakau 94.49% attendance  
Mahuri 91.66% attendance  
Tupu 93.75% 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.

And the Winner is... **RAKAU!**

### ATTENTION

#### WE NEED YOU!

We will be having two Working Bees on Sundays 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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

### Carpet Court JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

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Get Kids Active

The Carpet Court Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge is the ultimate chance for kids to run, climb, crawl, and laugh their way through a day of fun-filled adventure. Let them embrace the mud and make memories to last a lifetime! All competitors will receive a special finishers medal for taking part!

1.5km Course Option – For school years 3 – 4  
3km Course Option – For school years 5 – 8  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025

If you are wanting your child to participate in the Junior Tough guy challenge this year please go to <https://eventplus.net/CCJ25> and register them for the event. You will be in charge of getting your child to and from the event as well as supervising them.

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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

- Fri 1 Book club orders due
- 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

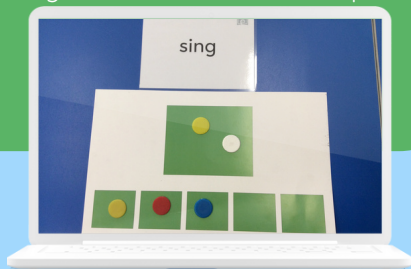
Kia ora, koutou,

## TUPU

This week for literacy we have started learning about digraphs. A digraph is when two letters make one sound. This week we've learnt 'sh', 'ch' and 'ng'. We've also been using our segmentation boards to count the number of sounds we can hear in words. A segmentation board has squares to represent each sound and we drag counters into the boxes—one counter for each sound we hear.

We came up with two great questions to investigate for our study topic this week. How do plants get their food? Do plants need bees?

Kia pai tō rā,  
Tupu Class.



## MAHURI

Kia ora koutou,

Ngā ākonga o Mahuri (the students of Mahuri) have enjoyed their sentence structure work in literacy this week. They have been learning to identify different types of sentences, fix sentence fragments to make complete sentences, and sort sentences by their type—so they can write clearly and correctly.

Next week, we will begin learning how to write a speech and what students need to include. Please support the ākonga with writing their speeches at home. We will present them in class during Week 7. The top three speeches from each year level will then be presented to the whole school.

The most exciting part? They get to choose their own topic!

Have a great weekend.

Ngā mihi,  
Whaea Kylie

Exploring the Moon, Mastering Numbers, and Crafting Speeches!

Kia ora Parents and Whānau,  
It's been another busy and exciting time in Years 4-8, with our students diving into a variety of fascinating topics across different subjects!

In Science, we've been captivated by our closest celestial neighbour: the Moon! We've been exploring the different phases of the Moon, understanding why it appears to change shape in the night sky. From the New Moon to the Full Moon and everything in between, students have been tracking its cycles and learning the scientific reasons behind these transformations.

Our Maths lessons have seen students confidently tackling large numbers up to 1,000,000. We've been focusing on reading and ordering these numbers, ensuring a strong grasp of place value and numerical sequence. This foundational knowledge is crucial for their future mathematical understanding and problem-solving skills.

In Writing, our students have been honing their research and organisational skills. They've been busy finding information on various topics and effectively sorting it under relevant subtitles. This helps them structure their thoughts clearly and present information in a logical and accessible way.

We've also begun the exciting process of writing speeches, where students are learning to articulate their ideas persuasively and confidently. We're looking forward to hearing their powerful voices! As always, we encourage you to chat with your children about what they're learning and support their curiosity at home. Their enthusiasm and hard work are truly inspiring!

Ngā mihi nui

Principals award



Ruby for Whanaungatanga

## 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

## CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Everlyn-Mae for excellent engagement and participation in learning activities. Tukaha for focus and attention to learning activities. Tennille for never giving up, even when learning gets tough. Cayden for including others and valuing different perspectives. Flynn for excellent work with his speech writing.

## 🌟 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...







## 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](mailto:office@lakerere.school.nz) or

Phone 07 3666 814



## 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.

For a nomination form, or more information, contact  
Lake Rerewhakaaitu School



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.



A WARM  
WELCOME

A warm welcome to  
**Riana, Zahndre & Pheonng**  
who are new to our school,  
We wish you both a wonderful  
new journey here at Lake  
Rerewhakaaitu School



## Waist Management

Members only · Discoverable

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai haere mai.  
Year 3 🌟 at the hall from 6.30-7.15 pm tues  
& thurs until the end of November 2025 🌟  
\$ 10 each

Bring a mat towel and water bottle  
All updates & feedback will be posted on  
messenger page or Msg me at  
0274485756 if you prefer text message  
updates.

Stay well. Hope to see you soon  
Warm regards  
Christine



SEND BY...  
31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2025



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%

## Lake Rerewhakaaitu School

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If you would like to advertise on the Lake Rerewhakaaitu School Skool Loop App please email [Content@skoolloop.com](mailto:Content@skoolloop.com)



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