



*Kei te whakatakataka a matou akonga mo nga ahei a tona wa  
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## 16th February 2024

### Principal Report

Week 2 completed and we are in full swing! The children have settled back into school quickly and are keeping active with swimming everyday.

We are also getting our Passion projects up and running again

This terms focus:

Visual: Miss Harris

Drama: Mrs Trumper

Dance: Ms Arnott

Music: Miss Gow



We are still looking for any community member that has a passion or skill that they could share with the children. If this sounds like you please contact the school.

Our Curriculum focus this term is studying "How our roads get their names":

- Who decided to use these names?
- When were the roads built/developed in our area?
- Why are some roads sealed and some unsealed?
- Rotorua - myths and legends - town road names.

The PTA is involved in the Tarawera Ultra Marathon this weekend. Thanks to all those that have offered help. Let's show them our fun community spirit! 🥳🎉

BOT Meeting next week Tuesday at 7.00pm.

### Teacher Only Day - Thursday 4th April

We will be having a Teacher Only Day on Thursday 4th April. This is to allow the teachers and support staff to complete a refresher first aid course, which is a requirement for teachers. If anyone wants to refresh their first aid certificate, you are more than welcome to come along and join in. Please contact the school if you are interested.

### Meet & Greet/Working Bee - Saturday 24th February

Saturday 24th February we will be holding a Meet and Greet / Working Bee at school from 9.00am - 3.00pm. This is an opportunity to meet the teachers and any new school families. We will have the BBQ going for lunch.

Can you please indicate if you will be attending, by contacting the school.

## Week 2

### Jobs that need doing:

- Cleaning gutters
- Weeding gardens
- Removing blackberry from playgrounds
- Cleaning playgrounds
- Renailing decks
- Trimming edges around the paths and play areas
- Building the green house
- Putting shade cloth on the old green house
- And many other small jobs

### Hill walk

Yesterday was an absolutely stunning day for our hillwalk! The views were amazing as always.

A big THANKYOU to Andrew Truscott for allowing us to take the kids up the hill once again, Mark Pacey for marking a track for us, and our families that came along to join in and support our students.



### Dates to Remember

Tue 20 Feb	Board Meeting 7pm
Sat 24 Feb	Meet & Greet / Working Bee
Thu 7 Mar	LRS Swimming Sports
Wed 13 Mar	Cluster Swimming Sports (RVC)
Tue 26 Mar	Board Meeting 7pm
Wed 27 Mar	Cluster Summer Sports (RVC)
Thu 4 Apr	Teacher Only Day / Tech Challenge
Fri 5 Apr	Photolife
Mon 8 Apr	Lakes DHB Fluoride programme
Fri 12 Apr	Lake walk / Term 1 ends
Mon 29 Apr	Term 2 begins
Tue 7 May	Board Meeting 7pm
17 - 21 May	Life Education

Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌

Last week's certificates went to...



Heidi Brensell and  
Taipari Redmond for  
having a great attitude at  
school.

Quinton Collier,  
Kenzie-Reign  
Livingstone, Kovin  
Livingstone Welcome to  
Mahuri and Lake  
Rerewhakaaitu School.

Morgan Perry for coming back to  
school with an outstanding  
attitude. Callum Koekemoer  
welcome to Lake Rerewhakaaitu  
School

The Principal Certificate went to...  
Morgan Perry for having a fantastic  
attitude.



## House Points

Each week we will be giving out a house cup to the house that's  
in the lead. Students can earn house points by following our  
school rules, being on task and even when they get caught  
being awesome.



Our house leaders are:

### Tarawera

Bryce Davey & Chase Roberts

### Kakaramea

Callum Koekemoer & Morgan Perry

Congratulations to our house winner  
for last week..

**Kakaramea!**



## TUPU

The fact of the week:  
Caterpillars have 12 eyes!



Every Friday we are buddy  
reading with the Rakau  
Class. We bring our book  
bags and show our senior  
buddies what we do  
for homework and  
how we are going with  
our reading/sight  
words.

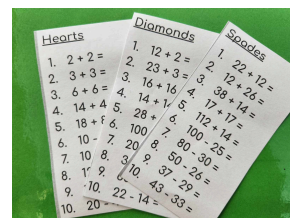
Tupu enjoyed our first  
session as we got to  
know the seniors  
better.



## MAHURI

Daily Warm Up (Daily 10)

Riddle: It's raining at midnight,  
but the forecast for tomorrow  
and the next day is clear. Will  
there be sunny weather in 48  
hours?



Using textbooks to practice  
our new strategy



Playing an adding game



### Maths in Mahuri

We LOVE maths in Mahuri!  
We always start our maths  
lessons with our 'Daily 10' warm  
up; a series of 10 basic facts  
questions in 10 minutes. We  
then break off into groups and rotate around all stations  
in the classroom. One group works with me - learning  
new maths strategies, another group will be working  
independently or in pairs practicing their number  
strategies and basic facts, and the other rotation is fun  
maths games - these are mainly basic facts and





knowledge based games and activities that they can play with their group peers. A favourite game this week was "Dice Wars" - each person (pairs) rolls a dice and then they race to either add or multiply the two numbers together.

#### Assembly Sharing

Last week Flynn, Lucy and Deisel shared their amazing holiday stories with the school.

We loved hearing the adjectives they had used.



JUNIOR NETBALL - registrations have just opened and they close at the end of February so we will need names before the 16th of February if you have a player wanting to play. Primary students fall into two groups, players who are in school yr 1 and 2 are in a grade together, and the yr 3 to 6 are in the next grade.

The Future Ferns season runs for Term 1.

If you have someone wanting to play, please get in contact with Amanda Armer ASAP 021 688 760



*Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?*

*If so, GirlGuiding NZ is here:*

*Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds*

*Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old*

*Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old*

*Rangers: 12 – 17 years old*

*For further information please contact: GirlGuiding New Zealand*

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# RAKAU



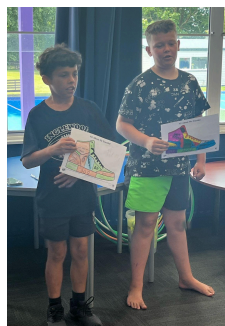
**Why did the students eat their homework?**

**Because the teacher told them it was a piece of cake!!**

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Rakau had so much fun getting to know each other a little better last week.

We made awesome sneakers about ourselves, which Hemi and Morgan shared at assembly. The shoes explained what subjects we like and those we need help with, our favourite colour and many other things about ourselves.



Yesterday we had an amazing hikoi and the most enjoyable part was the stunning view! We would like to give a Rakau Shoutout to Mrs Bullock for leading our way and helping organise this fantastic walk again this year!

Just a reminder for girls to please bring a hair tie for swimming. They are finding their floating hair very distracting during swim training.

Have a wonderful and safe weekend!

Ngā mihi,

Rakau Class



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# DRIVERS NEEDED!

**Volunteers needed for delivery and pickup of science kits**

**Rotorua primary schools**

**1st delivery Tuesday morning 19 February and pick up the following Friday morning 29 February**

**For further info contact: Karyn Hickmott  
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