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RICK'S Ramble

Term 3 2026
Week 7

Thank you to all the parents that came along to our Parent Information Evening on Wednesday. The key points from our discussions were about our curriculum and how we report to parents, our attendance rates and how we can improve these, getting more parents engaged with school and school activities to celebrate students work, getting parents to our school assemblies, having more social events at school, how can we have better communication about students learning, making times to meet the teacher, and being aware of our Strategic plan through to the end of 2028. So, lots to look at and work on over the next term.

To help with some of these discussion points I have Graeme McFadyen coming in next week as part of my principal appraisal to interview staff and students about our attendance and engagement and how we can improve this. He will also be ringing a few parents to gather your voice on attendance and student engagement as well as how we can better engage the parents in school. Some of you may remember Graeme from last year when he interviewed parents about my leadership. I look forward to seeing the analysis of Graeme's work.



The Being my Best programme has started with children getting their books and becoming familiar with the programme. They will be taking these booklets home and parents are to ensure they bring them back to school for the next session. Mrs Bullock will be in touch with those parents that are involved to organise a meeting after session three.

We have had a fantastic response to the Book Fair, thank you for supporting this little fundraiser. It has also been a great way to teach our children about money and how that can influence wants, needs and desires, especially if I only have \$2.00.

Our students are diving into their speeches, and they'll be putting the finishing touches on them at home. You can lend a hand by:

- Encouraging them to discover more interesting words.
- Being an attentive listener to their practice runs. Offering feedback on their volume, tone, and pace.

Year 1-3 Speeches: (up to 1 min)

Year 4 Speeches: (1-2 min)

Year 5 Speeches: (2 min)

Year 6 Speeches: (3 min)

Year 7-8 Speeches: (3 - 4 min)

Our LRS Speeches will be held in the Hall on Thursday 10th September starting at 11.30am. The winners from our Year 5-8 speeches go on to represent our school at the Cluster Speech Competition to be held in the Waikite Valley Hall on 15th September. Please note: Parents will need to transport their child/ren to this event.

Calendar Art

Our PTA Calendar Art fundraiser is right around the corner! Soon, student artwork will be on display in the school office from next week. These creations can be transformed into customized diaries, greeting cards, and calendars, making wonderful gifts for Christmas, birthdays, or a special keepsake for your home.



Interested in entering the Adults & Pre school section? To show your interest, enter or for more info, email: pta@lakerere.school.nz

Have you got your pet for Pet Day?

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, 17th October

Group Day:

Friday, 23rd October @ Waikite Valley School

For those interested in raising a lamb or calf, please note that these animals must be born between 20th July and 25th September 2026 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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SALE DATES:

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

CALL SAMMIE TO ARRANGE PICK UP



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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

September

Wed 9 Board Meeting 7pm

Thu 10 LRS Speeches

Tue 15 Cluster Speeches

Wed 23 Cluster Winter Sports

Fri 25 Whanau Dance Performance, Term 3 Ends

October

Mon 12 Term 4 Starts

Sat 17 LRS Pet Day

Fri 23 Group Day @ Waikite Valley

Mon 26 Labour Day STAT

Parent help required

Cluster Winter Sports
LRS & Cluster Athletics



Huge congratulations to Johannah for her fantastic performance at the recent Mount Maunganui swim competition! In just one day, she took on six individual events and joined the squad's only junior relay team. She smashed her goals, bringing home personal bests in every single event—shaving off 2 to 6 seconds—plus 4 finalist ribbons!

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

Kia ora koutou,

KĀKANO

Stories entertain us, but they also contain wisdom to help us face life's many challenges. What can we learn from our favourite book characters? This week, we heard the story of Hinepukohurangi and Uenuku and we learned that tricking people and breaking bargains can lead to a sad outcome. From Shrek we learned that it's important to be true to who you really are. Spiderman and other superheroes like to help people who are in trouble. Woody and Buzz Lightyear taught us that even characters who don't like each other at first can learn to work together and become friends in the end. Book week has been great fun! We hope you've found a book that you can enjoy reading with your child for a long time to come.

Kia pai tō rā,
Kākano Class

CLASS
Snippets

We have had a fun and busy week in our classroom, with our Book Fair happening at school. On Tuesday, the children had the wonderful opportunity to dress up as a favourite book character – and we certainly had an entertaining mix of characters and costumes! We had Wyatt as an electrician, Regan as a motorbike rider, Morris as Superman, Soul as Happy Gilmore, Jahkaea as Batman, Beau as a clown, Kahlani-Rose as Anna, Kaylaarnie as Little Red Riding Hood, Evelyn-Mae as a cat, Louis and Taipari as Super Mario Brothers, Johnny as Barry Crump, Eleanor as a fairy, Leon as Spider-Man, Lachlan as Odesis, Materia as Cinderella, Stella-Maree as Ariel, Luke as a robber, and Manaia as Spider-Man.

It was lovely to see the children enjoying the opportunity to share their interests and creativity with each other. A big thank you to our families for helping make the day so much fun!

Nga mihi,
Whaea Kylie

TUPU



A big thanks to all those who supported Daffodil Day! We raised over \$110 for this wonderful cause!



As a class we have been reading Charlotte's Web.

This is what we have learned so far:

"Spiders aren't that scary"

"I have learnt what spiders eat"

"Fern has taught us kindness"

"Wilbur had a plan and time table for his day"

"Wilbur lives in a barn and there are lots of animals and equipment in the barn and the barn has a loft".



MAHURI

We have explored new vocabulary in the book and showed them in "Adjective steps". New vocabulary we have explored so far are:
gloomily
miserable
hollered

This week in Rakau we celebrated the book fair by dressing up as our favourite character on Tuesday. Rakau came away with both the senior boy and senior girl wins for best dressed. Ada won with her amazing Hermoine costume, complete with broomstick and wand. This was fitting as her favourite book character is Hermoine. Tai won for his Greg Heffley which was super! This is also Tai's favourite character. Tai enjoys this character because he is funny and there is always drama surrounding Greg, which keeps the story interesting. Some of our class's favourite book characters include Glory from Wings of Fire, the Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz and Kelly Wilson from For the Love of Horses.

RĀKAU



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Attendance

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

We are currently sitting at 38% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

Rakau 72% attendance

Mahuri 90% attendance

Tupu 84% attendance

Kakano 77% attendance

We currently have 0 with 100% attendance.



MAHURI!



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...



Winter & Morris

"Tidy Kiwi" award goes to the class who consistently keeps the corridor and deck tidy over the day and week. Ensuring our school is kept beautiful, while being safe in emergency situations.



**KEEP UP
the good
WORK**



Upcoming dates;

Every 2nd Thursday of the month
during school term only
Thu 10th September
Thu 12th November
Thu 10th December

Venue

The Rusty Bros Bar and Cafe
1263 Amohia Street
Rotorua 3010

(previously called the Abracadabra
Cafe Rotorua)

Event contact

Jane Ford

centrallakes@parent2parent.org.nz
027 808 3945

Meet with other parents and carers who know what it's like to care for a disabled child, a neurodivergent child, or a child with health impairments.

[Register here](#)

Parent to Parent hosts Parent Support Groups in Rotorua during the school term, to support carers and parents just like you. These groups are a safe space for family and whānau to share their experiences, their challenges, their triumphs, and to learn from each other in an open and 100% judgement-free environment. No topic is too 'weird', no question too 'out there'. We get it, and we are here to help.

So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a cuppa and chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want.

CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Lachlan S for enthusiasm and focus during maths lessons. Leighton for working hard to learn his letter sounds and blending them together to read words. Wyatt for improved focus and effort on your learning tasks. Stella-Maree for always showing positive attitude towards class activities. Ted and Rangi for consistently showing all of the school values across all areas of learning. Hine for demonstrating excellent leadership in Rakau. You have shown confidence, initiative and kindness whilst setting a positive example for those around you. Your willingness to support others, take responsibility and contribute positively to Rakau is commendable. Te Kaia for demonstrating outstanding leadership in Rakau. You have shown maturity, enthusiasm and a genuine willingness to help others. Your positive attitude has been a valuable contribution to Rakau.

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Please join us in celebrating our history - share your memories with us and connect with past whānau of Ellerslie School.
If you would like to be kept up to date on all the festivities to celebrate our special 150th birthday occasion to be held in 2027, please sign up to our database by completing this form: <https://forms.gle/X1QTFxnRcNGpPyfK9>



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