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# Principal Report

Term 3 2025  
Week 5

Kia ora e te whānau,

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through Term 3! The weeks are flying by, and our students have been incredibly busy. This week, our aspiring artists have put the finishing touches on their calendar art pieces. We're excited for you to see their wonderful creations! We will update whanau once they are ready to view and order. Our afternoons have been filled with the vibrant energy of Kapa Haka practice. The children have been working hard to prepare for next week's Cultural Festival. They are sounding and looking fantastic, we can't wait to see their performance!


So, book in your calendars for next Friday, 22nd August, as we will be performing our Kapa Haka in the Reporoa College Hall. We will be getting ready at school, then depart by bus at 10am. Afterwards, we will leave Reporoa College at 1pm and have our school lunches back at school. It is preferable for your child to wear dark underwear, and black bike shorts if they have them. Girls' hair is to be well brushed and tied up into buns on the crown. Don't panic if you can not tie buns as we will be able to do in the morning. Please ensure children have shoes, warm jerseys, a water bottle and healthy snacks. All whanau are welcome to come along and support our ākonga. We hope to see you there! Please see the festival timetable on the next page.

At least once every two years, Boards are required to produce a written statement about how the school will implement Health Education under the requirements of the Education and Training Act 2020 (Section 91). Our **Community Consultation Health and Physical Education Curriculum 2025 -2027** will be emailed to school whanau. Please take the time to read and comment to have your say in regard to health, what do you consider to be the most important topics for our young people to learn at school? Send back to school by **Monday 25 August 2025**.




Finally, a big shout-out and good luck to all the students participating in the Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge next week! We know you'll have a fantastic time and do us proud!

In the first week of September we will be having our annual Scholastic Book Fair. During this week we will have a Dress up as your favourite book character day. Who will you be?!



Thanks again to those who came to our Working Bee on Sunday. With the help of our school community, our amazing little school can continue to shine and functioning for our ākonga. There was more firewood split, garden edges tidied up, doors fixed, holes filled in and leaks remedied; and can't forget a yummy roast pork lunch. Thanks again team!



## Attendance

Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher.

We are currently sitting at 63% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks absentees:  
Rakau 88.7% attendance  
Mahuri 92.3% attendance  
Tupu 89.3% attendance  
Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.



**MAHURI!**



**Pet Day is Coming!** 🐾🐶🐷  
It's that exciting time of year again—Pet Day is just around the corner! Children are already buzzing with enthusiasm as they prepare to choose and raise their special pets.

**Our School Pet Day:**  
Saturday, 11th October  
**Group Day:**  
Friday, 24th October @ Reporoa Primary

For those interested in raising a lamb or calf, please note that these animals must be born between 20th July and 25th September 2025 to be eligible.  
To help your child get started, check out the helpful Rearing Booklets available on our website:  
<https://www.lakerere.school.nz/publications>



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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

### August

19 & 20 Tough Guy & Gal  
Fri 22 Cultural Festival  
Wed 27 PTA Meeting

### September

2 - 5 Scholastic Book Fair  
Thu 4 Puberty Talks  
Fri 5 LRS Speeches  
Tue 9 Cluster Speeches  
Wed 10 Board Meeting 7pm  
Wed 17 Cluster Winter Sports  
Fri 19 Term 3 Ends

### October

Mon 6 Term 4 Starts  
Sat 11 Pet Day  
Fri 24 Group Day @ Reporoa  
Mon 27 Labour Day STAT  
Tue 28 Kahui Ako TOD

### November

Fri 7 LRS Athletics  
Thu 20 Cluster Athletics

**Parent help required**  
Cluster Winter Sports  
LRS & Cluster Athletics

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



Kia ora, koutou,

## TUPU

We have had fun this week making paintings for calendar art. Tupu students are able to follow instructions, step by step, to produce an attractive piece of art that uses a variety of techniques: using watery paint for a background wash, colour mixing, using brush strokes and applying paint with fingers. We are pleased with our paintings of birds in trees. We hope you like them too.

Kia pai tō rā,  
Tupu class.

## RAKAU

**What is orange and sounds like a parrot?  
A carrot**

This week has been a whirlwind of learning and creativity!

In our language arts block, we've been tackling complex sentences and diving into the world of dependent and independent clauses. Understanding how these clauses work together is a key step in building more sophisticated and descriptive writing.

Our art class was all about calendars this week. The students have finished their calendar art pieces, and they look fantastic! We've seen some truly unique and creative designs, and we can't wait to share them with you.

In math, we've been getting hands-on with geometry. We reviewed 2D and 3D objects, spending time exploring their edges, faces, and vertices. It's been great to see the students' understanding of these concepts grow as they manipulate the objects and count their various parts.

We've also been busy with kapa haka, practicing our movements and songs with enthusiasm. Our students are doing a great job of connecting with this important part of our culture.

# CLASS Snippets



Kia ora koutou,

## MAHURI

Mahuri thoroughly enjoyed their art session on Wednesday, creating a landscape of Mount Tarawera and Lake Rerewhakaaitu for their calendar art. They are looking amazing!

We've also been working hard on our kapa haka items for next Friday's Cluster Cultural Festival. I'm sure you will thoroughly enjoy their performance.

Ngā mihi,  
Whaea Kylie



## PASSION PROJECTS



Nachos on the menu!  
Here are some pictures of our Passion Projects cooking group learning how to cook nachos.  
*yum!*



## REPOROA VALLEY CULTURAL FESTIVAL

### Programme

2025

Friday 22 August 2025

Rangatira o nga kawa - Whaea Felicity

9:00am - Whakatau - Karakia - Reporoa College Hall

9:15am - 10:45am

1. Reporoa Playcentre
2. Mihi School - Years 1 - 6
3. Reporoa Primary School - Years 0-4
4. Broadlands School - Years 1 - 3
5. Waikite Valley School - Years 1 - 3

10:45am - 11:10am - Paramanawa (morning tea)

11:15am - 1:00pm

6. Lake Rerewhakaaitu School - Years 1 - 8
7. Reporoa Primary School - Years 4 - 6
8. Broadlands School - Years 4 - 6
9. Waikite Valley School - Years 4 - 8
10. Te Kapa o nga tamariki Toronga o te Kura o Broadlands

1:00pm - Poroporoaki

Mihi School will be providing a BBQ (sausage, bread & sauce) \$2.00

## CONGRATULATIONS



### LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Regan for independence in writing, Mana for great work in reading: knowing letter sounds and blending sounds in words. Liam for showing outstanding enthusiasm during kapa haka. Lachlan for recognising and speaking up when something isn't right. Welcome back to Nikau. Stella for showing manaakitanga, seeing things that need to be done, or people that need help and stepping in. Kia Ora Stella. Johannah for constantly showing on task and focussed behaviour to complete her work to a high standard

KEEP IT  
UP!

## Principals award



Evelyn for excellence in all areas

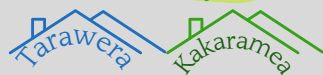
### 🌟 Caught being Awesome 🌟

"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...



Charlie & Flynn

## 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 - Chase & Jonty

Kakaramaea - Ryan & Taituha

Congratulations to our house winner for last week...

Kia ora,

As you may know, our school is using the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) for literacy instruction. The BSLA research team at the University of Canterbury would like to ask parents/caregivers/whānau about their thoughts and opinions of their child's literacy learning and the Better Start Literacy Approach using an online survey.

We are emailing you on behalf of the University of Canterbury research team to invite you to complete this survey. The University of Canterbury research team do not have any of your contact details and will not know whether you have participated in the survey or not. It will take approximately 10 minutes of your time to complete this survey.

If you would like to take part in this survey, please click on this link to complete the survey:

[https://canterbury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_24YHvxHp2PvPi9o](https://canterbury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_24YHvxHp2PvPi9o)

You will also find the Information Sheet and Consent Form at this link.

This survey is voluntary, which means it is your choice whether or not to participate. The survey is completely anonymous. The research team and the school will not be able to identify you should you choose to take part in this study. This study has received approval from the University of Canterbury's Human Research Ethics Committee.

Every person who responds to the survey will go into a draw to receive one of five \$100 Prezzy cards. This research is funded by the Ministry of Education.

Please call Gail Gillon or Brigid McNeill on +64 3 369 3491 if there are any questions.

Thank you for considering this,

Your school administrator on behalf of the University of Canterbury research team (Better Start Literacy Approach).

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## Onuku Maori Lands Trust Pet Lambs

Onuku Maori Lands Trust are offering the opportunity to rear newborn lambs over an 8-week period.

Their team will:

- Provide newborn lambs (a few days old) for students to rear;
- Supply one bag of lamb milk replacer per lamb;
- Deliver an educational session on animal care, feeding schedules, and welfare;
- Share easy-to-follow support materials (booklets and online resources);
- Offer a \$30 reward per lamb returned at  $\geq 17\text{kg}$  after the programme;
- Present certificates to participating students and support our Pet Day.

We are happy for the whanau to keep the lamb if they purchase the powder to rear themselves or reimburse us for the powder cost.

Onuku Maori Lands Trust are willing to provide as many lambs as you want and if families wish to rear a number of lambs and then they can donate the funds to the school.

Please let us know ASAP if you are interested in this, and how many lambs you would like to rear.

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Waiotapu currently has a Cub Pack and we will soon be adding Keas and Scouts in term 4!!!

Keas (5 – 8 years old) - Monday afternoon  
Cubs (8 – 11) - Tuesday evening  
Scouts (11 – 14) - Monday evening

If you would like to put in an expression of interest for your child to join any of the above sections please contact us.