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30th October 2020

Week 3

Principal's message

WOW end of week three already, that means it's 8 weeks until Christmas!! Between now and then we have a full programme and will be busy with lots of exciting things to do and look forward to. The school is looking like a tornado has been through it at the moment. We are in the middle of shifting all of the classrooms to begin the new renovations of Rooms 1-4. Room 1 is moving to the Learning Centre, Room 2 is moving to the Library/Music room, Room 4 and the Learning Centre are moving to the Hall. This is really exciting and will be finished in March next year.

Room 4 and the Learning Centre will be residing in the Rerewhakaaitu Hall for the term of the renovations. This means they will be crossing Ash Pit Road at least six times per day.

9.00am, 10.30am, 11.00am, 12.30pm, 1.15pm and again at 3.00pm.

To keep ourselves safe procedures for crossing the road have been set up and will be in force for the term of the renovations. If you are dropping your child off at school in the morning please drop them off at the school and not the Hall. This way we can ensure that we **all** cross the road together and there is no confusion. Your help with this would be really appreciated.

Procedure:

1. **Road crossing preparation**
   - A staff member must be present **at all times**.
   - Children shall wear high visibility vests (if practicable and available to all).
   - Crossing shall be from and to the Lake Rerewhakaaitu School car park (in front of PTA Shack)
   - Remind children of "***No Talking***" so that instructions can be heard.
   - Children shall hold hands in pairs OR in one or two lines depending on group size.

Note: A road crossing shall **NOT** be attempted if visibility is impaired such as in heavy fog conditions or in any condition where safety is at risk.

2. **Once children are ready**
   - When crossing from the Lake Rerewhakaaitu School side, the teacher crosses the road to ensure maximum visibility for sighting vehicles.
   - Remind children to cross the road by walking steadily with no running.
   - When no vehicles are visible from the kerb, in either direction, instruct the children to cross the road directly by saying "***Cross now***".

3. **During road crossing**
   - Teacher to ensure all children are crossing directly.
   - Teacher to check all children have safely crossed the road.

Life Education

Harold the Giraffe will be at school on the 9th, 10th, 11th November. This year, to fit in with our term 4 focus, he will be teaching the children about

Wellbeing - looking after ourselves and keeping ourselves well.

Athletics Day

We will be holding our athletics day on the 16th of November with a postponement day of the 17th November. This day needs many hands and if you are able to assist us can you please contact Mrs Koroa. Thanks in advance!

Camp

Next week the year 6,7,8's are away in Rotorua for their annual camp. They will be going to Motion and playing laser tag, visiting Hobbiton, doing the Tree Walk, an 'amazing race' around Rotorua, playing night mini golf, Zorbing, Skyline gondolas and luging, doing the Canopy tour in the Redwoods Forest before finally coming home on Friday.

Charter and Strategic 2021-2023

Your Board of Trustees have been very productive over the last few months in Charter and Strategic aims for 2021-2023. As I have mentioned in the last few newsletters the Charter has been finalised and is on the wall in the office for all to see. At the last meeting the Strategic aims were finalised. The Charter and Strategic aims are future focused and, along with the policies and procedures, provide direction for the principal in the day to day running of the school.

Our Strategic Aims

1. Students develop life long learning skills
2. Develop student voice and agency
3. Developing collaborative teaching /learning practices
4. Grow and improve our quality of services.
5. Manage and maintain school property for best educational outcomes
6. Sustain a balanced budget to affect the schools strategic plan
7. Strengthen the link between school, whanau/family and the wider community

Group Day

We had 11 students attend Group Day at Broadlands School. The children and their pets did extremely well and I will have the results from this in the next newsletter.

Meanwhile at this week's assembly, our super star awards go to

... drum roll please ...

Toby Marshall - for being respectful and showing perseverance at all times.
Jay-J Watson - for trying hard and concentrating on his work - especially in handwriting.
Hemi Dawson - for managing himself and being a great role-model to others in our class.
Keelan O'Carroll - for working hard on your reading and writing.
Kourtney Austin - for contributing to class discussions positively.
Zoey McLean - for creative and imaginative writing.
Sophia Schweizer- for showing resilience.
Bree Mattler - for being a great self manager and good friend.
Tanenuirarangi Roberts - for developing his leadership skills in the learning centre.

History preserved and given a new lease on life!

Lake Rerewhakaaitu Schools historic trophies have never looked so good! After collecting them all up we approached Kiwi Metal Polishes in Rotorua who were more than happy to breathe new life into our blackened trophies. With the owner of Kiwi Metal Polishes having fond memories of attending dances in our Village Hall, along with some home made baking to sweeten the deal, our invoice for the work was an attractive $0.00. There are sporting endeavors, academic achievements and Ag Day awards that show the passion and commitment that kids have had over the years with their pets. Reading through the names of those who donated the trophies and also the recipients is like reading a who's who of the Rerewhakaaitu history. While these are secured in the trophy cabinets in the reception of the school, both are easily opened for you to wander down memory lane, and we welcome and encourage you to call in and do so.
It is with great thanks that we acknowledge the work Kiwi Metal Polishers have done. If you have a job that you think they could help with, we cannot recommend them enough.

Technology

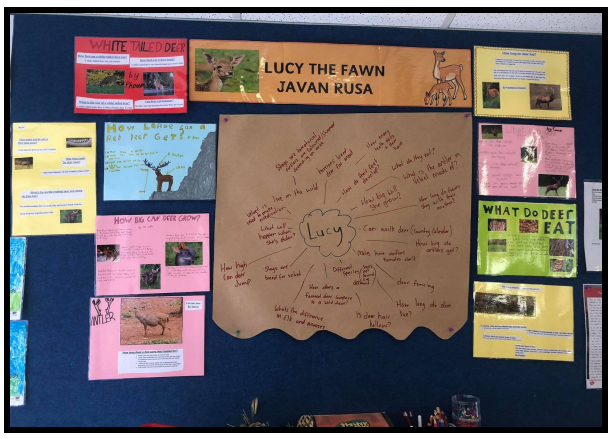
Last week our year and 8 students had the opportunity to go to Mokoia intermediate. They got to partake in cooking, hard materials, biotechnology and lots more! All the kids had lots of fun and got to make many friends!

Athletics

We have started training for Athletics during the week, students have learnt about high jump, long jump, discus, shot put and sprints. Students are very excited to get outside and begin pushing themselves further than last year!

The Learning Centre

The Learning Centre has welcomed a student teacher from Waikato University who will be working with us for the next four weeks. She has been excited to get to know the kids and has begun teaching our students about Rusa Deer and New Zealand deer. We have even been lucky enough to have more visits from Lucy the little Rusa Deer, we have been able to watch her growth over the months.



Dates To Remember	
2nd - 6th Nov	**Year 6-7-8 Rotorua Camp**
Mon, 9th Nov	**Renovations start on the classrooms**
Fri, 13th Nov	**Y 5-8 Collaborative Children's Conference, Reporoa**
Mon. 16th Nov	**Athletics Day**
Fri, 20th Nov	**Cluster Athletics Day**
Fri, 27th Nov	**Closing date Lucky Book Club**
16th/17th Dec	**Teacher only days**
Wed, 15th Dec	**Last day of school**

The wonderful Kids Artwork arrived - please check and make sure that your order has been paid.

STAR FEST
Saturday October 31st 6:00 to 8:30pm
at St Stephens Church, Guthrie Street, Reporoa.

Dress up and come along to play games and win prizes!
(No HALLOWEEN or SCARY COSTUMES please)
Tickets cost $1:00 for 3 tickets.

LOTS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!!
Star Fest is aimed for primary age children.
Adults are most welcome to stay and enjoy the fun.
Preschoolers with Mums and Dads please.

Contact: Kylie Lafaele 0272541488

Rerewhakaaitu Domain tender
10.5 ha of grass for hay or silage. Must be removed by the 15th of November.
Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Tenders in to S Koopal by the 31st of October koopal@xtra.co.nz

S.Koopal, Chairman