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## 22nd March 2024

## Week 7

### Principal Report

Wow we are in Week 7 already and the time is just whizzing by. In the next three weeks we have our Summer Sports, RATs Duathlon, Easter holiday (remember Tuesday 2nd April is also a school holiday), Teacher Only Day, School photos and our Walk to the lake on the last day of Term.

We have several children entered in the RATS Duathlon to be held on Tuesday 26th March at the Waipa MTB car park. Go Hard Team!

#### Boys - Individual

Armer, Jonty

Dawson, Hemi

Dawson, Taituha

#### Girls - Individual

Allen, Johannah

Caitlin, McMillan

Sterkenburg, Monique

Sterkenburg, Rebecca

### Board Meeting

Our next board meeting is Wednesday 27th March at 7pm in the staff room. Policies to be reviewed are:

- Governance policies 2-3.
  - o Trustee code of behaviour
  - o Remuneration and expenses policy

All are most welcome to attend. Please note only board members have speaking rights.

### Cluster Summer Sports

Next Wednesday we have our Cluster Summer Sports at Reporoa. Years 1-3 are at Reporoa Primary and Years 4-6 are at Reporoa College. The children will be travelling by bus to and from the event.

Please ensure children are at school by 8.45am, as buses depart at 9.00am. They will need warm clothes, shoes, healthy snacks and a water bottle.

**We do require helpers on the day to help with sports and getting teams around the events. If you can help please contact the office by Monday 3pm.**

### Lost property

My goodness there are plenty of goodies in the lost property box! Please come and check the lost property in Ngahere. There are lots of un-named garments, shoes and socks in there! Unclaimed items will be donated to charity after the end of the Term.

Please ensure to name all items, as children do not always recognise what's theirs.

### Pool Keys

The school pool is now closed. Letters went home with children last week to those who hired keys, please ensure these are completed and returned to the office, along with the key, **by 28th March 2024.**

### PTA - Cookietime fundraiser

Our PTA has a scrummy fundraiser at the moment, Cookietime cookies! Please ensure all order forms and payments are returned by Tuesday 9th April. More order forms are available in the school office.

### 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 St Johns 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 would like to join us, we still have spaces available.**

### Flu Vaccinations

Reporoa Health will be coming to school on our Teacher Only Day, 4th April @11am to administer flu vaccinations. They have offered to administer them for the community also. Cost is \$18 per vaccination unless they fit the criteria for funding

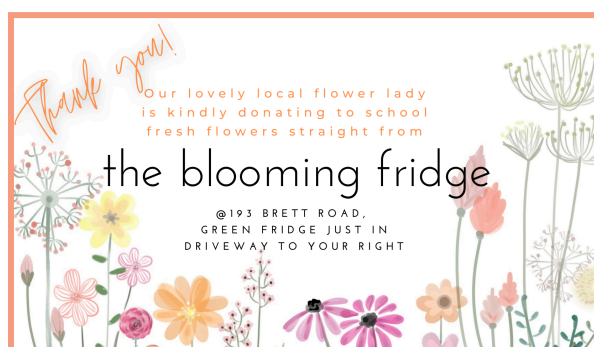
**If you would like a flu vaccination while they are at school, please contact the office ph. 3666 814 or [office@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:office@lakerere.school.nz) by 3pm 27th March 2024**

### Photolife

Photolife is coming to take our school photos on Friday 5th April. If you would like sibling photos, please complete the online form before 1st April.

[Photolife sibling form 2024](#)

Please note - all students present on Friday 5th April will get their individual and class photos taken. Order codes will be sent to caregivers emails direct from Photolife once they're ready.



## Dates to Remember

Tue 26 Mar	RATS Duathlon
Wed 27 Mar	Cluster Summer Sports (RVC) Board Meeting 7pm
Fri 29 Mar	Good Friday - Public Holiday
Mon 1 Apr	Easter Monday - Public Holiday
Tue 2 Apr	Easter Tuesday - School holiday
Wed 3 Apr	CBOP Swimming @ Aquatic Centre
Thu 4 Apr	Teacher Only Day - No school
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
Wed 1 May	PTA Meeting 7pm
Wed 8 May	Board Meeting 7pm
17 - 21 May	Life Education

**LITTLE HEART DAY**


**THIS WEEK 12 KIWI FAMILIES WILL BE TOLD THEIR CHILD HAS A HEART CONDITION**

Heart Kids NZ supports these families.

Little Heart Day is their biggest fundraising campaign for the year...

**DONATE \$3 TODAY AND HELP THE SMALLEST HEARTS FACING THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES**

**TEXT 'ELSIE' TO 2427**



**SWIM ROTORUA**

**SKILLS CLINICS**

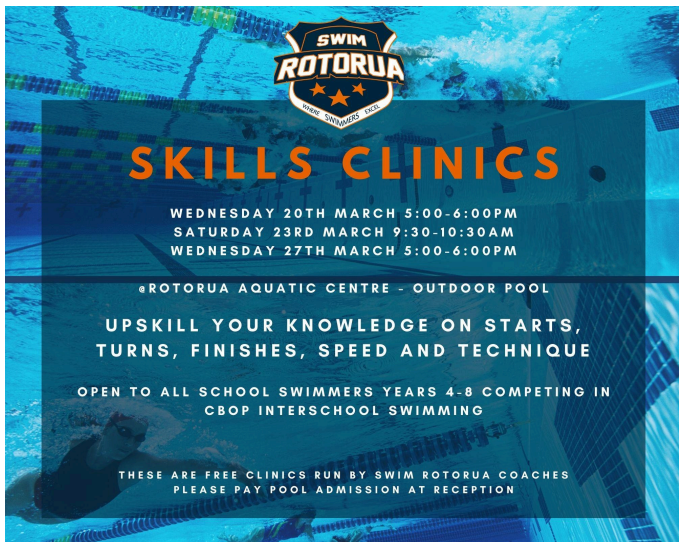
WEDNESDAY 20TH MARCH 5:00-6:00PM  
SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 9:30-10:30AM  
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH 5:00-6:00PM

• ROTORUA AQUATIC CENTRE - OUTDOOR POOL

UPSKILL YOUR KNOWLEDGE ON STARTS, TURNS, FINISHES, SPEED AND TECHNIQUE

OPEN TO ALL SCHOOL SWIMMERS YEARS 4-8 COMPETING IN CBOP INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING

THESE ARE FREE CLINICS RUN BY SWIM ROTORUA COACHES  
PLEASE PAY POOL ADMISSION AT RECEPTION



Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌  
Last week's certificates went to...



Shiloh Kena for perseverance.

Elsie Pacey for being kind and respectful.

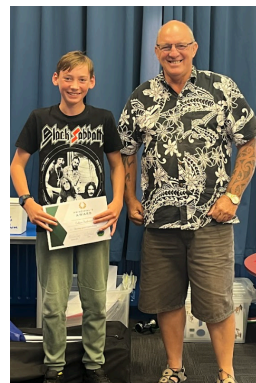
Evelyn Jepsen for her amazing animal fact poster on Cheetahs.

Flynn Reid for his resilience in class which has resulted in some amazing work.

Taituha Dawson for showing great perseverance in your mahi.

Johannah Allen for always helping others, being a great citizen.

The Principal Certificate went to...  
Callum Koekemoer for showing great responsibility.



## 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.. [Tarawera!](#)



😄 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 - Elsie Pacey

Senior - Callum Koekemoer





# TUPU

Fact of the week: One Tablespoon of soil has more organisms in it than there are people on earth

The Tamariki have enjoyed learning and playing games throughout the term. We have summer sports coming up so each week we have a focus to help us learn some of the games. They have included T-Ball, Scatterball, Master Tag and Rob the Nest.



# RAKAU

Which vegetable do sailors hate the most? Leeks!

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

Rakau has had another amazing week of learning. On Wednesday we were lucky to have Mr Whalley teach us for the day. We learnt about coding and the importance of giving correct instructions if we were to tell a robot what to do. Check out the weebix instruction interpretations below!



Congratulations to Bryce, Jonty, Eva-Rose, DC and Rebecca who qualified to represent our school in the CBOP Swimming event this year on the 3rd of April.

Miss Gow has been busy planning camp for this year which will be the 5th-8th of November. Our year 5-8 students will be off to Hamilton. Please keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks.

Have a happy and safe weekend!

Ngā mihi,

Natalie Gow

# MAHURI

Riddle: Which word is always spelled incorrectly in the dictionary?

This week we have been learning about road safety. We have brainstormed what we think we know about road safety (the children had a very impressive list), watched some videos produced with the New Zealand Police for research, and went out to the road and practised our new found skills. The main

take-away has been the slogan "Stop - Look - Listen" and if you're unsure wait and stop, look, listen again. We discussed the importance of crossing the road with an adult, standing back a bit from the edge of the kerb, and at our school we always



cross in the designated spot. Other discussions were had around always wearing a seatbelt, not distracting the driver, and in town checking for cars pulling out of driveways and crossing on the green man at pedestrian lights.

## Football Fun... For the Girls!

Join us for one of our FREE, fun football sessions.

Year 3/4 and 5/6 girls, plus girls turning 7 this year.

Two Sessions

Friday 22nd March, 3.30pm, Otonga School  
Tuesday 26th March, 3.30pm, Lynmore School

Come along and have a go. New players welcome! No boots needed, sneakers are fine.



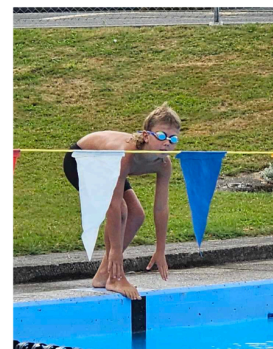
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### What can we recycle kerbside?

● Plastics 1, 2 and 5 go in the yellow lid bin. Rinse and remove lids (unless they're attached like strawberry punnets).

● Glass bottles and jars go in the blue crate, rinsed and with lids removed.

● Plastic containers and tubs over 4L cannot be recycled as they're too big for the sorting machine.

● Small items like ripped up paper, bottle caps, takeaway sauce containers and even ice-cream container lids can't be recycled. They're either too small to be identified by the sorting machine or too flat.

● If in doubt, throw it out! Polystyrene, clothes, nappies and household plastics like coat hangers cannot be recycled.

### Are you Recycling Right?



No pen needed

Everyone entering New Zealand needs to complete a New Zealand Traveller Declaration.

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Complete your declaration online, or download the NZTD app (you can complete your declaration while you are offline).

For more information go to  
[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](https://TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz)



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**Waipā isite Easter Egg Hunt**  
10am - 2pm  
Saturday 30 March

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Colouring in Competition
- Delicious Food and Drinks
- Balloon Animals
- Live Music
- Face Painting
- Arts and Crafts for sale
- Outdoor Games
- Awesome Prizes

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