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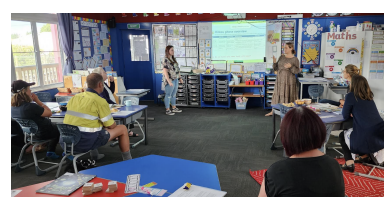
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1st December 2023 Principal Report

Week 8

It seems to have been a week of meetings with Board, Staff, PTA and parent meetings taking place each night.

At the Parent Literacy Meeting we were lucky to have Maryanne de Nys, Resource Teacher of Literacy, along to give us an explanation of the Better Start Literacy Approach (BSLA) that we are using in our junior area. Miss



Harris and Mrs Trumper then explained how they deliver teaching and learning programmes, with Miss

Gow showcasing the senior class programme. Finally, Mrs Arnott explained how she supports our target students to make accelerated progress in reading and writing. This link: <https://www.betterstartapproach.com/families> will take families to whanau support documentation around the BSLA programme and ways they can further support their tamariki at home. On the website, below 'Early Readers' are all the texts we use and they are also narrated for extra support.



Next week is the final Parent Curriculum evening of the year, where we will be sharing information about our Numeracy programme, starting at 6.30pm.

Next week I will be working with children to get all of the little jobs finished around the school. These include finishing the cobblestones, erecting the green house, denailing and stacking the edging planks around the playgrounds and gardens.

If anyone is available to come down and help out, we would love to have your support!

CBOP Athletics

Good luck to our athletes going to the CBOP Athletics next week: Go hard team!

Hemi Dawson Discus, 200m, 800m	Cecelia Dunlop 100m, 200m.
Nikau Mohi Long Jump Holly Rogers 400m	Ezekiel Poumako-Bartlett Discus, Shot Put

Pool Keys

Can we please have an indication of who will be hiring a pool key for the summer. Please advise at the office by **Friday 8th Dec**, so we can see if it is viable to keep the pool open during the holidays. We need at least 10 people to have keys to make this worthwhile.

Nathan Wallis 4th December 2023 Westbrook School

Hot from the Press! We have one free ticket left to this event. Please get in touch with Carla in the office if you are interested, first in = first served!

This is a new presentation by Nathan Wallis - New Zealand's renowned Neuroscience Educator!

Understanding Your Brain:
Building Resilience and Maximising Learning

The concept of building resilience in our children is more and more at the forefront of parents' minds. Academic success is in fact a result of resilience and can mean very little without it. In this summary of the evidence and research around what resilience looks like, how it's fostered and which environments do it the best, Nathan will break down for parents (in his usual 'straight from the hip' humorous style) exactly what we can do to facilitate our children developing resilience, increase their academic ability and enjoy an overall better quality of life. We will look at how our brains work as a basis for understanding how to achieve this. Relevant to parents/carers for all age groups - from newborns to teens!



**Understanding Your Brain
Building Resilience & Maximising Learning**

Westbrook School / ROTORUA
Mon 4th December 2023, 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Tickets at www.eventfinda.co.nz



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Reminders:

- If you are interested in a pool key this summer, contact the office by Friday 8th December.
- Students need to bring their togs and towels for swimming. Parents need to advise teachers if their child is not able to swim due to a medical condition.
- Our Celebration of Learning/Prizegiving (COL) will be held on Tuesday the 19th of December. Juniors 9.30am, Seniors 11.30am.
- Call the school phone, 3666814, to leave a message for any after school bus changes by, please note that this always gets checked before buses depart. For absentees please use our SKOOL Loop APP, or leave a message as above.
- Sign in / out for any late students, early pickups or visitors to come through the office and use the sign in register. Some of you may have already noticed that we have a new device for this, it has been working well with our Student Management System.
- Please ensure children have healthy snacks and water for morning tea. This helps their brain focus and is better fuel for their growing bodies.



Dates to Remember

Wed 6 Dec	Parent curriculum evening 6.30pm
11 - 15 Dec	Senior Camp
Tue 19 Dec	Celebration of Learning
Wed 20 Dec	Last day of school

PTA - Fishing Competition 2024

Our annual fishing competition is being held on the 13-14th January 2024. Get your entries in as we can only accept 100 competitors. The main prize will go to the person who is closest to the average weight of all fish weighed in that section, (Adult or Child). In the event of a draw the winners will be pulled from a hat.

1st Prize Average weight: Adult \$500, Children 12-18 yr \$250, 0-11yr \$100 voucher.

Other prize categories: Longest Fish, Heaviest Fish, Longest Eel, plus spot prizes and more

Lake Rerewhakaaitu school PTA



Fishing competition Wheelbarrow raffle



Non-perishable grocery items wanted!

The Lake Rerewhakaaitu School PTA are after any non-perishable items to fill our wheelbarrow for our raffle at next year's fishing competition! All profits made go towards keeping our school awesome. Please drop off at the school office or phone Sammie Allen on 0210607948 to arrange collection.

Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌

Last week's certificates went to...



Ted Reid for producing an amazing narrative writing piece.

Taituha Dawson for progress in all subjects.

Natasha Kena for progress in phonics and

reading.

Esther Sterkenburg for great attitude towards learning and making progress.

Te Kaia Poumako for great progress made in reading.

The Principal Certificate went to...
Paige Jepsen for Manaakitanga



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 - Connor McMillan & Josh Roberts

Kakaramaea - Holly Rogers & Ezekiel Poumako-Bartlett

Congratulations to our house winner for last week..

Kakaramaea!



🥳 Caught Being Awesome of the week 🥳

"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.

Last week our Caught Being Awesome recipients were...

Junior - Te Ngahere Redmond

Senior - Ezekiel Poumako-Bartlett



TUPU

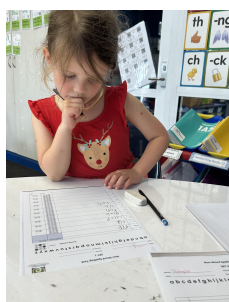
Fact of the week: *Olympic gold medals are actually made of silver.*

End of Year

Tupu's learning spirit is unstoppable, and as we gear up for a well-deserved break, let's carry this momentum into the summer. Over the summer break, keep up the reading, writing and mathematics work! Last week we have been finishing up some testing for our end of year upcoming reports.

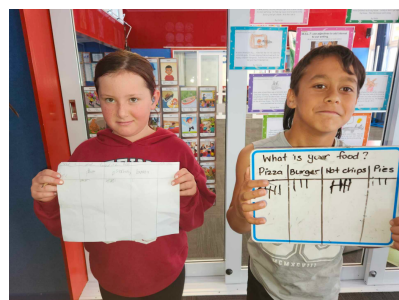
Students worked incredibly hard and were very dedicated in putting their best effort into everything they did.

Well done Tupu!



MĀHURI

We started our statistics unit in maths this week. The class has enjoyed thinking of different questions to investigate with their friends. Once we have asked our questions and recorded the data on our tally charts our next focus was on reading and interpreting the data.



On Monday the class learnt a new game with Mrs Bullock called Scatterball, which they then taught me. So we have been enjoying afternoons out on the field playing sports and then cooling off in the swimming pool.

RAKAU

What do you call a huge pile of cats?

A Meow-ntain! 🐾

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,
This week Rakau has been preparing for camp. On Monday Miss Gow took us out and timed us to put our tents up and take them down, including packing them away. On Tuesday Mrs Bullock took us out and we had taken 10 minutes off our time! We are excited to be heading to Thornton Beach for camp in week 10. Permission slips went out this week and were due back today, Friday 1st December. If your child has been absent and has not received these, please contact Miss Gow so she can get them to you as soon as possible.



Thank you to our parent helpers Sarah Scott, Rane Perry, Gerben Sterkenburg and Gene Roberts. We appreciate you giving a week's worth of your time to help us with this learning outside of the classroom experience!

Who is going to catch the biggest fish?? If you have any spare rods that you wouldn't mind us using for camp, please let Miss Gow know!

If you have any questions about Camp please don't hesitate to contact us.

Nga mihi, Rakau Class



HAVE A GO DAY!!

DATE: 16TH DECEMBER 2023

TIME : 9AM-3PM

FREE ENTRY

Come and learn how to:

- Barrel Race
- Pole bend
- Rope the dummy

WHERE: Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo Grounds

COME AND LEARN FROM SOME OF OUR VERY OWN NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

BARREL RACING AND POLE BENDING JACKPOT TO FOLLOW IN THE AFTERNOON !!

Jackpot entry fee - \$20.00 per combination



CHECK OUT OUR RODEO COLOURING PAGE ATTACHED

(THERE WILL BE A JUNIOR ONE NEXT WEEK)



Bobby Calf Cash for Schools Programme

A massive THANK YOU to the following suppliers for nominating our school. We've just received \$524.80!

- Ashfield Limited
- Lakeland Dairies Ltd
- Maunga Views Ltd
- Rerewhakaaitu Farm Ltd
- The Fraser-Harris Trust

Over the Christmas and New Years period, Rerewhakaaitu resident Vanessa Vanstone will be managing the Ash Pit and Brett Road campgrounds once again. Vanessa has done a great job for many years and we are thankful to have her again for 2023/24.

A volunteer working bee will be held on the 13th December 8.30 – 4.30 for any locals keen to lend a hand. This will involve mowing, trimming edges around structures, painting, cleaning toilets, weed spraying, clearing branches.

This work requires a low to medium level of fitness and decent work boots. Anyone keen to lend a hand is welcomed. Please register by emailing cnoble@doc.govt.nz

A reminder that during the quieter seasons, despite these campgrounds having animal and motorbike prohibitions, DOC generally turns a blind eye to these activities. We understand the local community enjoys this site for these activities, however, in summer, with an influx of visitors, we ask that the campground rules are followed, and farm / dirt bikes, quads, dogs and horses are not brought into the campground. No fireworks or campfires are permitted in the campgrounds at any time.

Campsites must be booked and paid for in advance and this can be done though the DOC website.

DOC wishes the Rerewhakaaitu community a safe and enjoyable festive season.



Department of
Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai



It's Christmas MailBox decorating time! Very impressed to already see a wonderfully decorated mailbox on Waimangu Road, it looks very festive! So it's time to get the mailbox bling out. Brett Road Annual walk and judging will be Friday 15th December.

Are you the next Star of Christmas?

Win the opportunity to record a Christmas carol in studio with Nathan King from Zed



The grand prize

The opportunity to record a cover of a Christmas carol in studio with Nathan King from Zed, return flights to Auckland for two (so you can bring a grown-up), hotel accommodation for one night and a studio tour. The song will be played on the 2024 Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show on Newstalk ZB.

To enter

Must be under 13 years old. Email a recording of yourself singing a Christmas carol to christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz - including your name, age and telephone number. Entries close 11.59pm, Monday, 11 December.

Listen to Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning from 6am to find out if you've won!



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Adventure Young Explorers Camp
(8-12 year olds)
Mon 22nd-Fri 26th Jan 2024
\$560

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, rock climbing, fire building and cooking, hut building, orienteering, team building and confidence activities, & night activities. Located at the base of the Kamai Ranges at Aongatete Lodge- near Katikati, BOP.

Bus Pick-up/Drop off from Hamilton & Tauranga OR drop-off/pick-up @ Venue

Day & Over-night options available.

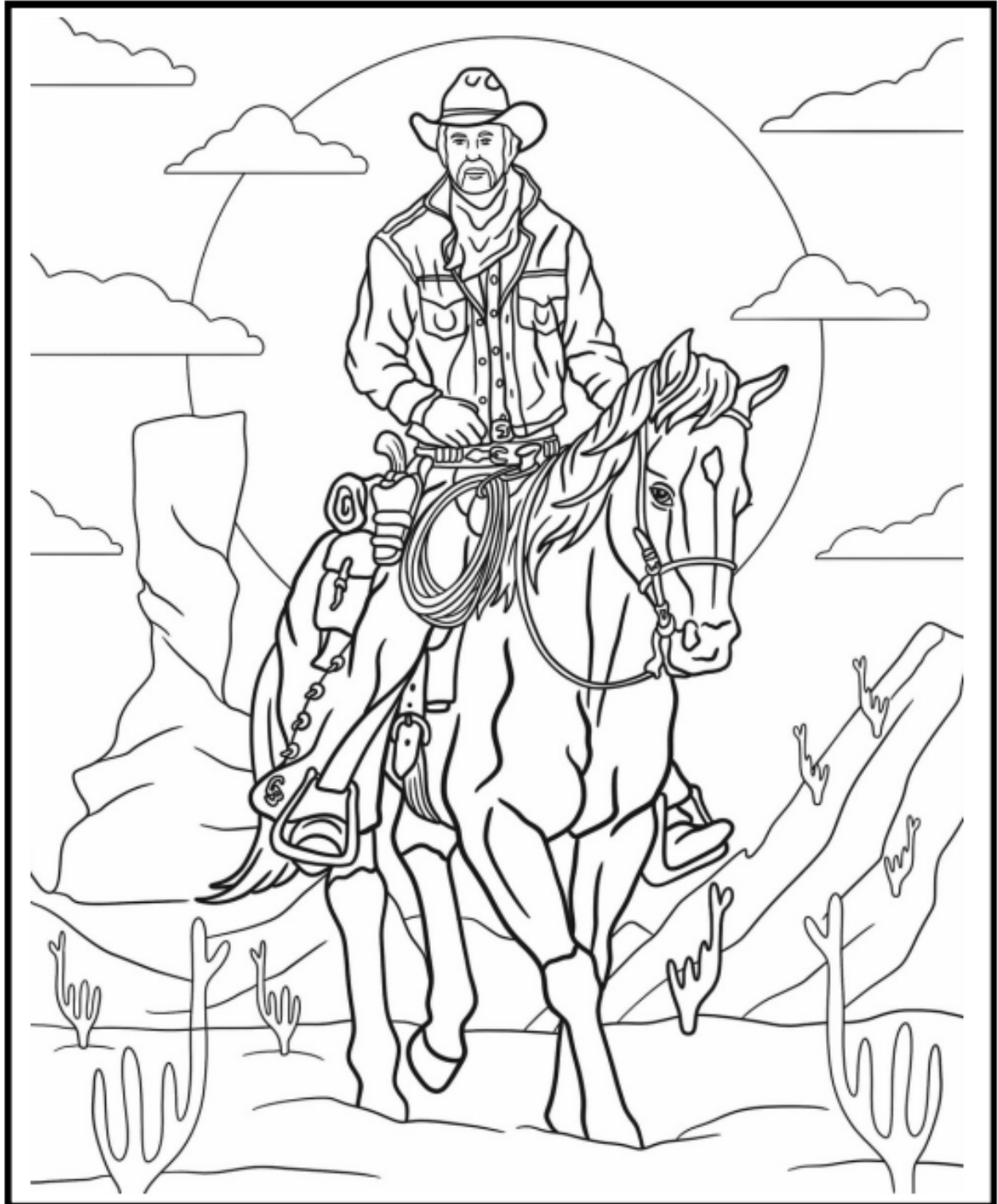
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Click: Adventure Tauranga Facebook Page

REREWHAKAITU RODEO

30 DECEMBER 2023



Name:

Age:

Phone:

Bring your completed picture to
the Secretary's Office at the
Rodeo by 12 noon and be in to
WIN some awesome prizes!