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## 6th May 2023

### Week 2

#### Principal Report

Wow, can it rain any more!! This week has been about getting on with school work without any extra curricular activities taking place. Next week however is very busy. We start with Amy from Evaluation Associates coming on Monday to work with teachers about 'Assessment for Learning'. This is a Kahui Ako PLD commitment and will be continuing all year. Tuesday, we have a group of students off to Reporoa for the Fell Cup, Wednesday is our Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon, Thursday, we are off for a whole school Forestry Nursery trip (see attached notice) and Friday is our Passion Projects and afternoon Sports. Plenty to look forward to :)

Even though the weather has been miserable this week the children are still getting outside and running around. Bullrush is the game to be playing at the moment. This makes duty fairly easy as nearly everyone is joining in.



#### Helping at Home

You can help your child's learning every day, by supporting and encouraging them and being excited by their learning. Here are some ideas to keep them developing their literacy and numeracy skills at home. Using easy, everyday activities.

Involve your child in:

- Planning to help make a dish or a full meal for the family or even a community event at the hall or marae – working out the cost of making it at home versus buying it already made, planning the preparation and cooking time – and focus on the ingredients and the amounts of fat and sugar, too.

- Planning what proportion of their own, or their brother's and sister's, time should be spent on tasks (like homework, sleep, TV, sport, kapa haka) to make sure there's time left for fun and family.

- Watching documentaries, which are full of facts and information using mathematics

- Reading the newspaper to find articles or advertisements featuring graphs or tables

Here's a tip: talk with your child's teacher to understand what they are learning in mathematics and what the learning is in the homework they're doing. 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.

#### Friday Sports helpers needed

Friday Sports is a great way to get the community involved in what we do at school. We are looking for anyone who wants to come down to school at 2.00pm on Friday afternoons to help with our sports games. This term we are doing: Rippa rugby, netball, soccer and hockey. If you are able to help please get in touch and we will organise a roster system for everyone.

#### Weetbix TRYathlon

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon and the Sport Bay of Plenty team will be at our school on Wednesday 10th May for our in-school TRY CHALLENGE event. Our tamariki will be completing an obstacle course with lots of surprises along the way! The goal of the TRY CHALLENGE is to encourage Kiwi kids to get active, more often and have fun. All students taking part in the event will receive an official TRYathlon t-shirt and be awarded their Champions medal as they cross the finish line. Thanks to the Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation and Sport Bay of Plenty, the event will be put on free of charge. Weet-Bix breakfast will also be provided. Come down and support our tamariki giving it a TRY on Wednesday 10th May!

**We still need a few more helpers on the day, so please contact the school or return the form at the end of the newsletter.** Thank you to those who've already offered to help, we will be in touch early next week with more info for the day.

## PTA corner

The PTA would like to inform the community that **Sammie Allen** is our new Chairperson. Congratulations on your new position Sammie, you are very grateful for you stepping up to this position.

We would like to extend our thanks to **Angela Robinson** for her dedication to our school and the children over the very many years she has been a part of our school community.

We hugely appreciate all that you have done and all that you continue to do for our children and community.

*It is the people who strengthen  
our community and connections.*

## Photolife

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

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



**Lucy Page & Twm Davies** for writing a story independently & identifying the first sound in each word. **Stella Scott and Johannah Allen** for being kind and caring and helping Mr Whalley.

**Cooper Scott & Caitlin McMillan** for amazing perseverance in your mahi this week. **Twm Davies** for showing great team working skills during inquiry. **Jonty Armer** for showing great leadership and house spirit.

**The Principal Certificate went to...  
Riki-Lee Banfield** for manaakitanga



## 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

**Kakaramea** - Zoey Mclean & Holly Rogers

Congratulations to our house

winner last week.. **Tarawera**



## Dates to Remember

Tue 9 May	Fell Cup @ Reporoa
Wed 10 May	Weetbix Tri Sports
Thu 11 May	Forestry nursery whole school trip
Fri 12 May	Scholastic orders due
Wed 24 May	Fun Run
Wed 31 May	Cluster Cross Country
Mon 5 Jun	King's Birthday
5 - 9 Jun	Hillary Outdoor Camp
Sat 17 Jun	PTA Amazing Race
Fri 30 Jun	Cultural Festival. Term 3 Ends

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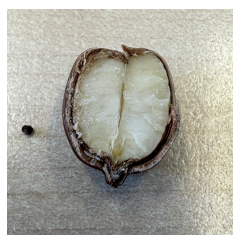


## TERRIFIC TUPU

Last week and this week, Kakaremea has been working with me to learn about our inquiry topic of Environment. We are specifically focusing on seeds, while Tarawera have been focusing on soil. We started by talking about what we know about seeds already and what we are eager to learn about.



Then we went out on a hunt for seeds. We are very lucky to have such large oak trees which are now dropping acorns. We cut these in half to look at the three different parts of a seed.



On Saturday there is a coronation. On Saturday the King gets a King hat and a sceptre. This is when the Queen died. The building's name is Westminster Abbey. The King is 73 years old. By Johannah

A coronation is when a King or Queen gets a crown and it is special when the King and Queen get the crown. On Saturday the Queen and the King will be officially Queen and King. The King and Queen got given an orb and a staff and a crown. The King and Queen get a special gold oil and they have crosses on their hand and neck and forehead. By Addison

On Saturday the King gets his crown and orb and the sceptre and he sits on a royal throne and he also walks but he walks with a lighter crown because the other crown is heavy so he wears the lighter crown when he goes on walks. By TeNgahere

On Saturday there will be a coronation. What is a coronation? A coronation is a very big ceremony, it is almost like a wedding. The first coronation was a very long time ago. They hold it at Westminster Abbey. How do they have a coronation? First the King or Queen sits on their chair and they bring the orb, the sceptre and the crown. By Jonty

The coronation is when the king or the queen gets the crown. On Saturday King Charles is getting the crown because Queen Elizabeth died. When the King or the Queen walks in, the coronation starts. A coronation is a very special thing. They do it in Westminster Abbey. Inside they give you an orb, a sceptre and a crown. King Charles owns around 56 countries. By Tai

## MAHURI

Westminster Abbey is where the king will be crowned. He will be given the staff and the orb. By Toby

There is lots of people and only one of them will get the crown. By Natasha

A coronation is very very special. A king or queen gets a crown, an orb and a staff. King Charles on Saturday has a coronation too. He is going to be a proper king. When it's a coronation there is a special spoon, it's a gold spoon and a King or Queen gets oil with the spoon. When the Queen died she was in a box in a car and she had a big coronation. Lots and lots of people came to the coronation. If I was a Queen I would have a coronation too - and you! Lots of Kings and Queens are cool, they are princesses and princes. By Paige

On Sunday the King is getting a crown and he gets his oil and he gets a sceptre and the king sits on the special chair and the castle is called Westminster Abbey. By Monique

## RAKAU

This week's joke brought to you by Chase Roberts

*Why did Tigger go to the bathroom?*

*To look for his friend Pooh!*

Rakau has really enjoyed learning about procedural writing. We got the opportunity to instruct Miss Gow how to make



her coffee; it didn't go to plan for many of us the first time round! We used this experience to improve our ability to give written instructions. In the afternoons we have been splitting into our houses with Kakaremea learning about seeds and Tarawera learning about soil and its layers and nutrients needed to grow fruit, veggies and grass. In math this week, we have been learning about measurement. We have produced posters to remind us of the conversions when measuring length. We are super excited to start passion projects this week! Have a safe and productive weekend.



# Working for FAMILIES



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<b>Minimum family tax credit</b> A payment to make sure qualifying low-income families get a minimum level of income. The parent, parents, or caregivers need to work a required number of hours for salary and wages. A single parent must work at least 20 hours a week. In a two-parent family or other family structure, one or both parents between them must work at least 30 hours a week. If you're receiving an income-tested benefit you will not qualify for this payment.	<b>Family tax credit</b> A payment to help qualifying families with the costs of raising children. This payment depends on how much your family earns, the number of dependent children you have, and any shared care arrangements. If you receive an income-tested benefit you may also qualify for this payment. In this case, Work and Income will usually pay you the family tax credit.

To see if your family may qualify, check out the Working for Families calculator at [ird.govt.nz/workingforfamilies](http://ird.govt.nz/workingforfamilies) - it only takes 5 minutes to complete.



Please complete and return the form below if you can help at our school Weetbix Tryathlon



# PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

## WEETBIX TRYATHLON

TO BE HELD AT LAKE REREWHAKAAITU SCHOOL

**WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY**

**YES!**

I am amazing and I can help this event go ahead

• Name:

• Contact number:

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL ASAP**



# Speak UP STAND TOGETHER STOP BULLYING

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3rd May 2023

## Notice of whole School field trip to the Rotorua Forest Nursery

Kia Ora Whanau,

This term our school's inquiry topic is Environment, therefore we have planned a whole school field trip to the Rotorua Forest Nursery located in Owkata, Rotorua.

The Rotorua Forest Nursery offers a range of Pinus Radiata genetics to suit everyone from the discerning forester to carbon and soil conservation projects, which will be very interesting for our tamariki to learn about.

We will be travelling by bus, please **ensure all students are at school by 8.50am**.

Parent helpers are not required for this trip to go ahead.

**Date:** Thursday 11th May - departing at 9.00am, returning to school prior to 3.00pm

**Venue:** Rotorua Forest Nursery, Owkata, Rotorua.

**Cost:** Nil

### Students will require:

- Covered & comfortable shoes (Compulsory)
- Water bottle
- Morning tea (Lunch will be provided as usual)
- Medication if required

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact [principal@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:principal@lakerere.school.nz)

Nga Mihi,

Lauren Harris