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Principal Report

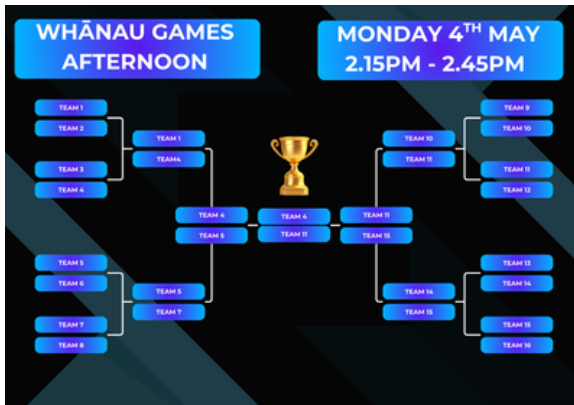
Term 2 2026
Week 7

Kia ora koutou,
Nau mai hoki mai, to our new and current whānau,
We've had a positive start to term 2, taura are happy and ready for the term ahead.
We are beginning each morning with whole-school fitness to support our training for the upcoming cross country. Taura have embraced this small change to their routine and are already approaching the training with a positive mindset. It has been great to see students focusing on their own improvement while also encouraging and supporting their peers to succeed. We are pleased to announce and share a warm welcome to Whaea Laura who joins us as a Fixed Term Teacher Aide in Tupu this term.
Our focus this term is Social Sciences: Civics and Society. We are exploring the roles and responsibilities of individuals within different groups, including the classroom, school, and wider community. Some of the key ideas we will be investigating include:

- How to work respectfully and effectively with others
- Understanding our responsibilities as learners
- Identifying how we learn best
- Communicating respectfully with one another
- Asking thoughtful questions to deepen our understanding

Within the New Zealand Curriculum, Mātatipu emphasises the importance of developing a lifelong love of learning. By learning how to collaborate, understanding what supports our learning, and knowing how to ask meaningful questions, students are building skills that will support them well beyond the classroom.

To support our learning programme and strengthen whānau engagement, we will be hosting a whānau games afternoon on Monday 4th May. We warmly invite whānau to join us in playing maths and literacy games alongside their tamariki. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore the social skills involved in participating in games and to discover practical resources that can support learning both at home and at school.



Throughout the term, there will be a number of opportunities for whānau to get involved in supporting school events. This may include providing baking or helping out on-site.

As the saying goes, "many hands make light work," and when more of us lend a hand, it not only makes things run more smoothly but also strengthens our sense of community. When our tamariki see whānau contributing in positive ways, they learn that being involved and supporting others is a natural and valued part of belonging.

We would especially love to grow our pool of volunteers, including support for our PTA. Every contribution—big or small—makes a real difference and helps create the rich, supportive environment we all want for our children.
Reminder that this Monday is a statutory holiday - observing ANZAC Day. We hope you enjoy the extra long weekend and look forward to seeing akonga back on Tuesday.

At the end of last term our successful place getters from Cluster swimming competed in the CBOP swimming at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre. It was a great day for our super swimmers competing against many other schools from the Central Bay of Plenty region.
Check out their results:
Caoimhe 8yr 25m Freestyle 8th
Finn 9yr 50m Backstroke, Freestyle & Breaststroke 5th
Johannah 10yr 50m backstroke 2nd, 50m freestyle 7th
Taituha 10yr 50m Backstroke & Breaststroke 5th, 50m Freestyle 8th.
Te Ngahere 50m Backstroke & Breaststroke 9th



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Office Hours

- Monday: 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Tuesday: 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Thursday: 9.00am - 12.30pm
- Friday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Important dates

April

- Mon 27 ANZAC Day observed
- Tue 28 PTA Meeting 7pm
- Wed 29 Board Meeting 7pm

May

- Fri 1 Mini Marathon
- Mon 4 Whanau games afternoon
- Wed 6 Fell Cup
- Thu 7 Olympic Ambassador visit
- Thu 14 LRS Cross Country
- Fri 15 Pink Shirt Day
- Tue 19 Cluster Cross Country

June

- Mon 1 Kings Birthday
- Tue 2 PTA Meeting 7pm
- Fri 5 Fluro Disco - St Johns
- Wed 10 Board Meeting 7pm
- Tue 14 Interviews 1.00 - 5.30pm
- Wed 15 Interviews 3.30 - 5.30pm

July

- Wed 1 KapaHaka/Cultural Festival
- Thu 2 Matariki Sleepover
- Fri 3 Term 2 Ends
- Mon 20 Term 3 Starts
- Wed 29 Board Meeting 7pm

Parent help needed for...
Fun Run
Cluster Cross Country
Please let us know if you can help

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

Kia ora koutou,

TUPU

Welcome back to school for term 2! We have a lot to look forward to this term. In Tupu we are learning to be safe with fire through the Firewise programme. We'll be visited by firefighter Tangonui Kingi in week 4 to help reinforce our learning. Fridays will be full of music and fun with our electives programme focused on learning poi, rakau and waiata.

Later in the term we have Matariki celebrations and a school disco. Until then, we'll be learning about how to contribute to groups we belong to through our school-wide topic focused on Civics and Society.

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu Class



Welcome to Term 2! We are looking forward to a fun and engaging term ahead.

Our inquiry unit this term is "Our Roles in Our Community", where students will explore how they contribute to different groups and environments. This will link closely with our Physical Education and Health focus, where we will be building teamwork skills and working collaboratively in a variety of activities.

We will continue our daily fitness as part of our literacy block, along with long-distance running as we prepare for cross country. The class is already showing great determination and perseverance.

Our BSLA reading programme will run throughout the day, supporting students in developing strong literacy skills. In numeracy, we will be working on a combination of number structure and statistics, helping students build confidence in both understanding and applying mathematical concepts.

There is already plenty of excitement in the classroom –Caoimhe is particularly looking forward to cross country, while Ted has shared that the Matariki sleepover will be a highlight for him!

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited for the term ahead and all the learning and growth it will bring.

Ngā mihi,
Whaea Kylie

MAHURI

WELCOME BACK TO TERM TWO FROM ROOM RĀKAU! IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE ALL THE STUDENTS RETURNING REFRESHED AND READY FOR A BUSY AND EXCITING TERM AHEAD. WE BEGAN THE WEEK BY SHARING WHAT WE ARE MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO, AND IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR SO MUCH ENTHUSIASM ACROSS THE CLASS. MANY STUDENTS SHARED THAT THEY ARE ESPECIALLY EXCITED ABOUT OUR UPCOMING CROSS-COUNTRY EVENT AND THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED SCHOOL CAMP. THESE EXPERIENCES PROVIDE FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO CHALLENGE THEMSELVES, BUILD RESILIENCE, AND STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIPS.

THIS TERM, OUR FOCUS IS ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN AND A POSITIVE MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY. WE WILL BE EXPLORING HOW WE CAN SHOW RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, AND KINDNESS BOTH IN THE CLASSROOM AND BEYOND. STUDENTS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO PRACTISE TEAMWORK, SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, AND CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO OUR CLASS ENVIRONMENT. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THEM GROW IN CONFIDENCE AS THEY TAKE ON THESE RESPONSIBILITIES AND CONTINUE TO DEVELOP STRONG VALUES AS MEMBERS OF OUR RĀKAU WHĀNAU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT—WE ARE SET FOR A FANTASTIC TERM TWO IN RĀKAU!

RAKAU



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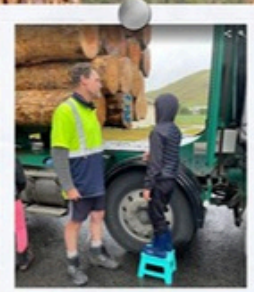
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WOOD IS GOOD

Despite the challenging wet weather, Wood is Good brought a wonderful morning at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Vickie from Wood is Good, Lara from Discover Forestry, Molly from Kaingaroa Tipu, and Jonathan from Rotorua Forest Haulage for sharing their valuable expertise. Also, let's not forget to acknowledge their fantastic businesses for supporting the fantastic Wood is Good Programme. Our akonga had a great time and were actively engaged. THANKS again!



CONGRATULATIONS



Caught being Awesome

"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. Our Caught Being Awesome recipients are...

LAST WEEKS (TERM 1) CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Alistair for consistent, steady effort on his learning tasks. Tukaha for improved focus and effort on his learning tasks. Ted for stepping up and reading a book to class, beautifully! Materia for your diligence in handwriting. Ka pai! Charlie for displaying model behaviour with his peers, following instructions and working diligently. He has stood out in all those aspects throughout the term. Quinton for trying hard this week to be on task and get his work done.



Flynn & Lachlan

Principals award



Fun for consistently showing all the school values daily.

HOUSE POINTS



Each week we give out a house cup to the house that's in the lead. Students can earn house points by following our school rules, values, being on task and even when they get caught being awesome.

House Captains are;
Tarawera - Te Ngahere & Flynn
Kakarama - Taituha & Nikau
Congratulations to our house winner from our latest assembly...



Attendance

Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher. We are currently sitting at 67% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last week / Term 1 results:
Rakau 80% attendance
Mahuri 93% attendance
Tupu 90% attendance
We currently have 9 students with 100% attendance this year. Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.



Under 5's Playgroup

Tuesdays from 9:30am @Rerewhakaaitu Domain

For all babies and children age 0-5 in the area
Tea and coffee for adults
Bikes, toys, and craft supplies for kids

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SUNDAY 17 MAY
SUNDAY 14 JUNE

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COURSES

- PIWAKAWAKA (4-6 YR)
250m run | 1.5km bike | 250m run
- RURU (7-9 YR)
500m run | 5km bike | 500m run
- 3. KERERU (OPEN)
1.5km run | 11km bike (grade 2) | 1km run

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Some of the things John will cover include:

- Online sexual predators
- Pornography and extremism
- Cyber bullying
- Mobile phones
- Sextortion
- The importance of sleep

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A five-week programme offering support for family members and others who care about someone struggling with addiction, including the impacts of alcohol, drugs, and gambling. The programme also explores the physical, emotional, and overall health and wellbeing effects on both the individual and those around them.

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