



*Kei te whakatakataka a matou akonga mo nga ahei a tona wa  
Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow*

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### Week 9

#### Principal Report

The end of the term has come around very quickly and with COVID not having such an impact so far in 2023 we have been able to have open days and events that encourage our community to come along to our school:

- 14/15 Jan PTA Fishing Comp
- 20 Feb Meet and Greet
- 11 Mar PTA Ultra Marathon
- 9 Mar Swimming Sports
- 24 Mar Little Heart Day
- 1 April Working Bee
- 6 April Shared lunch

We've also been fortunate to have our students attend events outside of school:

- 15 Mar Cluster Swimming
- 21 Mar RATS Duathlon
- 5 Apr CBOP Swimming

Term 2 starts on Wednesday 26th April.

In the first week back on Monday the 25th April is a Teacher Only Day. All teachers within our Kahui Ako Cluster will be receiving professional development around culturally responsive practices, the curriculum refresh and assessment for learning.

Tuesday 25th is ANZAC day and then Wednesday to Friday we will have Harold and the life education bus in school

Next term we have the following planned; the Mini Marathon, Cross Country, Cluster Cross Country, Hillary Outdoors Camp and Kapa Haka on the last day of term.

Our topic focus will be:

#### What do plants need to survive?

- Environmental
- Sustainability

### School Targets update

#### Target 1

**All priority learners who are achieving more than one year below expected curriculum levels at the start of the year will demonstrate accelerated progress by the end of 2023**

We have had 16 students that are in our target group for Term 1 2023

Accelerated learning:

Reading 8/9 students

Writing 11/15 students

Maths 3/3 students

Evaluation of Target 1

There has been very good progress in making accelerated progress in Numeracy and Literacy for our target students. The main factors that have had a positive affect are:

- The appointment of a specialist teacher to target our students needs and to work with the teachers, LSC and RTL.B.
- The goals set in CAPs meeting- not all are academic as some students require assistance with physical and emotional barriers to learning.
- Where ever possible we have sorted assistance from outside agencies
- Students taking responsibility for their own learning and seeing themselves as learners.
- The targeted programmes have had a positive effect on student learning.

Barriers to the learning:

- Pastoral - with students having issues that are not school related and these affect their mental and emotional state.
- Attendance of some target students is still a concern.

## Where to next

Continue with the programme as it stands and continue to work with whanau and parents to support students at school. We are also working closely with parents and whanau on attendance.

## Target 2

To improve attendance and engagement to achieve 90% or higher in attendance.

Current situation

Attendance rate 2022	76%
Attendance rate 2023	85.7% (57 students)
Current Attendance	87.5% (53 Students)

Evaluation of Target 2

We are very happy with the results so far this year and have made significant improvements. Reports in the newsletter about the importance of attendance and our current attendance rates keeps the target in the minds of our community.

Where to next:

Letters home to all parents whose children have less than 85% attendance.

## Farewell to Whaea Puti

Whaea Puti has been with us since the start of last year and is now moving to Te Aho o Te Kura Pounamu.

Thank you Whaea for your passion, experience and contribution to helping our children grow. We wish you well in your new job.

## Working Bee

A massive thank you to all of the parents and whanau who took the time to help out with the Working Bee. We had a magnificent turn out and were able to complete all tasks and a few more. The lunch was pretty good too!



## CBOP Swimming Sports

Yesterday our selected LRS students participated in the CBOP swimming sports. Well done to our super swimming fishies! Esther & Rebecca Sterkenburg, Zoey Mclean, Holly Rogers and Jonty Armer. You all did extremely well, showed enthusiasm and represented our school with pride! Tino pai!



## Photolife

Order codes will be sent to caregivers emails direct from Photolife once they've proofed and collated information.

## Scholastic Orders

Unfortunately due to distribution issues with the Scholastic Term 1 orders, we will not receive them until the first week back in Term 2.

Scholastic understands the disappointment and frustration that this will cause you and your children and they thank you for your patience.

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



Elsie Pacey,  
Cayden Allen,  
Monique  
Sterkenburg,  
Stella Scott,  
Josh Roberts  
and Connor  
McMillan

**RATS Duathlon  
certificates**





## 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 & Josh Roberts

**Kakaramaea** - Zoey Mclean & Holly Rogers



Congratulations to our house winner for last week.. **Kakaramaea**

## 👑 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.



Last week our Caught Being Awesome recipients were...

**Junior - Lucy Page**

**Senior - Ezekiel-Rae Poumako**

## Dates to Remember

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
Wed 10 May	Weetbix Tri Sports
Wed 31 May	Fun Run
Mon 5 Jun	King's Birthday
5 - 9 Jun	Hillary Outdoor Camp
Wed 7 Jun	Cluster Cross Country
Sat 17 Jun	PTA Amazing Race
Fri 30 Jun	Cultural Festival. Term 3 Ends

## TERRIFIC TUPU

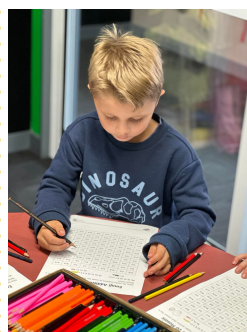
What a fun filled, jam packed, amazing term we have had! Our lovely class of 11 have been covering lots in phonics, literacy, numeracy and our topic of Ko wai Au? Ko wai au helped us to discover things about ourselves and our fellow classmates.

My favourite thing that happened this term was climbing up the hill - Diesel

My favourite thing that happened this term was swimming sports because it was fun! - Lucy



My favourite thing this term was doing my must dos. These are things we do after we finish our work, like ipads! - Cayden



My favourite thing that happened this term because we need to understand those who have broken hearts. Also because I won best dressed - Temple

## MAHURI

Yesterday we went up the mountain. All of the kids and the teachers went up the mountain. There was heaps of cow poo and it was windy up the mountain. By Te Ngahere

Yesterday we went up the hill behind our school. We took photos at the top and at the top we had lunch too. There was lots of banks. Mrs Bullock walked at the front and Gene was at the back. It was fun because we had a big lunch. Me and my friends walked up together and talked about the farm. When we got up to the top I could see Tarawera and Kakaramaea. By Tai

The walk was amazing because of the view. We saw Mount Tarawera and Lake Rerewhakaaitu.

At the top we got a photo of the school and then we had some lunch. When we looked at the view for some more minutes, we could see the school and the playcentre and I saw some trucks driving past. By Ryan

Yesterday our school went for a walk up the hill. When we got to the top we had a snack. Then I had a look at Tarawera and Putauaki (Mt Edgecumbe) and Tongariro. Then I saw the lake, then I saw the Rodeo and then we took some photos. By DC

Yesterday we went on a walk up the hill behind our school. When we were walking we took heaps of photos. When we got to the top it was very windy. We also had a lot of parents. The reason we went up there is because you can see a lot of the special things like the Rodeo, the Pony Club, the lake and the mountains. You can also see our school. The whole school went and the teachers went. By Jonty

Yesterday the school went up the hill across the road. I walked up the hill with Deisel. I had to run to keep up with everyone. By Toby

We went up on the hill and we saw Tarawera and Rainbow Mountain. We had lots of parents helping with the children and it was exciting because all of the parents came to help us. We saw the school and the class. All of the teachers came and the children and the parents came too. It was fun because we saw heaps of hills.

By Addison

Yesterday we went up the hill. At first we had lunch then we played for a little bit. When the bell went we went back to class. We had to line up. There was a girl line and a boy line. We went on the road. When we were at the hill it got hard. It was fun when we were at the top and my shoelaces were untied. I didn't care because I'm fine with things like that. By Paige

Yesterday our school went up the hill and I talked to Mrs Bullock and the parents and the teachers and the kids. By Stella

Yesterday we walked up the hill next to school and playcentre. Mum went up the hill. I like walking up the hill. I saw my house and my farm. At the top of the hill I had my piece of food and my water. Then we were walking back down the hill. I had fun because I saw the special stuff of Lake Rerewhakaaitu. By Johannah

We went across the road to the hill. We went up the hill. When we were on the hill we saw Mount

Tarawera and the lake and the trees. We saw the forest and we saw the snow. By Monique

Yesterday my class went up a hill. It was tiring. I wanted to go to sleep. All of the kids went up the hill to the top. When we were up the top we could see Mount Tarawera. By Eva-Rose

Yesterday my cousin and baby cousin came with us for the walk. I saw Mt Tarawera and I saw Putuaki (Mt Edgecumbe) and we saw Lake Rotomahana. The kids and all the parents came with us. By Te Kohu

Today we went up a mountain and we went past Louis's playcentre and there was a frisbee in the bush and there was cows and cow poo in the paddock and when we were there we saw Mount Tarawera and cars on the road and houses with gardens and Mrs Bullock did some photos on her phone and then they gave the snacks and water out. By Finn



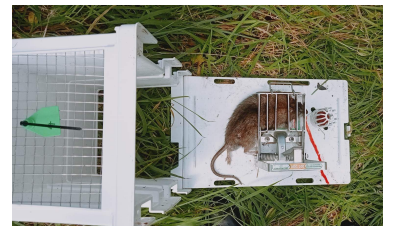
## RAKAU

Why did the dog do so well at school?

Because he was the teacher's pet!

Rakau has had another amazing week to finish off our first term of the year.

We would like to thank our parents for supporting us this term and look forward to what term two has in store for us. This term a small group from Rakau have been working with Whaea Stevie



setting traps and learning about pest control in our area. The boys took much joy in coming back to class after each catch to explain what they had caught, in some cases taking photo evidence! A huge mihi to

Stevie Church for giving her time and sharing knowledge with the kids. We hope you all have a safe and happy Easter! See you all back bright eyed and bushy tailed next term! Ngā mihi, Rakau class.