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9th February 2024

Week 1

Principal Report

Welcome back to the new school year!!

It's absolutely marvellous to see all of the children again and to listen to their stories about their holidays. We have a fantastic term and year planned.

Hill walk - 15 February

Next Thursday, our whole school will be heading across the road to walk up the big hill. We would love for parents and whanau to join us, there are some amazing views from the top. We will be leaving school at 9.30am. Please ensure you have good walking shoes, sunscreen applied, and a drink bottle.

Meet & Greet / Working Bee - 24 February

Saturday 24th February we will be holding a Meet and Greet / Working Bee at school from 9.00am - 3.00pm. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers and any new school families. We will have the BBQ going if you wish to partake in a sausage or two for lunch.

Can you please indicate if you will be attending, by contacting the school.

Thank you Mrs Anna!

We would like to say a massive THANKYOU to Anna McMillan, who has kept our school and pool sparkling over the last couple of years. Anna's involvement, and dedication to our students and school has been fabulous. We wish her well in her new endeavours.



Caretaker vacancy

We require a part time groundsperson for 5 hrs per week during Term time, with extra hours during the holidays, to keep our school looking spick and span!

You may do some or all of the following: mow, irrigate, weed and pests control - operate and maintain drainage systems, mowing equipment and

machinery - keep grounds tidy and do some maintenance work on buildings - maintain flowers, shrubs and trees

You need to be: practical - good team worker - patient - able to follow instructions.

If this sounds like you please apply in writing with your CV to the Principal, Lake Rerewhakaaitu School by 3.00pm Friday 16 February 2024.

Below is some important information for everyone.

Carla's Office Hours

Monday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Tuesday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Thursday: 9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

School Lunches

We are fortunate to be enrolled in the Ka Ora, Ka Ako Free School Lunches scheme for all our tamariki. These nutritious lunches are provided each day by Waimangu Volcanic Valley.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle and snack for morning tea.

Swimming

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



Clothing

Each year we have at least two large bags of lost property. We have been at school for three days and already we have clothes that are unclaimed and unnamed. Please ensure **all** of your child's clothes and shoes/gumboots are clearly named.

2024 Targets

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 2024

Target 2

This year will be looking at having 75% attendance 90% or above

Buses / Pick up

Parents need to ensure that their children are ready prior to catching the bus in a safe place, please allow 10 minutes either side of expected pick up time.

After school, the children that travel on the bus meet quickly on the decked area outside Tupu. If a child is being collected from school or travelling on the other bus on a particular day, notification must be made via text or phone call to the school phone or a note must be sent to school by the parent explaining the change.

Behaviour on the bus is a shared responsibility between the bus company, parents and the school. The school reserves the right to withhold permission to travel on the bus with instances of poor behaviour.

If you pick your child up from school, please ensure they are signed out and let the teacher know.

Key dates Term 1 2024

7 Feb	School starts	
15 Feb	Hill Walk	
20 Feb	BOT Meeting	
24 Feb	Working Bee	(Saturday)
7 Mar	LRS Swimming	
13 Mar	Cluster Swimming	
26 Mar	BOT Meeting	
27 Mar	Cluster Summer Sports	
30 Mar-1 Apr	Easter break	
4 Apr	Tech Challenge	
5 Apr	School Photos	
12 Apr	Lake Walk & BBQ. Term 1 ends	

2024 Term Dates

Term One	7th February	-	12th April
Term Two	29th April	-	5th July
Term Three	22nd July	-	27th September
Term Four	14th October	-	20th December

Classes

Year 0-2	Miss Harris
Year 2-4	Mrs Trumper
Year 4-8	Miss Gow
Target Teacher	Mrs Arnott

Support Staff

Teacher aides Rora Arnott and Sarah Scott

Cleaning	Mrs Druery
Grounds	Anna McMillan.. or could this be you?
Office	Carla Williams

Stationery

School stationery packs have been supplied for all of our students. This decision was made to support our families during these financially difficult times.

A warm welcome to Callum Koekemoer, Kenzie-Reign and Koven Livingstone, and Quinton Collier who are new to our school and community.



We wish you all a wonderful new journey here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu.

Dates to Remember

Thu 15 Feb	Hill Walk
Tue 20 Feb	Board Meeting 7pm
Sat 24 Feb	Meet & Greet / Working Bee
Thu 7 Mar	LRS Swimming Sports
Wed 13 Mar	Cluster Swimming Sports (RVC)
Tue 26 Mar	Board Meeting 7pm
Wed 27 Mar	Cluster Summer Sports (RVC)
Thu 4 Apr	Tech Challenge
Fri 5 Apr	Photolife
Mon 8 Apr	Lakes DHB Fluoride programme
Fri 12 Apr	Lake walk / Term 1 ends
Mon 29 Apr	Term 2 begins
Tue 7 May	Board Meeting 7pm
17 - 21 May	Life Education

Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo

It was another great day at the Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo in the holidays. A fantastic crowd and an entertaining day's activities. Wonderful to see our locals supporting this event, and especially our very own competitors Te Kohu and DC, with Mum Stevie displaying their skills.



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Years 3-6 Incrediball Cricket (6 aside teams)

- Incrediball is a modified game of cricket using a soft ball / plastic gear.
- Teams are 6 aside (not 8 aside as in previous years)
- It is suited for children who understand the basics of cricket or have reasonably developed hand-eye coordination.
- Games held Thursday, 3.30pm until 5pm (approx.) at Smallbone Park, Devon Street.
- 15th February until 21st March 2024 and costs \$10 per player for Term 1.
- Incrediball teams are required to have an adult present to help muster the children
- Scoring and running the game is taken care of by Rotorua Cricket Association .
- Mixed genders and all equipment is provided.
- Schools register a whole 'team' but if you do not have enough, please let me know as we can generally form 'combined' teams of keen children.
- Registrations close on Monday 12th February.

Years 0-3 SuperSmash Cricket

- Supersmash Cricket is an entry level, coached programme and is best suited to children 5-8 years old, and designed to help participants learn the basics of cricket
- 6-week programme from mid-February to mid from 3.45pm – 4.45pm at Smallbone Park.
- Children can attend either a TUESDAY or a THURSDAY afternoon session.
- Cost is \$30 for the 6-week programme
- Mixed genders and all gear provided
- To register your child, parents can click here:

<https://www.playhq.com/new-zealand-cricket/register/6e7f86>

If there are any players who wish to join a 'hardball' cricket team (played with pads, wooden bats, leather balls etc) then please let us know and we'll try and slot them into a team for the term. Please let us know in case of any questions.

Shaun Anastasi
Rotorua Cricket Coordinator
info@rotoruaicricket.co.nz
021 755 332

DRIVERS NEEDED!

Volunteers needed for delivery and pickup of science kits

Rotorua primary schools

1st delivery Tuesday morning 19 February and pick up the following Friday morning 29 February

For further info contact: Karyn Hickmott
Rotorua Lakes Branch Manager 027 337 2222

MAHURI AND TUPU



The fact of the week: Dragonflies have been on Earth for 300 million years!

Welcome back to Term One 2024! We have dived straight into the learning and our expectations for the year. Just a few reminders to label all clothing and swimming gear, with all of our tamariki getting changed, there are often items left behind. The days will be hot, so please ensure children have appropriate clothing, a drink bottle and apply sunscreen in the morning. They will be wearing hats and sunscreen during the day when they are here.

We are only an email away if you have any questions or concerns.

Let's have a rocking Term!



RAKAU

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Rakau has had an amazing start to this term. We have spent the time this week getting to know each other and

understanding our class expectations. We hit the pool at pace this week, making sure we started our swim programme from day one. If students have goggles at home, please remind them to bring them for swimming each day. This saves their eyes but also helps them swim straighter!



Have a happy and safe weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Rakau



PTA Fishing Comp 2024

Well that's the fishing competition done and dusted for 2024. A massive thank you to all of our amazing sponsors, as without you, we couldn't make such an awesome event.

Results as follows:

Junior Average Weight Trout - Jonty Armer 1.661
Longest Trout - Elsie Pacey 550 mm

Heaviest Trout - Eva-Rose Hale 2.176kg
Longest Eel - Anaru Amon 817mm
Heaviest Eel - Anaru Amon 1.537kg

Youth Division:

Average Weight - Max Warrender 1.364
Longest Trout - Max Warrender - 585 mm
Heaviest Trout - Daniel Robinson 2.003kg
Longest Eel - Daniel Robinson 705mm
Heaviest Eel - Daniel Robinson .990

Adults:

Average Weight - Sue Price 1.485
Longest Trout - Alan Price 556mm
Heaviest Trout - Alan Price 1.884
Longest Eel - Julian Robinson 704mm
Heaviest Eel - Joshua Robinson 1.170kg
Arnott Trophy Ladies Heaviest Trout - Eva-Rose Hale 2.176
Asplin Trophy - Men's Heaviest Trout - Daniel Robinson 2.003kg
Wheelbarrow Raffle : Sharlene Robinson
2nd Prize - Sharon Whalley
3rd Prize - Donna Northcroft

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JUNIOR NETBALL - registrations have just opened and they close at the end of February so we will need names before the 16th of February if you have a player wanting to play. Primary students fall into two groups, players who are in school yr 1 and 2 are in a grade together, and the yr 3 to 6 are in the next grade. The Future Ferns season runs for Term 1. If you have someone wanting to play, please get in contact with Amanda Armer ASAP 021 688 760



Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?

If so, GirlGuiding NZ is here:

Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds

Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old

Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old

Rangers: 12 – 17 years old

For further information please contact: GirlGuiding New Zealand

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