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Principal Report

Term 2 2025
Week 4

Kia ora e te whānau,

The temperatures are dropping and we have had a couple of lovely frosts this week. The fluctuating weather allows for colds and flus to do the rounds and we are sometimes having 12-13 students away. There is also a tummy bug visiting our children which is not very nice with both ends going. Keep warm and keep reinforcing basic hygiene skills - wash hands, catch those sneezes and stay home if unwell.

Don't forget, tomorrow is a shared lunch for everyone, please bring a plate to share to help us celebrate our 70th Birthday. This will be followed by a family fun day with tug of war, egg and spoon races, three leg race, sack races and many more activities for the whole family to join in. See you there!

The LRS fun run will commence at 9.30am, with Pre Schoolers invited to run first, followed by our 5 year olds and so on. The parent race will commence after the students have run, approximately 11.15am. **If you want to see your child/ren run - you will need to be here from 9.30am**, as we may run through quicker depending on numbers we may group some ages. Ages are as of 28 April 2025.

Approximate times are as follows:

- 09.30am Pre School
- 09.35am 5yrs +
- 11.15am Parents race
- 11.30am Lunch & cake
- 12.30pm Family fun day activities



Cluster Cross Country will be held at the Rerewhakaaitu Domain on Tuesday 27th May. Those who qualify at our event will receive notification on Monday. As this is such short notice, please see some information below. We encourage all observers of the race to be at the domain ½ hour before their child's race, as races can be started early if time allows.

- 10.30am Marshalls meet at the top of the hill overlooking the rugby field. (See Natalie)
- 11.00am Welcome, outline of courses and day
- 11.10am 5 year old boys
- 11.20am 5 year old girls
- 11.30am 6 year old boys
- 11.40am 6 year old girls
- 11.50am 7 year old boys
- 12.00pm 7 year old girls
- 12.10pm 8 year old boys
- 12.20pm 8 year old girls
- 12.30pm 9 year old boys
- 12.40pm 9 year old girls
- 12.50pm 10 year old boys
- 1.00pm 10 year old girls
- 1.10pm 11 year old boys
- 1.20pm 11 year old girls
- 1.30pm 12+ year old boys
- 1.40pm 12+ year old girls

Distances: 5 & 6: 0.6km, 7 & 8: 1.0km, 9 & 10: 1.5km, 11 & 12: 2.0km

It is sad to see our local Playcentre being demolished and a great shame that they could not have had any forethought and imagination to repurpose the building. Many in our community have passed through its doors with many, not only by the children, but through the parents/grandparents and community members forging life long friendships. Ki te kahore he whakakitenga ka ngaro te iwi. "Without foresight or vision, the people will be lost,"

Don't forget due to the teachers all being required to participate in professional development, **next week Friday 30th May is an Online day.** The children will work from home with work that the teachers have uploaded to seesaw or google. If you are not able to get Seesaw or Google the teachers will give the children paper copies of work activities to do. It will also make it a long weekend as the following Monday is King's Birthday. The 23rd June is a Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day

Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher. We are currently sitting at 61% of students at 90% attendance or above

Last weeks absentees:

- Rakau 92.4% attendance
- Mahuri 80% attendance
- Tupu 86.5% attendance

We have four students with 100% attendance for the year to date. Excellent effort to those students and whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.

Any upcoming students / new entrants? If you have any children due to turn 5 over the next year, or new families moving into the area, can you please drop in or call to let us know (if you haven't advised us already). This will enable us to get an idea for student numbers and planning.

Our school is the hub for **Civil Defence**. Each Wednesday we have students call in to the Civil Defence centre in Rotorua. We are wanting to form a small committee with locals to see how we can better protect our community by updating our civil defence list, equipment, supplies and contacts. **We still require helpers, if you can lend a hand this please contact us at school.**

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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

May

- Tue 27 Cluster Cross Country
- Fri 30 Online learning day

June

- Mon 2 King's Birthday
- 2-6 Hillary Outdoors Camp
- Tue 10 Vision & Hearing testing
- Wed 11 PTA Meeting 7pm
- Fri 13 Wear Yellow for Harold Day
- Tue 17 Board Meeting 7pm
- Wed 18 Whole school sleepover
- Fri 20 Matariki
- Sat 21 Amazing Race/Welcome in
- Mon 23 Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day
- Tue 24 BOP Cross Country. PP 26th
- Fri 27 Term 2 Ends

Parent help required
Cross Country & Cluster

Seasonal Updates, Anytime



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And the Winner is...

RAKAU!

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

Kia ora, koutou,

TUPU

This week in Tupu class we made up our own board games. We drew a winding path from start to finish on a big piece of paper. Then we drew lines to make the squares on our path. We decided on scenery for our game and drew the scenery. Our scenery ideas included: forest, rainbow land, outer space and Rotorua monopoly. When our games were ready, we played them with a buddy. This activity was great for our imaginations, our number recognition and counting skills and our social interaction.

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu Class

CLASS Snippets

Kia ora koutou,

MAHURI

Mahuri students are excited about the annual Lake Rerewhakaaitu School Cross Country this week!

They have spent the last four weeks building up their fitness in preparation for the event. During Term 1, in our fitness block, students ran a lap of the turf for each year of age, plus one bonus lap—either of the turf or the field for the fast finishers.

At the beginning of Term 2, we discussed as a class what a SMART goal was and decided on one we could set in preparation for the upcoming cross country event. Mahuri students chose to work towards running as many laps of the field as possible within ten minutes, with the overall goal of running one lap per year of age around the larger area of the school field.

We hope you can come along to support this event, cheer on our ākonga, and celebrate their hard work towards the fitness goals they've set this term.

Whaea Kylie

A WARM WELCOME

A warm welcome to

Laelah

and her whanau who are new to our school community. We wish you a wonderful new journey here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School



CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Materia for enthusiasm for taking on the role of a story character. Johnny for consistent focus and effort in all learning activities. Liam - You keep trying, even when things get tough, viewing mistakes as opportunities to learn and improve. Koven - You use kind words and actions, treating everyone with courtesy, even when you disagree. Paige - amazing drive and work ethic this week. Taituha - amazing resilience during reading and inquiry.

HOUSE POINTS



Tarawera **Kakaramea**

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 - Chase & Jonty

Kakaramea - Ryan & Taituha

Congratulations to our house winner for last week

🌟 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...



Principals award



Johnny for excellence in writing

Can you help?
HOUSE TO RENT WANTED

We have a lovely family of four looking for a home to rent in the Rerewhakaaitu area. If you or anyone you know have one available, please get in touch with school.

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Email: office@lakerere.school.nz



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1. REREWHAKAAITU HALL
2. 803 ASHPIT RD (T & H HAMILTON)

The Automatic External Defibrillator that is situated at the Hall is locked. If you have an emergency where you need to access the machine, dial 111 and they will give you the pass code that will open the cabinet.

There is also a fully automatic defibrillator available at Trevor & Harriet Hamilton's residence 803 Ashpit Road, around the back side of Lake Rerewhakaaitu. Because this defibrillator is fully automatic no training is required simply turn on and place the pads on the patient, the device takes over.

This defibrillator is registered with St John. The Defibrillator is positioned at the front door under the porch and is in a non-coded box for quick access.

These machines can help to save lives and the St Johns statistics show why we need an AED:

1. Each year more than 2,000 New Zealanders will suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital
2. For 72% of cardiac arrests a bystander will perform CPR
3. People may show no warnings or prior symptoms and 12% survive to hospital discharge following a cardiac arrest
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CREATE CLOSER LINKS WITH THE HEAD, TEACHERS AND STAFF. IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE SCHOOL, THE PTA IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO FIND OUT HOW THINGS WORK AND BECOME PART OF THE COMMUNITY. IF NOT, YOU'LL STILL GAIN GREATER INSIGHT BY SEEING HOW THINGS WORK FROM BOTH SIDES.

IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING
STUDIES SHOW THAT CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE INVOLVED IN THEIR EDUCATION DO BETTER IN SCHOOL. ENGAGING WITH THE PTA SHOWS YOUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT TO YOU. PLAY YOUR PART IN IMPROVING THE SCHOOL AND WATCH THEM THRIVE.

CREATE LASTING MEMORIES
OUR CHILDREN ARE ONLY AT SCHOOL FOR A FEW YEARS, BUT THEY WILL REMEMBER THE DIFFERENCE WE MAKE FOR A LIFETIME. THEY WILL CHERISH THE ACTIVITIES AND GAMES WE FUND, LEARN USING RESOURCES WE BUY, AND REMEMBER THE EVENTS WE HOLD. HELP KEEP THE PTA GOING SO FUTURE PUPILS CAN BENEFIT TOO.

Come and Join

PTA

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL
THE PTA IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHOOL. FUNDS RAISED ENRICH YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AND MAKE EVERY STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE BETTER. BE PART OF THE GROUP THAT PAYS FOR THE PLAYGROUND YOUR CHILD LOVES OR FUNDS THE LIBRARY THAT'S THEIR FAVOURITE PLACE TO BE.

BECAUSE IT'S FUN!
BE PART OF THE TEAM WHICH ORGANISES THE BEST EVENTS AND GET-TOGETHERS. DEBRIEF OVER A GLASS OF WINE (OR TWO). SUGGEST YOUR MOST HARE-BRAINED IDEA AND WATCH AS IT CATCHES ON AND EVERYONE WANTS A PIECE OF THE ACTION. LAUGH. CRY. BE THERE FOR EACH OTHER.

IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME, AND IT'S ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE DADS AND MALE CARERS REPRESENTED, AS MALE ROLE MODELS ARE CRUCIAL IN CHILDREN'S UPBRINGING. DADS CAN BRING DIFFERENT SKILLS; THEY CAN BRING A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, AND THEY CAN BRING ALONG OTHER DADS.

LEARN NEW SKILLS
EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING THEY CAN BRING TO THE PTA, BUT YOU CAN ALSO LEARN NEW SKILLS BY TRADING WITH OTHERS. ALWAYS WANTED TO PERFECT THAT COOKIE RECIPE? NOT SURE HOW TO DESIGN A POSTER? WANT TO HONE YOUR PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS? YOU CAN DO IT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE
WHETHER YOU'RE A FULL-TIME PARENT OR WORKING THE NINE TO FIVE, ANYONE CAN GET INVOLVED. IT'S LESS COMMITMENT THAN YOU THINK, AND YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO ATTEND MEETINGS. SMALL JOBS SUCH AS DESIGNING A POSTER, DISTRIBUTING LETTERS OR RUNNING A STALL KEEP EVERYTHING RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS
MEET AND CHAT TO A WIDER CIRCLE OF FAMILIES FROM DIFFERENT CLASSES AND YEAR GROUPS. GET TO KNOW OTHER PARENTS, AND BOND OVER EXCITING EVENTS, SOCIALS AND GET-TOGETHERS. FIND A PLACE TO BELONG AND SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR VALUES.



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