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# Principal Report

Term 1 2025  
Week 2

We have had a fantastic start to the year. It's absolutely marvellous to see all of the children again and to listen to their stories about their holidays. We have a fantastic term and year planned. Tamariki are settling back into school nicely and our teachers are using these first few weeks to:

- Gather student voice on what they want to learn and how they want to learn it,
- assessments for learning,
- building leadership, and
- getting to know each other.

Our topic focus this term is 'Our Place' and we will be investigating the geology and geological features of our area and beyond. The big ideas we will be investigating are:

- Our place within Aotearoa
- Understanding our geographical area (Science - volcanoes, earthquakes/fault lines, rocks, soil, etc).
- Significant events within our area - local, national and global.

With the key questions related to our goals being:

Learn: Our geographical area is constantly changing and why

Retain: What effect do our geographical features have on our place

Sustain: How our geographical features affect our landscape and how we live on it.

We are starting this year with the refreshed curriculum document and have our PR1ME maths books ready to go and will start using these from Week 4 onwards. I will hold a curriculum meeting later in the term to introduce everyone to the new curriculum and the way that structured literacy and numeracy are being taught.

We are aiming for full attendance from every student, however, if your child needs to be away from school for any reason, please ensure you notify school each day by phone or preferably via Skool Loop. A detailed reason for their absence is required, so that they can be marked accordingly.

The Lakes Teeth dental team will be at our school from Monday 17th February. if you have any preschoolers you would like to be checked, please call 0800 525 378 to book them in.

Our school lunches are being delivered by a new lunch supplier - The School Lunch Collective. This has had its problems and we are working with them to get things right. Today we are getting a nice healthy pie for lunch, yum yum! A reminder to please ensure you pack healthy snacks for morning tea and a full water bottle each day.

Students will be swimming everyday, as it is a part of the curriculum. All students are to bring their togs and towel each day. If children are not well enough to swim, they should not be at school. If your child should not be swimming for other reasons, inform their teacher.

Each year we have at least two large bags of lost property. We have been at school for five days and already we have clothes that are unclaimed and unnamed. Please ensure all of your child's clothes and shoes/gumboots are clearly named.

Parents need to ensure that their children are ready prior to catching the bus in a safe place, please allow 10 minutes either side of expected pick up time. After school, the children that travel on the bus meet quickly on the decked area outside Tupu. If a child is being collected from school or travelling on the other bus on a particular day, notification must be made via text or phone call to the school phone or a note must be sent to school by the parent explaining the change. Behaviour on the bus is a shared responsibility between the bus company, parents and the school. The school reserves the right to withhold permission to travel on the bus with instances of poor behaviour. If you pick your child up from school, please ensure they are signed out and let the teacher know.

Educating children is a three way partnership between the school, the child, and the family. To strengthen that partnership we want to ensure that we are all working together. Through the newsletters, information from teachers and formal and informal meetings, we try to keep you up to date with what we are doing and how you can support us and how we can support you. If you are unsure of anything that is happening at school or have any concerns, please come down and talk with me so we can all be fully informed and clear up any misunderstandings or concerns straight away.

Have a wonderful weekend

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

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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

### February

Mon 17	Dental Therapists start
Tue 25	Board Meeting 7pm
Fri 28	LRS Swimming Sports

### March

Tue 4	Cluster Swimming
Wed 19	PTA Meeting 7pm
Fri 21	Making the Difference Swimming programme
Tue 25	Board Meeting 7pm

### April

Mon 7	Photolife
Wed 9	Cluster Summer Sports
Fri 11	Term 1 Ends
Mon 28	Term 2 Starts

### May

2 - 7	Life Education
Fri 23	LRS Cross Country
Tue 27	Cluster Cross Country

## Parent help required

Swimming Sports & Cluster  
Cluster Summer Sports  
Cross Country & Cluster

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PTA have been busy beavers over the last couple of months! On the day of Celebration of Learning we had a very special jolly visitor dressed in red, gallop in on his beautiful horse to share a lollie scramble for many excited children. A big thank you to our very own rodeo Santa! We also helped host a community dinner on the 20th Dec, with a lot of support from the community. This was a really nice evening at our lake front, everyone, young and old, had a lot of fun. Keep an eye out for our next one!

We were approached to help at the Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo (60th Anniversary) on the 30th Dec with keeping the grounds and toilets tidy throughout the day, helping on the gate, making lunch bags for the workers and running the VIP tent. We really enjoyed being able to support another local group and look forward to our relationships building stronger.

On January 11 -12 we hosted our annual fishing competition with an amazing turn out and some beautiful fish being weighed in. We would like to thank everyone who helped support us with sponsorship and competing, without their support we couldn't run such a successful event. Big congratulations to all our winners of the competition and the raffles and auctions. See more Fishing Competition in this newsletter.

A big thank you to all those that support and help us run our events, which in turn supports our children and school.

PTA are now preparing for the Tawerea Ultra Marathon held this Saturday 15th. Competitors they are running through our aid station on Crater road from 7am till 4pm. Please come on down and support these incredible athletes, and show them our fabulous Community spirit!

PTA Chair - Sam Allen  
pta@lakerere.school.nz



## Waist Management

Members only · Discoverable

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai haere mai.  
Year 3 🌟 at the hall from 6.30-7.15 pm tues & thurs until the end of November 2025 🌟

\$ 10 each

Bring a mat towel and water bottle  
All updates & feedback will be posted on messenger page or Msg me at 0274485756 if you prefer text message updates.

Stay well. Hope to see you soon  
Warm regards  
Christine

*Come and Join* **PTA**

**BE BETTER CONNECTED**  
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**  
THESE 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.

**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 FOR THE CHILDREN WHO USE THE LIBRARY. THAT'S THEIR FAVOURITE PLACE TO BE.

**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.

**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 BELONG AND SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR VALUES.

**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 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.

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Are you a Pacific parent or caregiver eager to support your child's learning and future success? The Talanoa Ako Programme, delivered by the Rotorua Pacific Islands Development Charitable Trust (RPIDCT), is designed to help you navigate your child's educational journey with confidence.

**What is Talanoa Ako?**  
A community-based programme where Pacific parents come together to:

- Understand how the NZ education system works
- Learn how to support your child through NCEA and other key learning milestones
- Build stronger connections with teachers and schools
- Share experiences and learn from other families

**Why Attend?**

- Gain the knowledge and tools to help your child thrive academically
- Learn how to have effective conversations with teachers about your child's progress
- Connect with other Pacific families in a supportive, cultural environment

**When:** Wednesdays, 29 January to 2 April 2025, from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
**Where:** Rotorua Methodist Church, 187 Old Taupo Road, Utuhina, Rotorua, 3015  
Light refreshments provided

This is your opportunity to be an active part of your child's educational success while celebrating our Pacific values of family, culture, and community.

Spaces are limited! Register here  
Email: admin@ripdct.nz  
Phone: 07 347 7217

Let's talanoa together and ensure our children reach their full potential!

#TalanoaAko #RPIDCT #PasifikaEducation #Rotorua #SupportingOurFuture

Kia ora, koutou from Tupu!

## TUPU

We have made a great start to the year by setting a big learning goal. We are learning to hear, read and write the sounds for the letters of the alphabet. We have already learnt the name and sounds for the letters m, p, t, o, and n. We are getting ready to start our new Pr1me maths programme, and we have looked closely at some rock samples and found words to describe them using colour, size, shape, and how they feel. For example, some rocks are rough and bumpy, and some rocks feel smooth. Kia pai tō rā.



Kia ora whānau,

## MAHURI

It has been a fantastic start to the year for Mahuri class as we've settled into our routines and structures in the classroom. Our students have been actively engaged in a variety of learning experiences, and we are excited to share some of the highlights!

In Mathematics, we have been focusing on identifying, reading, saying, and writing numbers up to 100, 1000, and 10,000. This has been a great challenge, and the students are showing excellent progress in their number skills.

In Literacy, we've revisited the art of writing recounts. Students have been reflecting on their favourite moments or adventures from the holidays and expressing them through their writing.

Our Inquiry theme for the term is 'Our Place', and we've started exploring our local community of Lake Rerewhakaaitu. The students are learning about the environmental features that make our area unique and are excited to delve deeper into this topic over the coming weeks.

Finally, Swimming lessons have been a big success! All students have been actively participating and are developing their skills in preparation for the upcoming school swimming sports.

We're looking forward to another exciting and productive term ahead!

Ngā mihi, Whaea Kylie



## RAKAU

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,  
Welcome back to Rakau for 2025! We have been straight back into testing and getting our brains back into school! This year I will be using Seesaw, as well as our newsletter as main forms of communication for information of upcoming events etc. If you are not already, please connect to our class seesaw or let me know and I can email you a link.

At the end of last year I sent out a few reminders around chocolate payments that were still outstanding. We still have around 9 outstanding payments. If you have forgotten, please pay these as soon as possible, if you are not sure just reach out and ask. Unfortunately if these do not get paid, we will not be able to sell chocolates again this year.

Just a reminder that swimming happens everyday and is a part of our curriculum. If your child cannot swim for medical reasons, please let me know. Otherwise, every student should have their togs and towel everyday.

Have a safe and happy weekend!

Ngā mihi,  
Miss Gow



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# Fishing Comp 2025

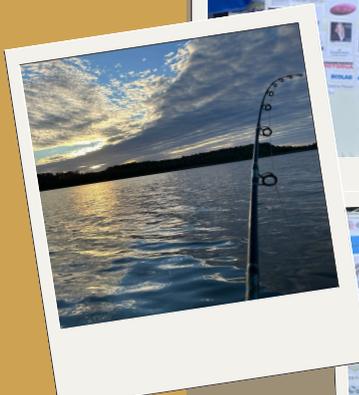
# RESULTS

Junior 1 - 11 yrs  
 Average Weight - Eva-Rose Paikea 1537 g  
 Longest Trout - Cayden Allen 578 mm  
 Heaviest Trout - Johannah Allen 2273 g  
 Longest Eel - Lucy Page 1321 mm  
 Heaviest Eel - Richard Sekitoga 1520 g

Youth 12 - 18 yrs  
 Average Weight - Jake Houston 1747 g  
 Longest Trout - Max Warrender 588 mm  
 Heaviest Trout - Max Warrender 2213 g  
 Longest Eel - Daniel Robinson 715 mm  
 Heaviest Eel - Daniel Robinson 1010 g

Adult  
 Average Weight - Scott Asplin 1536 g  
 Longest Trout - Paul Williams 601 mm  
 Heaviest Trout - Paul Williams 2609 g  
 Longest Eel - Keiran Page 1361 mm  
 Heaviest Eel - Julian Robinson 1736 g

Mystery Weight - Jason Tomsett 1129  
 Wooden Spoon award - Michelle Gillbanks  
 Mens Heaviest Trophy - Paul Williams 2609 g  
 Womens Heaviest Trophy - Sue Price 1907 g



And all the amazing people who donated goods to our wheelbarrow raffle