

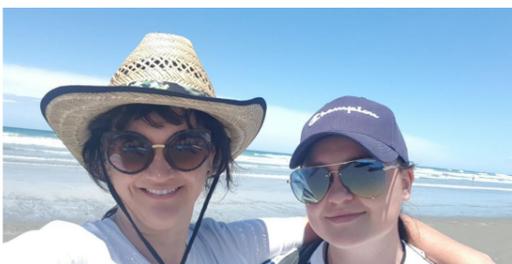


**11th December 2019**

This is the final newsletter for 2019!  
From the staff at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School, we wish our community a very warm, safe, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
Written reports will be sent home on Monday the 16th December.

### Senior Camp 2019 - Waihi Beach

Our tamariki and whanau went to Waihi on Tuesday morning, set up camp and had a surf lesson! What an amazing way to end the 2019 school year, and, for the 13 year 8 students, their time at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School.



### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Dec 16th	<b>Farewell Shared Lunch &amp; Water fight</b>
Dec 17th	<b>Prizegiving 5.45pm</b>
Dec 18th	<b>END OF TERM 4</b>
Jan 30th	<b>TERM 1 2020</b>

ALL UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY AT THE END OF TERM. PLEASE COLLECT ANY ITEMS THAT BELONG TO YOUR CHILDREN.

### POOL USERS

- Please remember that if you hold a key for the pool and you unlock the pool, you are responsible for anyone who enters the pool area. If other children ask to swim without adult supervision, it is your choice to let them in and take responsibility for them, or turn them away.
- When using the pool, please make sure you are clean. Not doing so adds strain to the cleaning systems, and costs the school extra money in cleaning time and products.
- Remember there are no dogs allowed on school property at all.
- All supervisors must be over 16 years of age.
- Be Safe, and have fun.

## Principal's message

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou.  
E ono nga ra kia mutu o te tau mo te kura nei.

Greetings. We have just a few days to go until the end of the school year. Our seniors are on camp this week at Waihi Beach ("Such a special place to be enjoying the last few days of our school year" Whaea Deb.) and our junior school have been involved in a range of activities led by the Year 5s, Whaea Liz and supported by parents. Thankfully we have a large group of supportive capable parents that make all of this possible. Ka mau te wehi.

Mrs Bullock has been unwell this week - we are very grateful to Whaea Liz for her experience and expertise in keeping the class programme running.

The Lake Rerewhakaaitu School tradition of the 3 year rotation of camps - beach, city and bush is a great way to show kids different aspects of life in Aotearoa. This year they get to learn more about water safety, beach currents and rips and kayaking as well as soaking up the beautiful environment that is Waihi Beach and building more of an appreciation for our beautiful country.

**You are invited. Next Monday the 16th of December at 12 noon we will have a shared lunch** and a few speeches to farewell staff leaving. Vicki Arnott has been teaching here at Rerewhakaaitu for over 25 years and contributed to educating many children over the years. I have been here at Principal for nearly 10 years and Fay has been here for 5 ½ years as office administrator and in this last year teacher aide with a focus on supporting children with dyslexia. The invitation is open to parents and any members of the community that would like to attend. We will also be farewelling staff as part of the school prizegiving. Please provide a plate.

On Monday afternoon after lunch we will have the annual school water fight on the field.

On Tuesday the 17th at 5.45pm we have the Annual School Prizegiving in the hall. After prizegiving you are invited to school to mix and mingle and have cake and a cuppa. Sometimes we have a special guest from the North Pole visit as well. Wednesday is half a day. The buses leave school at 12 noon.

Last week the BOT appointed Carla Williams as the new school Office Administrator starting in 2020.

Congratulations Carla. Unbeknown to many of us, Carla has a lot of experience in office administration and financial systems. She started working in administration and finances in 1998-2002 at Infomotive Ltd, then from 2003 at Diverse Distributors, a family business. Other experience included nannying and teacher aide work which also gave an understanding of the school context. We had a lot of high quality applications and we appreciate the level of interest, and the effort that goes into the application process.

The BOT also appointed a Deputy Principal, Vanessa Koroa. Vanessa has a Diploma in Educational Leadership and is completing her masters. She has experience leading teams of 4-5 teachers in large schools. Vanessa has strengths in accelerating student learning, positive behaviour for learning, has recently completed research into how to best utilise modern learning environments and has te reo Maori, PE and outdoor education as a strength. Vanessa is Tuhoe, Ngati Whare, Ngati Manawa and Irish. She will meet the staff next week and officially start from 28th January 2020.

A fourth teacher will be appointed next week and the BOT are in the process of advertising for a relieving Principal. If necessary an interim Principal can be found through the Ministry of Education.

Lauren Harris is teaching the Year 7-8 class next year and Deb Mitchell is teaching Year 3-4. Mrs Bullock is available to teach part-time.

The first day back next year is January 30th. February 7th will be a teacher only day.

Enjoy a wonderful summer break. Merry Christmas!  
Arohanui, Whaea Trish.



## Nga mihi ki a koutou, Greetings to all.

This is Rivah-Jayne's final year at LRS. She will go to RGHS 2020.

I / we would like to sincerely thank friends, parents and supporters of students at LRS who have transported my mokopuna to her school events, trips and camps. Love to all her teachers, arohanui.

Personal acknowledgements to Merv, Sue Church and whanau, Mrs Bullock, Vicki Arnott, Angela 'Danny' Rora & Phil, Vanessa, Al & Sam, Sarah & Rodger, Cynthia, Fay, Robyn, Wil, Coreen & Steph, Phil & Cheyanne. Rere Rodeo Possum Punishment & Fireworks group. Many Thanks!! Merry Christmas.

Coreen you will have my 3 mokopuna on your bus in 2020. Wow!

Ka nui te aroha kia koe whaea Patricia mo tou manaakitanga, awhinatia, arohatia kia matou.

To you, as my 3 mokopuna tumuaki / principal at LRS since 2011 to 2019, Thank you so much. They have all had a rewarding and amazingly successful Educational journey in your school. I will miss you as the Principal here. All the best in your new position at Coromandel Area School. Thank you again for sharing with me your true essence of Maori values and supporting me on my Te Reo Maori journey. You made it happen for me and the tamariki the day you opened your school door and gave me this amazing opportunity - I cherish you for this.

*Tino ataahua te ahua o nga tamariki ki roto i tenei kura! na whaea Adelaide.*

*Whakatauki:*

*"Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,  
engari taku toa he toa takitahi"*

*"My achievement is not that of an individual,  
but is that of many."*

*Na Whaea Adelaide.*

*To Fay,*

*I am so grateful to you. Art lessons with you each week have been so awesome. Your group of gifted, talented and creative people, I'm so going to miss.*

*The choice lesson surprises that you pull out of your mystery cupboard / folder...you are so talented. I can just imagine your art lessons in Matarangi and Coromandel Area School.*

*Many Thanks, Arohanui. Adelaide.*

## CARETAKER HOURS AVAILABLE

During term time the job is 5 hours per week each week to keep up with lawns, weeds and general tidiness of the school.

During school holidays the hours are different.

Apply via email to the Principal:

[principal@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:principal@lakerere.school.nz) stating your experience, availability and at least 1 referee with contact details.

Applications close 11th December 2019.

Kia ora

This is the final newsletter for 2019, and for me, after 5 and a half years as the Lake Rerewhakaaitu School Administrator. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to think about the wonderful outcomes that can be achieved when passionate people come together positively for the growth and education of our tamariki, which is why we are all here. I have seen many successful events held over the years, which started off with the production Gold. A few possum punishments, lamb and calf days, athletic events, many a cross country, swimming sports being uplifted by house chants, A Taniwha's Dream production, Kapahaka, Art groups, Maui production and lots of cool gatherings. There are so many opportunities here for children and parents to get creative, work together and make a difference, I hope I find that at my new school too.

I've learnt a lot about communities over my time here, especially the strength, power and importance of speaking love and positivity amongst a community.

Whatever you feed with your energy will grow the most.

I have been really lucky to work alongside some amazing people and children which I am very grateful for. I love the kids here, and I will miss their individual personalities, the daily catch ups, laughs, fixing cuts and scrapes and wiping away tears. Hopefully I'll see some of you at the beach :-)

Be kind to each other, always.

Love Fay.



# JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

13th - 31st January, 5 - 13yrs

Contact us on [OSCAR@atawhaichildcare.co.nz](mailto:OSCAR@atawhaichildcare.co.nz)

## ATAWHAII CHILDCARE

Register at [atawhai.aimyplus.com](http://atawhai.aimyplus.com)

OSCAR Accredited for childcare subsidies

[www.atawhaichildcare.co.nz](http://www.atawhaichildcare.co.nz)

<b>MON 13th</b>  Fun & games, intro day	<b>TUES 14th</b>  Cookie Baking YUM!!	<b>WED 15th</b>  Polynesian pools swim..	<b>THUR 16th</b>  Arts and craft day. Get creative!	<b>FRI 17th</b>  Blue Lake walk track & swimming
<b>MON 20th</b>  Wet & Wild Fun day!	<b>TUES 21st</b>  Homemade pizza making!	<b>WED 22nd</b>  Tramping to collect kawakawa	<b>THUR 23rd</b>  Arts and craft Making kawakawa balm	<b>FRI 24th</b>  Swimming at the aquatic centre.
<b>MON 27th</b>  Auckland Anniversary day	<b>TUES 28th</b>  My Kitchen RULES!	<b>WED 29th</b>  Tramping to Keroene creek and swim	<b>THUR 30th</b>  Arts and craft day. Get creative!	<b>FRI 31st</b>  Movies at Reading Cinema's

\$44 p/day. 7.45am-4pm. Aftercare available until 5.30pm. Aftercare fees apply

## RELIEF PRINCIPAL

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If you love the outdoors, fantastic country kids and a hands-on community then we have the school for you! Come and join us, at Lake Rerewhakaaitu, as our relief principal.

You will have the opportunity to work amongst a dedicated staff, a supportive board of trustees, and awesome whānau.

Our school requires a relief principal who can pull together a new team and maintain quality educational delivery while our BOT works through the appointment of a new principal.

We welcome applications from a strong leader who cares about students, improving teaching and learning and is a forward-thinking curriculum leader.

Our relief principal will:

- Be up to date with local curriculum redesign, learning progressions, culturally sustaining practices and inclusive education (knowledge of how to work with children with dyslexia, ADHD, ODD an advantage)
- Be an excellent communicator who values collaboration and is responsive to the needs and ideas of the students, staff and wider school community.
- Be well-organised and experienced at working to pull a new team together

Accommodation may be available.  
Position commences term 1, 2020.

The school is a member of Te Kahui Ako o Reporoa (Reporoa Community of Learning)  
Applications close on Tuesday, 17th December at 3pm.  
Please send a cover application letter, CV and three references to: [botchair@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:botchair@lakerere.school.nz)

Anyone from the community interested in getting your property sprayed for flies or spiders ring Di Payne 3666849

It's that time of year again. Christmas Mail Box decorating. The standard has been really high and our district looks even more amazing. One road had 8 mailboxes decorated within 3km! Some fab places had their whole gate / entrance-ways decorated. Some mailboxes had scenes inside and out!! No pressure. Let's help Dobby enjoy his Christmas Deliveries even more.

