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Principal Report

Term 2 2025
Week 3

Kia ora e te whānau, we are reaching the end of another fantastic week!

Our teaching staff have been actively training in the **Better Start Literacy Approach** which is designed to give your child a strong foundation in reading and writing. This approach focuses on teaching your child how to read, rather than simply expecting them to read independently. Through systematic phonics instruction, they learn the sounds of letters and how they blend together to form words. To support their learning at home, your child will bring home carefully selected books. Sometimes, a book may stay home for the entire week, allowing for repeated readings that build fluency and deeper understanding. Other weeks, a new book might only come home once, depending on their learning focus and the need for practice with specific skills. Reading these books with you reinforces the skills learned in class and fosters a love of reading. Through engaging activities, games, and these take-home books, your child will develop essential skills in decoding, spelling, and comprehension. We believe Better Start will empower your child to become a confident and enthusiastic reader. We appreciate you supporting your child on this important journey.

Y8 student, Chase, has been away adventuring this week on camp with the Kotui Ako VLN Rural group in Wellington. Being away on these camps provides a fantastic opportunity to connect with other young people from different parts of Aotearoa. What a fantastic opportunity exploring New Zealand's vibrant capital...visiting the iconic Te Papa, conquering the high wires course, a trip to Parliament and a visit to Government House! Seeing one of the official residences of the Governor-General offers a glimpse into New Zealand's formal and ceremonial life. Finishing camp off with a Highlanders vs Hurricanes game at the Cake tin this evening. It sounds like an enriching and memorable experience for Chase and the whole rural group! **A massive thanks goes to our fabulous Lake Rerewhakaaitu School PTA and Parliament Services for their generous donations which enables our students to attend these fantastic opportunities!**

thank you ★

Get ready for a day of celebration and healthy activity! We're excited to have our **70th anniversary** festivities combined with our **annual Cross Country Fun Run**, making it a truly special occasion for the entire LRS whānau. Join us for a morning of invigorating exercise as we cheer on participants of all ages in our fun run. Following the race, we'll come together for a well-deserved and delicious **shared lunch**, providing a wonderful opportunity to connect and celebrate seventy fantastic years of Lake Rerewhakaaitu School. Along with your shared lunch contributions, our PTA will also have some yummy kai for all.

The fun doesn't stop there! We'll also have a range of family-friendly games to keep the energy high and the smiles wide. And what's a birthday without cake? We'll be sure to have a celebratory cake to mark this significant milestone. This combined event is a perfect way to celebrate our achievements, foster community spirit, and enjoy a memorable day together – we can't wait to celebrate with you! The time line for the day is as follows:

9.30am - 11.30am: School Cross Country Fun Run

11.30am - 12.30pm: Shared lunch and cutting of the cake (singing "happy birthday")

12.30pm - 2.30pm: Fun family activities eg: Egg & spoon race, sack race, tug of war, gumboot throw

A few of our seniors will be helping DOC next Wednesday, 21st May, with **native threatened plant – carex monitoring**. DOC rangers are currently working on a carex monitor and weed control to protect the population, and is being undertaken this year at sites around Lake Rerewhakaaitu. This mahi is usually done in April/May. The population at the RLC campground (Guy Roe Reserve on Brett Rd) is generally found along the lake margin/grass strip at the lake edge of the campground. This represents our biggest population of Carex cirrhosa. A note will go home with the selected students.

Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher. We are currently sitting at 67% of students at 90% attendance or above

Last weeks absentees:

Rakau 72.4% attendance

Mahuri 92.7% attendance

Tupu 87% attendance

We have three students with 100% attendance for the year to date. Excellent effort to those students and whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.

The lifting of the **community time capsule and celebrations** are planned for 2028. This event will be quite a significant one for our community and will need helpers to organise. Please get in touch with either Carla or myself if you are interested in helping, so that we can start to compile a list.

PTA Amazing Race 2025 and Meet and Greet Night will be held on the 21st June starting at 1pm from the Domain. See the flyer and order form on the last page.

Our school is the hub for **Civil Defence**. Each Wednesday we have students call in to the Civil Defence centre in Rotorua. We are wanting to form a small committee with locals to see how we can better protect our community by updating our civil defence list, equipment, supplies and contacts. If you are interested in helping with this please contact the school.

Reminder Online Day and TOD (Teacher Only Day) We will be having an online day on Friday 30 May due to our teachers all being on a literacy course. This is similar to a Teacher Only Day, but we will have work for the children to do at home via Seesaw and Google classrooms. It will also make it a long weekend as the following Monday is King's Birthday. The 23rd June is a Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day

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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

May

Fri 23 LRS Cross Country
School **70th** Anniversary

Tue 27 Cluster Cross Country

Fri 30 Online learning day

June

Mon 2 King's Birthday

2-6 Hillary Outdoors Camp

Wed 11 PTA Meeting 7pm

TBC Board Meeting 7pm

Wed 18 Whole school sleepover

Fri 20 Matariki

Sat 21 Amazing Race/Welcome in

Mon 23 Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day

Fri 27 Term 2 Ends

Parent help required

Cross Country & Cluster

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mo uga ahei a tona wa

Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow

Kia ora, koutou,

With the rainy and cold weather we've had lately, Tupu have been folk dancing inside. As well as keeping up our fitness, folk dancing enhances our social, language, and mathematical skills. It's quite challenging to make our feet move in time to the beat but also lots of fun moving to different styles of music.

Here are some of this week's stories based on our theme of sport and leisure:

I like playing on the tramp by the hedge. I like playing inside because it is raining. (Morris)

I like playing outside because I can play league. I play league with my cousins. I play league in town. (Soul)

I play rugby on the weekend. I play at Reporoa but when it's hailing and the fields are flooded the game is cancelled. (Johnny)

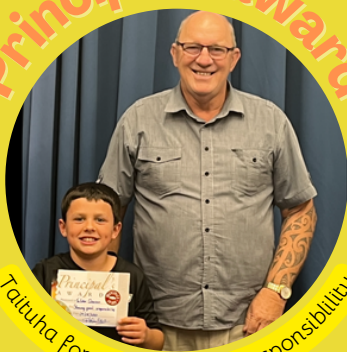
Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu Class

TUPU

CLASS Snippets



Principals award



Taituha for showing great responsibility

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...



Junior



Senior

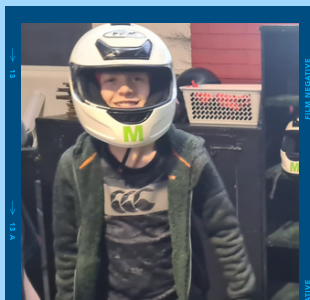


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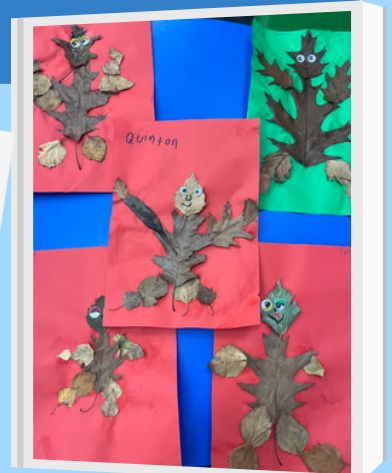
Kia ora koutou,

Mahuri have been very fortunate to spend a couple of days with Mrs Bullock while I have been a student myself—attending a first aid refresher course and learning more about structured literacy through our Better Start Literacy Approach course.

The students have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in autumn-themed art lessons in the afternoon, following their literacy and numeracy classes in the morning. Each piece of artwork focused on a different art medium and technique, resulting in fun "leaf people"—created using tree leaves and googly eyes to accurately represent each body part—and a vibrant, finger-painted autumn tree.

We are very fortunate to have staff with a wide range of skills and abilities.

Till next time,
Whaea Kylie



RAKAU

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

This week our amazing Year 8 Chase has been in Wellington on a Rural Camp. Chase has been attending the Rural School online class through the Kotui Ako virtual school.

Each week he meets up with other year 7&8 students from other rural schools where there are low numbers of students, or because of the isolation of the area. Chase got the awesome opportunity of attending this Wellington based camp to meet all their classmates that they have only ever met online.

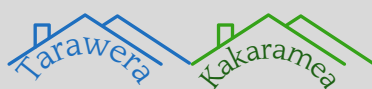
I would like to thank Rachel Whalley, Kōtui Ako Principal, for her consistent support of our students working within her school, and for being Chase's personal chaperone while in Wellington this week.

Rakau has really missed Chase this week and look forward to hearing about his amazing adventures!

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Miss Gow

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

CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Athena-Rose for learning how to compare sets and order numbers in maths. Leon for great participating in skipping and dancing. Elsie for showing care and support for her classmates and community members. Eleanor for consistently striving to do what she knows is right, even if it's not the easiest option. Loki for amazing perseverance in reading & math this week. Kenzie for showing great resilience during art tasks.

Fundraiser for Plunket

Kids Sale

Saturday 24th May
8:30-11:30AM

Otonga Primary School Hall
105 Otonga Road, Springfield

Gold coin entry (kids are free)

Bring your reusable bags!

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Lake Rerewhakaaitu School PTA presents...

21st June
2025

REREWHAKAAITU

Amazing Race & WELCOME IN

COME TO ONE OR COME TO BOTH!

21ST JUNE 2025

1PM START AT THE DOMAIN
4PM PRIZEGIVING, FOLLOWED BY
WELCOME IN DINNER AT 5PM

WHEN?

HOW?

WHY?



TEAMS WILL DRIVE AROUND THE REREWHAKAAITU AREA TO ANSWER CLUES AND COMPLETE ACTIVITIES AT EACH STATION. COLLECT THE CLUES AT EACH STATION AND RETURN TO SOLVE THE FINAL CLUE AT THE DOMAIN.

EACH YEAR WE LIKE TO JOIN NEW AND OLD COMMUNITY MEMBERS, WITH THE ADDED BONUS OF SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL. OUR CURRENT FUNDRAISING FOCUS IS TO UPGRADE OUR OLD DENTAL CLINIC INTO A HOME ECONOMICS ROOM FOR STUDENTS COOKING & BAKING CLASSES.

THIS YEARS THEME

NATURE

SPOT PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED TEAM AND MORE.

\$40 PER TEAM
(MAX 6)

PRE ORDER FOOD...
COMPLETE THE ORDER FORM
AND RETURN TO:
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TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE



REREWHAKAAITU

Amazing Race & WELCOME IN

21st June
2025

ENTRY & ORDER FORM

Team Name	Team Members	Total cost \$40/team
	Total Amazing Race payment	\$

PLEASE PRE ORDER YOUR BBQ FOR THE WELCOME IN DINNER AT 5PM

Item	Quantity	Cost
Steak rolls \$8		
Sausage sizzle \$3		
Hot Chips \$5		
Pudding \$5		
Lake Rerewhakaaitu School PTA 03 1552 0128517 00 Ref : Team Name Code: Amazing Race	Total BBQ payment Cash / Direct Credit (Circle)	\$

Return form and payment by 16th June 2025



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