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28th March 2024

Week 8

Deputy Principal Report

And just like that we are at the end of week 8!

This week saw our students participating in the RATS Duathlon in Rotorua and the Cluster Summer Sports in Reporoa. A HUGE thank you to all our parent/grandparent helpers, these events would not be possible without your help.

A reminder that **Tuesday 2nd of April is also a school holiday** and **Thursday 4th is Teacher Only day** where our staff and community will be busy refreshing their first-aid certificates.

Our playground is being overrun by disowned socks. Please remind your child that they are not glitter and don't need to be spread everywhere! They are given the opportunity after lunch to go and find items they have left on the field, the socks are not being owned. We understand they are hard to label, but it is at the point where all unowned socks found at the end of the week are being donated to the rubbish bin as they are taking over our lost property bin. Students need to take responsibility for their belongings, it is NOT the teacher's job to check all students have their clothing.

Teachers have been busy going through road safety with our students, especially how we cross the road when there isn't a pedestrian crossing. Just a reminder when picking up children from school that our crossing space is at the end of the car park. Please do not cross where the buses are as the visibility is very limited.

Remember to ensure your children wear seat belts in the car, and are in a booster seat if required.

- Each year, many children are injured – or die – in car accidents. An appropriate child restraint (car seat) is the best protection your child has when they're travelling in a vehicle.
- Under New Zealand law, the driver is responsible for making sure any child under seven years old is properly restrained in a car seat that's appropriate for their age, size and development.
- You'll know your child has outgrown their car seat when they're over the manufacturer's recommended weight or height restrictions for that model of child restraint.
- Making the move to a booster seat depends on your child's height and weight, not their age.
- Plunket has child restraint technicians around the country you can call on for advice.

On Wednesday 3rd April five of our students will be off to represent us at CBOP Swimming in Rotorua. Good luck to Jonty Armer, Bryce Davey, DC Gulde, Eva-Rose Hale and Rebecca Sterkenburg.

Please note there will be no newsletter next week.

Have a safe and happy Easter with your whanau, be safe on the roads and remember school re-opens on Wednesday 3rd April.

Pool Keys

Just a reminder to please return your pool keys if you haven't already. Thank you to those who have!

PTA - Cookietime fundraiser

Our PTA has a scrummy fundraiser at the moment, Cookietime cookies! Please ensure orders and payment are returned by Tuesday 9th April. More order forms are available in the school office foyer.

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 St Johns first aid course, which is a requirement for teachers.

Photolife

Photolife is coming to take our school photos on Friday 5th April. If you would like sibling photos, please complete the online form before 1st April.

[Photolife sibling form 2024](#)

Please note - all students present on Friday 5th April will get their individual and class photos taken.

Order codes will be sent to caregivers emails direct from Photolife once they're ready.

A MASSIVE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR EX-PUPIL, LOCAL CHAMPIONS!





*A warm welcome to Cooper Whitworth,
who is new to our school.*

*We wish you a wonderful new journey
here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School.*

Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌
Last week's certificates went to...



Taipari Redmond – for being a helping, focussing and kind classmate

Shiloh Kena for great listening and being kind and caring

Cooper Whitworth – welcome to Lake Rerewhakaaitu School.

Ted Reid for creating the

most fantastic 'One Point Perspective' drawing.

Lucy Page for making great progress in maths and reading.

Stella Scott for showing great perseverance in your learning.

Chase Roberts – Having a 'Can do' attitude towards school life. Ka Pai!

The Principal Certificate went to...
Caionhe Dawson for resilience during sports activities

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

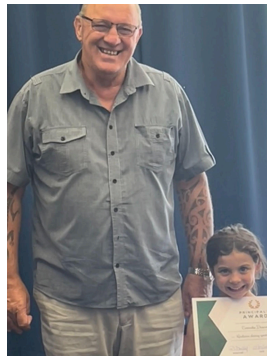
Bryce Davey & Chase Roberts

Kakaramaea

Callum Koekemoer & Morgan Perry

Congratulations to our house winner

for last week.. **Kakaramaea!**



Dates to Remember

Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday - Public Holiday
Mon 1 Apr	Easter Monday - Public Holiday
Tue 2 Apr	Easter Tuesday - School holiday
Wed 3 Apr	CBOP Swimming @ Aquatic Centre
Thu 4 Apr	Teacher Only Day - No school
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

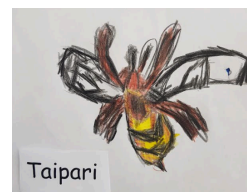
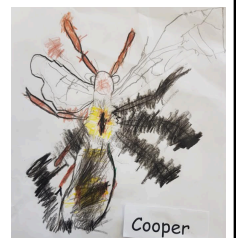
TUPU

Tupu has been learning more about bees this week. We have been drawing them and writing about them.

Here is some of our writing:

There is over 1 thousand different types of bees. The yellow stuff is called pollen. When the bee puts the yellow stuff from a flower onto another flower it is called pollination. By Cayden

The bee went into the hive and then it goes out again and collected the stuff onto the flower and then it went back into the hive and gave it to the Queen Bee. By Cooper

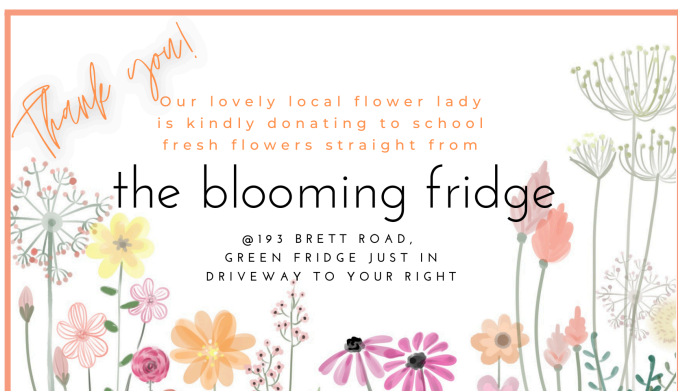


The bee went to get some and he went to other flowers then he stuck dust on the bees and then he gave it back to the Queen Bee and then he flew to other flowers then we went back to the beehive. By Taipari

Bees like flowers. The pollen is in the flowers. Aren't bees fascinating. By Elsie

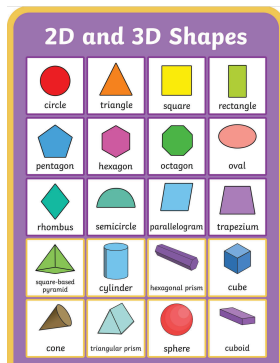


Bees like nectar from the flowers. Bees make honeycombs and when they sting you they die. And when they hop to the next flower, and when they have finished with the flower they have some nectar on their legs and only the Queen Bee stays in the hive. By Heidi



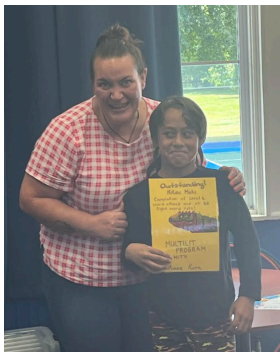
MAHURI What is red and smells like blue paint?

We will be learning about 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes until the end of the term. This week we began by naming the 2-dimensional shapes we knew and finding examples of them in everyday objects - our class clock is a circle, our mat is a rectangle, and we have some square windows. We have been discussing similarities and differences between shapes; number of sides and corners (or vertices). We will be moving onto more complex 2D shapes like pentagons, hexagons and octagons next week and then onto our 3D shapes; cube, cuboid, cylinder, cone and sphere. It would be great if you could discuss these shapes and look for them in everyday objects at home with your children.



RAKAU What do you get when you cross a snail with a porcupine?

A slowpoke!



Rakau has had another great week of learning and bonding together. In assembly last Friday Cooper, Stella and Taituha shared their personal logo creations with us. We had to create a logo that represented ourselves using the initials of our own name as a starting point.

Nikau has been working extremely hard with Whaea Rora the last 7 weeks and last week completed level 4 word attack of the MultiLit program. We are super proud of his resilience, well done Nikau!



This week Miss Gow has been talking with us about suitable language in the playground and classroom. Some students' use of farm language towards other students has been unacceptable. Please remind your children about appropriate word choices.

Have a safe and wonderful long weekend.

Ngā mihi, Natalie Gow



FILL THE TRUCK

School Fundraiser

Have you got some quality bales you could donate?

We are on the hunt for a truck load of 44 quality bales to auction off as an entire load.

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Pick up dates : Thursday 11th April and Thursday 2nd May 2024



SibShop & 3D Trick Art Gallery

A fun-filled day for Kiwi kids and teens who have a disabled brother or sister, and a chance to connect with other kids who just 'get it'.



Our popular SibShops offer the opportunity for children and youth aged 8-18 with a disabled, neurodivergent or health impaired brother or sister to have a day where the focus and attention is just on them.

As well as having an awesome time at the 3D Trick Art Gallery, these siblings will get the chance to sit down together and talk about what it's like having a disabled sibling, in a safe environment with others who know just where they are coming from. Run by siblings for siblings, SibShops provide a space to discuss practical tips and strategies to help them thrive in their own unique family and whānau environment. Our SibShops are incredibly popular so get in quick!

The event starts at Garden of Life ECE then the siblings will travel by chartered bus to the 3D Trick Art Gallery for parent pick-up at 4pm.

This event is free, thanks to funding from The IHC Foundation

For more info and/or to register:
<https://parent2parent.org.nz/events/sibshop-3d-trick-art>

Event details

Date & Time

Sat 6th April
9:30am – 4:00pm

Venue

Garden of Life ECE
34 Geddes Road, Koutu, Rotorua 3010

Pick up from 3D Trick Art Gallery
171 Fairy Springs Road, Fairy Springs, Rotorua 3015

Event contact

Jane Ford
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027 808 3945

Te Whatu Ora

Health New Zealand

The Dental team is coming to Lake Rerewhakaaitu School on 8th April for a visit to apply a fluoride varnish to help provide extra protection to your child's teeth.

Fluoride is a mineral that occurs naturally in some water sources. Fluoride helps protect both child and adult teeth by strengthening tooth enamel. Fluoride replaces the minerals lost on the surface of the teeth during early stages of tooth decay.

What will we do?

1. Apply a protective coating of fluoride to your child's teeth.



What do you need to do?

- If your child will not be present on the day of the visit, please call the number below to book an appointment
- If **do not** want your child to have this service, or you want to discuss, please contact:
 - o Phone 0800 Lakes Teeth (0800 525 378)
 - o Text 027 578 0275
 - o teeth@lakesdhs.govt.nz



Under New Zealand law, all children under seven years of age must use an approved child restraint appropriate for their age and size. Children aged seven must be secured in a restraint if one is available in the vehicle.

Requirements for child restraints

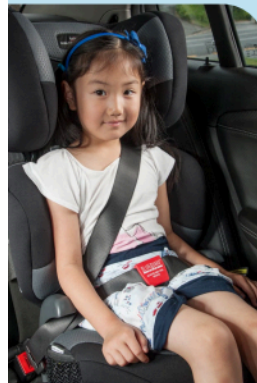
Age of child	The law says you must:
Until their 7th birthday	Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint
From their 7th to their 8th birthday	Correctly secure your child in an approved child restraint if one is available in the vehicle (and if not, in any child restraint or safety belt that is available)
From 8th birthday to 14 years old	Must use safety belts if available. If not available, they must travel in the back seat.
Over 14 years old	Must use safety belts where they are available.

International best practice recommends the use of an appropriate child restraint (or booster seat) until your child reaches 148 cm tall or is 11 years old. Child restraint and medical professionals recommend that you keep your baby in a rear-facing restraint until as old as practicable, at least until they are 2 years of age.

Stage 3 Booster seat

Installing

- Never use a booster seat with a lap seat belt only.



Using

- If you have a booster seat that has a built-in harness system, use the harness until the child reaches the height or weight limit advised in the manufacturer's instructions, and then use the vehicle's seat belt.
- If your booster seat has a seat belt guide, make sure to use it every trip.
- A full booster seat with an adjustable head rest will provide better protection for your child than a booster cushion.
- Encourage your child not to lean out of the booster seat.

Progressing

Best practice recommends that children stay in a restraint or booster seat until they're 148cm tall.

How to know when your child is ready to progress from a booster seat to the adult seat belt:

- The child can sit right back on the seat with their legs bent comfortably over the edge

- The seat belt is not against their neck
- The lap part of the seat belt sits low against their thighs, not across their stomach.
- The child stay seated like this for the whole trip.

If the answer is no to any of these questions, then your child needs to use a booster seat to keep them safe.



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