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Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow*

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8th December 2023 Principal Report

Week 9

A week and a half to go! Next week our senior class will be away at Thornton Beach for their annual camp. We know they will have an amazing time and look forward to hearing of their adventures. While they are away, our junior classes will be busy creating masterpieces with arts and crafts, swimming and finishing the week off with a day camp at school on Friday.

Last day of school

School will finish at 1.00pm on Wednesday 20th December. Buses will depart school from 1.00pm.

Parent Evening

Last Wednesday we held our last curriculum parent night. Thank you to those who made the effort to come and join in the evenings. At the Parent Numeracy meeting we were introduced to the Lake Rerewhakaaitu numeracy statement:

'We believe mathematics is an integral part of the curriculum. In our rapidly changing technological world there is an increasing demand on mathematical skills and understanding. We will teach mathematics in relevant and realistic contexts offering children a broader, richer and more challenging maths programme as they master basic skills.'

Parents were challenged with a **quick question round**:

- $2(6 + 4)^2 \div 5 =$
- $7 + (14 \div 2)^2 - 16 =$
- 30% of 630 =
- How many sides has a dodecagon?
- $1/8$ of 560

As well as a word problem:

When Rick retires he wants an income of \$630 (after tax) from the interest on his investment accounts.

Rick's interest will be taxed at 20%. He estimates that the interest rate on his investments will be 7.5% when he retires. The interest on his investment will be his only income.

Calculate how much Rick needs to save before he can retire.



We then heard from Miss Harris, Mrs Trumper, Miss Gow and Mrs Arnott about teaching knowledge and strategy in numeracy, as well as geometry, measurement and statistics.

As promised the helpful sites:

How can you help at home?

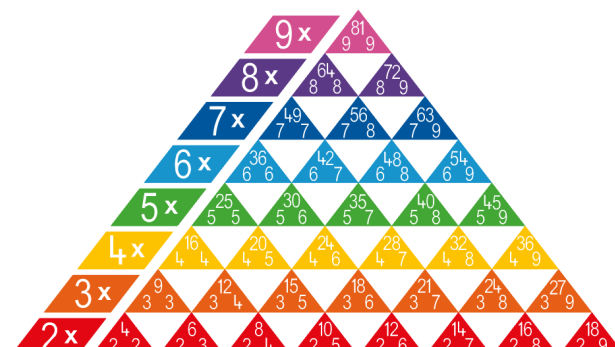
- ★ Practice counting and reading numbers.
- ★ Practice quick recall of basic facts.
- ★ Play games with numbers, dice or cards.
- ★ Compare prices at the supermarket.
- ★ Order objects by size, shape, weight, and patterns or similarities and differences.
- ★ Read and use a calendar.
- ★ Complete weekly homework.

<https://nzmaths.co.nz/families-and-whanau>



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The super 36 times table



THE TABLES TRIANGLE

CBOP Athletics

A huge congratulations to Nikau Mohi, Hemi Dawson, Ezekiel-Rae Poumako-Bartlett and Holly Rogers for representing our school at the 2023 CBOP Athletics. Great effort shown by all. Thank you to our parent helper Jo Rogers.



Pool Keys

Thank you to those who have given interest in a pool key this summer. Letters will be emailed out to you with more information.

Reminders;

- School finishes at 1pm on the last day of school
- Our Celebration of Learning/Prizegiving (COL) will be held on Tuesday the 19th of December. Juniors 9.30am, Seniors 11.30am
- Call the school phone, 3666814, to leave a message for any after school bus changes by, please note that this always gets checked before buses depart. For absentees please use our SKOOL Loop APP, or leave a message as above

Dates to Remember

11 - 15 Dec	Senior Camp
Tue 19 Dec	Celebration of Learning
Wed 20 Dec	Last day of school - 1.00pm finish

PTA - baking needed

PTA is putting the call out for slices and cakes that we could sell as a part of our fundraising BBQ at the Rodeo Locals Day.

To make it simple for you, just keep them whole please, no need to cut up.



We would like these to be dropped off at school on Friday, 15th December before 3.30pm.

Thank you for helping us help our School.

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School PTA 2024 Fishing Competition

1st Place Adults \$500 Cash
1st Place Youth \$250 cash
1st Place child \$100 voucher

Kindly sponsored by DKH Contracting LTD

Lots of spot prizes up for grabs
Raffles available at prize giving cash only

Date: Sat 13th & Sun 14th January
Time: Start 6am on 13th
Finish 3pm 14th
Followed by prize giving and dinner from 5pm on the 14th

Entry Fee: Adults \$25, Youth 12- 18 years \$15, Children 0- 11 years \$10
Get in quick! Limited entries

For more information contact Angela Robinson ph. 0275297615 or email: an.js.robinson@xtra.co.nz

Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌

Last week's certificates went to...



Taipari Redmond for showing great improvement in his writing.

Renata Davey for being a good friend to everyone.

Jonty Armer for actively taking on feedback in his writing to enhance his work.
Monique Sterkenburg for progress in writing.

Chase Roberts for always having a great attitude towards group and team learning.

Ezekiel-Rae Poumako-Bartlett for showing a great attitude towards all learning tasks. Keep it up!

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 - Holly Rogers & Ezekiel Poumako-Bartlett

Congratulations to our house winner for last week..

Tarawera!



NGĀ MANU Mrs Arnott's writing group

Two poems using simile and metaphor for the newsletter.

Ezekiel-Rae Poumako-Bartlett

On the rugby field I'm a bulldozer. When someone has the ball I flatten them.

I kick the ball. The ball is like a shooting star flying to the goal post.

I grab the ball. I run like a cheetah to the try line.

I slide across the try line. I score!

I leap and jump around like a wild kangaroo.

Rebecca Sterkenburg - Netball

I pass the ball to my teammate, shooting it high over players from the other team.

The ball flies like an eagle flying high over mountains.

My feet are planted like a tree's roots in the soil.

My waving hands like seaweed in the ocean block the other player from catching the ball.

I run to catch the ball like a cheetah chasing its prey.

We win!

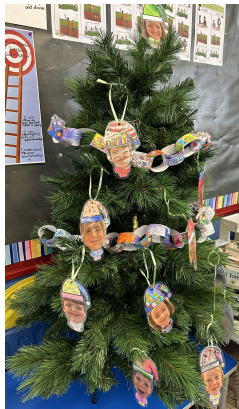
I jump up and down, bubbling like fizzy.

TUPU **Fact of the week:** *Boxing was illegal in the USA before. It was not until the State of New York legalised it in 1896, that other states followed soon after.*

Finally, in week nine, we made it through the year! Well done parents and students! I just want to say a huge thank you to parents who have supported our teachers, volunteered to help out and offered words of encouragement throughout the year. THANK YOU!

Things that you can do in the holidays to keep the learning going:

- Keep a journal or diary to practice writing down thoughts and ideas.
- Regularly practice the alphabet with the names of each letter and sound.
- Read for at least five minutes everyday - more if you can!
- Practice counting to 100 and beyond, even try skip counting in 2's, 5's and 10's!



MĀHURI

This week we have been reflecting on the year and all the highlights.

Stand-out memories for our class were the Wearable Arts Show, field trips to Arataki Honey and the tree nursery, the many sports and cluster sports events, Weet-Bix Tryathlon, Science Roadshow, Maths, and the School Disco.

We have been finishing off the last of our writing, maths and reading this week so we can spend next week making fun Christmas crafts with Tupu.



RAKAU

Who is the most powerful underwater gang of them all?

The Hippy Pippies on their Pauasakis!!

Rakau is super pumped for camp next week. On Monday we head to Thornton for Beach Camp. Thank you again to our parent helpers Sarah Scott, Rane Perry, Gerben Sterkenburg and Gene Roberts. A reminder to parents to please check the gear list and specifications. If you would like to make a Mac and Cheese or Shepherds pie for Camp, please remember to let me know. This stops having too much of the same thing. We hope you have a safe and happy weekend and will report to you from the beach next week.

Ng ā mihi, Rakau Class



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Waiotapu Cubs 2024

The Waiotapu Scout Group is excited to be re-starting its CUB Section once school goes back in 2024. Cubs is open to boys and girls aged 7-11 years old who live in the Reporoa, Rerewhakaaitu, Waikite, Ngakuru,

Waimangu and Broadlands districts.

While weekly Cub nights will be based out of our awesome Waikite Valley den, we often use our surrounding lakes, farms, rivers and forests for extra outdoor adventures. Checkout our Waiotapu Scout Group Facebook page to see the sort of stuff we get up to.

To run a great action-packed program we will also require the assistance of 1-2 more parents to come on-board as leaders. Enjoy campfire cooking, simple carpentry, kayaking or short bush hikes...you would be perfect!

For more info or to register your interest contact:

Mary Briggs 021450345 Mj.Briggs@xtra.co.nz



Over the Christmas and New Years period, Rerewhakaaitu resident Vanessa Vanstone will be managing the Ash Pit and Brett Road campgrounds once again. Vanessa has done a great job for many years and we are thankful to have her again for 2023/24.

A volunteer working bee will be held on the 13th December 8.30 – 4.30 for any locals keen to lend a hand. This will involve mowing, trimming edges around structures, painting, cleaning toilets, weed spraying, clearing branches.

This work requires a low to medium level of fitness and decent work boots. Anyone keen to lend a hand is welcomed. Please register by emailing cnoble@doc.govt.nz

A reminder that during the quieter seasons, despite these campgrounds having animal and motorbike prohibitions, DOC generally turns a blind eye to these activities. We understand the local community enjoys this site for these activities, however, in summer, with an influx of visitors, we ask that the campground rules are followed, and farm / dirt bikes, quads, dogs and horses are not brought into the campground. No fireworks or campfires are permitted in the campgrounds at any time.

Campsites must be booked and paid for in advance and this can be done through the DOC website.

DOC wishes the Rerewhakaaitu community a safe and enjoyable festive season.



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Te Papa Atawhai



*It's Christmas MailBox decorating time!
Very impressed to already see a wonderfully decorated mailbox on Waimangu Road, it looks very festive! So it's time to get the mailbox bling out. Brett Road Annual walk and judging will be Friday 15th December*



HAVE A GO DAY!!

DATE: 16TH DECEMBER 2023

TIME : 9AM-3PM

FREE ENTRY

Come and learn how to:

- Barrel Race WHERE: Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo Grounds
- Pole bend
- Rope the dummy

COME AND LEARN FROM
SOME OF OUR VERY OWN
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

**BARREL RACING AND POLE BENDING
JACKPOT TO FOLLOW IN THE
AFTERNOON !!**

Jackpot entry fee - \$20.00 per combination



What's in this issue for parents?

- » How to slow brain drain over the holidays?
- » Craft: Cutest ever Santa's beard cards and posters
- » What's on these holidays near you
- » Holiday recipes by foodie Michael Van Elzen
- » Why are our literacy levels waning?
 - » Use declarative language to build a stronger connection
 - » Free printables for families
 - » Puzzle fun for kids

<https://issue2312.totstoteens.co.nz/>

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- The Fraser-Harris Trust



REREWHAKAITU RODEO

30 DECEMBER 2023



Name:
Age:
Phone:

Bring your completed picture to
the Secretary's Office at the
Rodeo by 12 noon and be in to
WIN some awesome prizes!