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RICK'S Ramble

Term 3 2026
Week 8

Our bi-termly Board meeting was held on Wednesday night. Here are key updates from the meeting:

- The Shack is Complete: A huge thank you to Sammie, Rob, and the PTA for going above and beyond to finish this project! Our Year 7–8 students will soon use "The Shack" for cooking to fulfill their technology curriculum requirements.
- 2027 Staffing Allocation: Our provisional staffing allocation retains our fourth teacher. Retaining our Year 7 and 8 students is critical, as losing a teacher would significantly impact our funding and increase classroom sizes.
- Strategic Plan (2027–2028): Following updated Ministry of Education (MOE) requirements, we are extending our current strategic plan out to 2028.
- Book Fair Success: Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair last week! We sold over \$1,400 worth of books, which will yield a fantastic return for our school.
- Behaviour Management Procedures: We reviewed and adjusted our behaviour management procedures to better serve our school community.

Factors Influencing Behaviour:

- Large influx of new students unfamiliar with Lake Rerewhakaaitu School (LRS) expectations
- Lack of senior student leaders to model school culture
- High classroom numbers
- Increased number of students with specific behavioural needs
- Need for consistent staff understanding of procedures

Positive Steps & What Is Working:

- Renewed focus on classroom behaviour and school culture
- Shared expectations and alignment across teaching staff
- Comprehensive tracking to identify behaviour patterns
- Strong home-school communication via reflection sheets and phone calls
- Educational articles in school newsletters
- Targeted teacher aide support for specific students

Yesterday, we held our school speech competition! A big thank you to everyone who came out to support our students- it was wonderful to see such a respectful and attentive audience. Fantastic effort from all of our speech finalists!

Congratulations to our year-level winners:

- Year 1: Lachlan Simmonds
- Year 2: Morris Reid
- Year 3: Louis
- Year 4: Lucy
- Year 5: Finn
- Year 6: Taituha
- Year 8: HinePuawai

Special congratulations to Finn, Taituha, and Hine, who will be representing Lake Rerewhakaaitu School at the Cluster finals at Waikite Valley Hall next week!

A massive thank you to our judges, Vicki Arnott and Jo Roberts, for doing such a wonderful job, as well as Carla Williams for keeping time and writing certificates.

SPEECH RESULTS

Year	1st	2nd	3rd
1	Lachlan. S "Hickory, Dickory, Dock"	Kershaw "Little Jack Horner"	Keeana "Horsey, Horsey"
2	Morris "Town vs Country living"	Wyatt "Killer Whales"	Johnny "Rugby"
3	Louis "Falcons"	Beau "Rugby"	Lachlan.T "Space"
4	Lucy "Gymnastics"	Caoimhe "Birds you never see"	Ted "Single Use Plastics"
5	Finn "Fifa World Cup"	Flynn "Whittakers Chocolate"	TeNgahere "Fishing"
6	Taituha "Glaciers"	Johannah "Halter"	Piper "Rugby"
8	HinePuawai "Rugby"	Hohepa "Panthers"	

This Monday, we will welcome Erana Lacey from the Resourcing Audit and Review of Attendance Management team. The Ministry of Education (MOE) conducts these audits to verify student numbers on roll returns and review school attendance management processes. Our school has been selected for an audit of our 1 July 2026 Roll Return.

From Wednesday to Friday, I will be attending the International Principals Conference. This convention brings together school leaders from around the world to share innovative practices and strategies that support student learning. I look forward to bringing back key insights to help our students continue to thrive and keep pace with their global peers.

Have a great weekend 😊

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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

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

There have been a few instances of parents not being at the drop off points to pick up children. The bus drivers will not leave children on the side of the roads alone. We are lucky that our bus drivers know our children and have waited or contacted school to get parents there. However, this holds up the bus runs and the bus drivers. From now on if there is no one to pick up the children at their drop off points the bus drivers will return the children to school and you will need to pick them up from here.



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

Kia ora, koutou,

KĀKANO

We have enjoyed preparing for the school speech competition by exploring a range of nursery rhymes and poems. We're getting very good at noticing the rhyming words in poems. It was great to see how keenly every student in our class stood up to say their poems. They are definitely developing their confidence! Our year two students put in a great effort to write and practice their speeches using a helpful structure to guide them. We're also learning to be a good audience by listening with respect, and showing our appreciation of others' hard work.

Kia pai tō rā,
Kākano Class

CLASS
Snippets

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had in Tupu as we have been developing our persuasive writing and speech-making skills! The children have worked hard to share their opinions, choose convincing reasons, and practise speaking clearly and confidently. We have heard some very entertaining and interesting speeches on topics including killer whales, falcons, rugby, golf, country versus town living, helping out at home, Dash the cat, school uniforms, space, Rubik's Cubes, a horse called Sparkles, going to the movies, and why children should have toys in their rooms!

It has been wonderful to see the children building their confidence and having a go at speaking in front of others. There have certainly been some very passionate arguments and some great ideas along the way!

A special congratulations to our finalists who will be presenting their speeches in the Community Hall this week. We are very proud of all of our Tupu speakers!

Ngā mihi,
Whaea Kylie

TUPU

In Mahuri we know that completing speeches link to our school values.

Speeches teach us all about perseverance, resilience and courage because standing up on the stage in front of people is scary. We have to be brave even when we're nervous and we have to keep going even if we make mistakes.

We know that it also links to the school value of respect because when you're the audience you have to listen and not speak.

We know that it links to our school value of whanaungatanga because we have to be careful of everyone's feelings because we all get scared, so we know to be kind to people when they are doing their speech especially when they make a mistake.

"It was scary standing up on stage and seeing the people" Flynn

"I was nervous but it helped to read my speech lots before I went up on stage, and then I just pretended I was doing it in my class" Te Ngahere

"It was cool because I came first in my age group" Lucy

"It felt nice to make my mum and dad proud" Finn

"Speeches teach us different things because people talk about different facts" Elsie

MAHURI

This week, Rākau students have been working hard to finish and present their public speaking skills through our speech unit. I am incredibly proud of the confidence, courage, and effort shown by all students as they prepared and delivered their speeches. From thought-provoking topics to entertaining presentations, students demonstrated excellent speaking techniques, strong organisation, and the ability to engage an audience. Congratulations to Johannah, Taituha, Piper, Pheonna, Hohepa and Hine who represented our class in the school speech finals. And an extra special congratulations to Taituha and Hine who will represent Lake Rerewhakaaitu School at the cluster speech finals. It was wonderful to see so many students step outside their comfort zones and achieve success.

RĀKAU



Kia Ora Whanau

Te Whatu Ora (Health New Zealand) issued an official letter to schools announcing that starting in Term 3 2026, the School Based Immunisation Programme is switching to delivering only a single dose of the HPV vaccine.

The key details from the official Te Whatu Ora communications outline the following:

What is Changing?

- **Single-dose school delivery:** From Term 3 2026, children will receive one dose of the HPV vaccine through the School Based Immunisation Programme. This applies primarily to students in Years 7 and 8.
- **No second dose at school:** If a child receives their first dose at school, they will not be offered a second dose through the school program.

Why the Change Was Made

- **High protection rate:** Global medical evidence demonstrates that a single dose offers excellent long-term immunity. Studies have shown that a single dose provides around 97–98% protection against the high-risk HPV types that cause cancers.
- **International alignment:** With this change, New Zealand aligns with recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as systems in Australia and the United Kingdom.

Is a Second Dose Still Available?

Yes. The officially approved medical course in New Zealand remains two doses for children aged 9 to 14. While schools only administer one injection, parents who still wish for their child to receive a second dose can get it **free of charge** through community health providers, pharmacies, or General Practices (GPs) at least six months after the first dose. Please phone Health Reporoa 07 3337301 if you would like your child to have another dose.

Next Steps for Parents

- **Consent forms:** Schools will continue to distribute physical or digital consent forms. Vaccination at school **requires parental or caregiver consent** before any injection is given.
- **Already vaccinated:** If your child has already received one dose at school previously, they are considered well-protected, and no further action is required at school.

Ngā mihi,
Reporoa Health Nurses



PTA
CORNER



Calendar Art

Our PTA Calendar Art fundraiser is right around the corner! Student artwork is on display in the school office. 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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Attendance

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

We are currently sitting at 41% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

Rakau 71% attendance

Mahuri 78% attendance

Tupu 88% attendance

Kakano 79% attendance

And the Winner is...

KAKANO!



HOUSE POINTS

Tarawera Kakaramaea

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
Kakaramaea - Taituha & Nikau

Congratulations to our house winner from our latest assembly...



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...



Te Kaia & Ted

"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.



TIDY KIWI AWARD

KEEP UP the good WORK

Principals award

Tennille for whanaungatanga



WHEN: Sunday, 11 October 2026, 15:00 - 16:30pm

WHERE: Sir Howard Morrison Centre, Fenton Street

TICKETS: \$35 Adults, \$30 Seniors, \$10 Students, \$75 Families (2 adults and up to 4 kids).

Available at Ticketmaster (booking fees apply)

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CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Whakaiao and Jack for great work in maths.

Beau for demonstrating the school values each and every day.

Athena-Rose for showing perseverance in our small group reading lessons.

Flynn for consistently showing the school values in all his learning tasks.

Temple for showing the school value of whanaungatanga in her developing role as a leader.

Taituha for his outstanding commitment to learning and consistently getting his work finished to a high standard.

Johannah for demonstrating perseverance and a positive attitude towards reading this week.

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