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Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow*

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Week 4

Principal Report

What a lovely week we have had with our amazing students. Swimming is still the main focus for our sports and PE with the school swimming sports being held next Thursday 9th March.

Attendance

As mentioned last week our target is to get to 95%. Our attendance rate since the beginning of school this year stands at 80%. This is up from 76% last week. Small improvements each week is great to see. If we all keep up that great work we can achieve our target.

Mahuri

Unfortunately Whaea Puti has had a fall and broken her arm. She will be away from school recovering until the beginning of April. Mr Whalley has been teaching in Mahuri all this week. We are currently sourcing a reliever for Whaea Puti and we will keep you all informed of what is happening. We wish Whaea Puti a speedy recovery!

Help with Maths

Pose maths problems to practise at home using everyday learning situations where they can practise working it out in their head.

This will help with quicker recall of basic facts.

Examples:

- find and connect numbers around your home and neighbourhood, for example, find 7, 17 and 27 on letterboxes
- count forwards and backwards starting with different numbers, for example, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, then back again
- make patterns when counting forwards and backwards, for example 5, 10, 15, 20 then 20, 15, 10, 5 and 30, 40, 50, 60 or 12, 14, 16, 18
- do addition and subtraction problems by counting forwards or backwards in their heads, for example, $8 + 4$, $16 - 3$

Here's a tip: being positive about mathematics is really important for your child's learning, even if you didn't enjoy it or do well at it yourself at school, it doesn't mean the same will happen for them.

Swimming Sports Thursday 9th March



Get ready for next Thursday is our annual school swimming sports.

The timetable is as follows:

10.30am - 11.30am Juniors (5 -8 year olds)

11.30am - 12.30pm Lunch

12.30pm - 2.00pm Seniors (9 year olds and up)

There will be a parent/staff v students relay race so bring your togs

- Children are swimming at their age as of 31 January 2023
- All children aged 9 yrs and over will be swimming 2 lengths

It would be marvellous to see you all there!

Please note - There will not be a BBQ due to our tamariki receiving school lunches and we do not want to encourage food wastage, but adults are welcome to bring along some lunch and join us.

Congratulations to our successful 2023 Prefect candidates, Zoey Mclean and Josh Roberts! Candidates gave heartfelt speeches to our school assembly last week and this week their fellow students voted. Well done to all candidates, it takes courage and sportsmanship to put yourself out there. Ka pai!



School painting

Last year we started obtaining quotes to completely repaint the school. The Board has accepted a quote from Programmed Property Maintenance and we hope to have the school repainted before the end of the year.

Working Bee 25th March

We will be having a Working Bee Saturday 25th March from 10am - 2pm to get a few jobs done around school. Save the date. BBQ lunch will be provided. Some of the jobs that we have are:

- Fix the wall boards by the boys toilets
- Fix and extend the paving by the water fountains.
- Clean the drains
- Fix the broken downpipes and guttering
- Weed the gardens
- Remove the overflow of sand by the sandpit

That should keep us busy for a while.

Please let us know if you can join us to help our school shine 😊

Swimming

Children are swimming everyday, as it is a part of the curriculum, all students are to bring their togs and towel each day.



A warm welcome to Elsie Pacey who has just started school today. We wish you a wonderful new journey here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu.

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

Tennille Banfield & Cayden Allen for always trying her best and having a positive mindset.



Taituha Dawson for being a

helpful, focussed student and completing work to a high standard. **Finn O'Dea** for being a helpful, polite and on-task student. **Johannah Allen** for being a caring and polite student who helps others. **Syilas Hemi** for diving into the learning pit. **Cooper Scott** for showing great perseverance and actioning feedback. **Zoey Mclean** for always being polite and respectful to others.

Last week's **Principal Certificate** went to... **Tennille Banfield** for being a great helper



🌟Keep up the fantastic mahi!🌟



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 - Connor McMillan

Kakaramea - Zoey Mclean.

Congratulations to our house winner for last week.. **Tarawera!**



😊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.



This week our Caught Being Awesome recipient was...

Junior - Temple O'Brien

Senior - Josh Roberts

Dates to Remember

Thu 9th Mar	Swimming sports
Wed 15th Mar	Cluster Swimming
Sat 25th Mar	Working bee
Thu 30th Mar	Cluster Summer Sports
Mon 3rd Apr	Photo life
Thu 6th Apr	Term 1 Ends
Mon 24 Apr	Kahui Ako Teacher Only day
Tue 25 Apr	Anzac day
Wed 26 Apr	Term 2 First school day back
26 - 28 Apr	Life Education



Tupu has been getting into the swing of things, we have been hard at work learning routines, setting expectations and getting to know what it means to be a learner.



MĀHURI

In Mahuri we've been working hard while Whaea Puti is away; Learning how to make predictions in our reading, capital letters and fullstops, practicing the correct shape and size for our letters and numbers. Check us out in the picture practising our basic facts for maths.



RAKAU

Why did the Turkey want to join the band?

Because he already had the drum sticks!

Rakau has had another cracker week of learning. This week, for writing, we have been looking at situational writing- learning the difference between formal and informal styles of writing. One of our favourite situations this week was that our favourite famous person/ people are going to be at Miss Gow's house. We really want an invitation!

Below are some of our draft attempts at getting Miss Gow to invite us.

Have a great week, Rakau Class.

Dear Miss Gow,

I hear that a Stegosaurus is coming to your house. I am very angry that you did not invite me. I also hear that there will be burgers, chicken, chocolate and lollies. If you don't invite me I will have to blow up your house.

Regards,

Chase Roberts

Dear Miss Gow,

I believe that Chris Stapleton is coming to your house for the weekend. He is my favourite singer and I have been waiting to see him my whole life! If you can invite me to your house for the weekend that would be great, I do not care what time you want me to come, I WILL be there even if it's 1am. Actually, my dad and I will be there, invited or not. I hope there will be food, we will bring the drinks.

Warm regards,

Zoey Mclean



**WORKING
BEE
VOLUNTEERS
needed!**



When?
10am - 2pm
25th March 2023
Where?
Lake Rerewhakaaitu
School

*Together
We Can!*



Thank you!

Our lovely local flower lady is kindly donating to school fresh flowers straight from

the blooming fridge

@ 193 BRETT ROAD,
GREEN FRIDGE JUST IN
DRIVEWAY TO YOUR RIGHT



Waiotapu Scout Group

Waiotapu Scouts - Starting again February 13th.

What do the likes of Bear Grylls, Barack Obama, Taylor Swift, Richard Branson, Harrison Ford, Paul McCartney, Hillary Clinton, Michael Jordan, Bill Gates and Muhammad Ali, along with 11 of the 12 astronauts to have ever walked on the moon have in common? They were all Scouts!

The Waiotapu Scout Group runs an action-packed program of outdoor adventures and skills for boys and girls in the Reporoa, Broadlands, Waikite Valley, Waimangu, Ngakuru and Rerewhakaaitu Districts. While our fantastic den and central base is located on Corbett Road near the Waikite Valley hot pools we are often out-and-about making the most of our surrounding lakes, farms and forests.

If mountain bike rides, campfire cooking, constructing rafts, firearm safety, abseiling or knife-making sounds like the sort of activities your child would enjoy then check out our 'Waiotapu Scout Group' Facebook page to see the other sorts of adventures we get up to.

Our Scout Section caters for those youth 10-14 years of age and runs on Monday nights from 6.30-8pm throughout the entire school year. Our younger Cub Section is currently on hold. Enquiries welcome.

For more info contact:

Kyle Brennan -Scout Section Leader 0279040133

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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 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 front door under the porch and will be in a non-coded box for quick access.

ROTORUA LAKEFRONT COUNCIL | TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI CHILDREN'S DAY

TE RĀ O NGĀ TAMARIKI CHILDREN'S DAY

Join us in celebrating a day dedicated to our tamariki with free whānau-centered activities and performances.

WHEN:
Saturday 4 March, 10am - 1pm
(this event is weather dependent)

WHERE:
Rotorua Lakefront

FREE ACTIVITIES:
Bouncy castle, art and crafts, toddler play, rangatahi games - something for all ages!

For more information:
Visit rotoruanui.nz/event/childrens-day-rotorua

Thanks to our community partners and local businesses for helping to bring this event together.