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Principal Report

Term 2 2025
Week 9

Kia ora e te whānau, it has been a short but very full term. Last week's sleepover was a blast! Thank you to all the parents that helped out with the meals, getting childrens gear to and from school - hope you enjoyed your night off ;-)

We had a fantastic time on the Wednesday with all the baking activities, our junior chefs made: teddy bears in bed, cookies, hedgehog biscuits, and fried bread. All of which were consumed by the children during the sleepover and Matariki celebrations.



Well done to Ada, Johannah, Taituha and Finn who did themselves and the school extremely proud in the BOP Cross Country Championship held this week on Tuesday. It was a fantastic day!



Thank you to the PTA for running another fantastic Amazing Race and Welcome in evening last weekend. A great day was had by all, and it is always great to see the community get together for social occasions. Next year I will make the questions a bit harder so its not so easy for everyone ;)

Next Term, as well as our structured Literacy and Numeracy programmes, our term topic study is Te Ao Maori. This will focus on **Maramataka**. Maramataka refers to the traditional Māori lunar calendar, which is used to track the phases of the moon and guide activities like planting, fishing, and hunting. The term "Maramataka" literally translates to "moon turning" or "turning of the moon". It is a system that connects the cycles of the moon with environmental factors to determine the most suitable times for various activities.

Through **Science** we will investigate the "living world" strand about living things and how they interact with each other and the environment. The 'planet earth and beyond" strand that is about the interconnecting systems and processes of the Earth, the other parts of the solar system, and the universe beyond. Through **Social Studies** the students will learn about how people perceive, represent, interpret, and interact with places and environments. They will come to understand the relationships that exist between people and the environment. Through **Technology** we will be focusing on our passion projects of Materials technology- Whakairo- Carving wood and bone, Food technology-cooking, and design technology- gardening - designing community gardens. So a great term planning for our children!

farewell Miss Gow

It's with mixed emotions that we farewell Natalie from LRS, after three and a half years of dedicated service. Natalie has been an exceptional teacher, consistently bringing passion and expertise to her roles in curriculum planning, sports and Te reo me ngā Tikanga Māori. Beyond the classroom, Natalie's vibrant presence extended throughout our community. She was incredibly active, always ready to lend a hand and contribute to various initiatives. Her commitment to our students and the wider LRS family has been truly remarkable. We'll deeply miss her infectious enthusiasm, her unwavering dedication, and her wonderful ability to connect with everyone. We wish Natalie all the very best in her future endeavors and thank her for her incredible contributions to LRS. We know she'll continue to achieve great things!

We are in the process of finding another dynamic teacher for Rakau and as soon as we have one we will let you know. In the meantime we will have Mrs Bullock in for three days and myself for the other two days.

Over the holidays we will have some contractors in and around school and the school houses. We have an arborist coming in to safely take down two large trees that have been causing concern at the school houses. We will also have our Heat pumps being installed in the admin building, classes and library, as part of our 5YA plan.

Thank you to all who support our school in the many different ways. It is all those who help, in big or small ways that make our small rural school so amazing, and what a difference it makes for our children and community. From the baking, working bees, cheering crews and sponsors - THANK YOU! Also, a special thanks to Ian Cave and Go Bus for donating their time and services for free to get our students to the Domain for Cross Country - you're amazing!

Wishing you all a fabulous holiday, and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 14th July!

Attendance



Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher.

We are currently sitting at 65% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks absentees:

- Rakau 91.4% attendance
- Mahuri 94.3% attendance
- Tupu 90.7% attendance

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

July

- Mon 14 Term 3 Starts
- Wed 16 PTA Meeting 7pm
- Wed 23 Board Meeting 7pm

August

- Tue 5 Lakes DHB Fluoride
- Fri 15 Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day
- Fri 22 Cultural Festival
- Wed 27 PTA Meeting



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

Kiaora, koutou,

TUPU

We are at the end of Term two already! What a lot of learning has been achieved by Tupu students. We are becoming real readers with a good grasp of letters and their sounds, and the ability to use our phonics knowledge to decode words in text. Students have come a long way since the beginning of the year with oral language. I remember the sound of crickets in the room the first time I asked students to find a buddy and discuss a topic. Now we have exciting new vocabulary and can retell parts of stories. We express our ideas in proper sentences using nouns, verbs and adjectives to form sentences correctly in our writing. We are setting higher goals for counting, and beginning to learn how to make number bonds in maths. We've experienced a range of arts and technology activities and had some fun sporting and cultural events at school. We are making new friends as our class expands with the arrival of new students. Ka rawe te mahi o ngā tamariki!

Enjoy the holidays,
Tupu class.



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. We NEED helpers, if you can lend a hand this please contact us at school.

MAHURI

Kia ora koutou,

Wow — what an amazing Term Two we've had together in Māhuri!

Our students have had the opportunity to delve into the inquiry topic of Sport and Leisure, focusing on the big ideas of intrinsic motivation, striving for personal growth by embracing challenges, and continuously improving ourselves. We have explored a range of activities undertaken for enjoyment and relaxation — from organised competitive sports to informal recreation and hobbies — all with a focus on personal well-being and social interaction. The students set individual goals for Cross Country and participated in group activities, learning about the responsibilities involved in different roles.

In numeracy, our students have developed further strategies and deepened their understanding within the Number and Operations strand, utilising our structured maths resource, PR1ME.

Literacy lessons have centred around learning to write persuasive texts and using a pen and dictionary to proofread and edit their work. Our structured literacy testing has been completed, and the class is now ready to begin whole-class literacy lessons in Week One of Term Three.

Finally, we ended the term with a bang, celebrating Matariki with a fun-filled sleepover at school!

Wow — what a term! Have a fantastic break with your whānau, and we'll see you all next term.

Ka kite anō, Whaea Kylie

RAKAU

**What did the policeman say to his tummy?
...You're under a vest!**

Facts of the week: An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain!

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

On Tuesday we had three amazing runners from Rakau (and one from Mahuri) represent our school at BOP Cross-Country Champs at Kaharoa. Johannah, Taituha and Ada were so excited to share their experience with the class when they returned.

Unfortunately, this is the last newsletter update you will receive from me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the school and wider community, for making me feel welcome and the consistent support I have received since moving here three and a half years ago. It is with a heavy heart I leave Lake Rerewhakaaitu School but life is a book and my next chapter has arrived! I will be back to visit :)

Ngā mihi,
Miss Gow



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DETAILS CHECK OUT**

 Bay of Plenty & Taupo Police

**Keep an eye out on
Facebook for updates**

**Venue
Rotorua Race Course**

 Arawa Park, 274/278 Fenton Street, Glenholme, Rotorua

When
 **Saturday, 12th July**
Starts: 10.00am - 2.00pm



Sponsors and Supporters





Our PTA has had an amazing term with School 70th birthday celebrations, Cluster Cross Country and finishing on a high with our Amazing Race and Welcome in dinner.

On Saturday we held our Amazing Race which saw 12 teams driving around the district trying to work out Mr Whalleys 8 cryptic clues. Competition was high with everyone scrambling to be the first to each station to win the coveted KitKat prize! Fun was had by all with prizes awarded to the best dressed, lowest k's (54km) and highest k's (117km). The Roberts Family took away the trophy with overall most points. A huge thank you to all who took part and all those that helped bring the event together.

A massive shout out to Redwood Butchery who kindly sponsored the steak for our BBQ at the Welcome In dinner. We absolutely love seeing all our local smiling faces get together for a kai and a chat.

Recently our school bbq has been altered to a trailer bbq to make it easier to move around. Big thank you to Reptec Engineering Ltd for donating the steel, BNT for the leveling jacks, Maunga Views Ltd for donating the other bits used to modify. And our PTA dad and uncle Rob Allen and Lance Northcott for making the modifications.

I would like to thank our school families, community members, board members, teachers, principal and our pta members for all the support and help this term without you all we could not do what we do. Thank you all for supporting our PTA.

Sam Allen, PTA Chair



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

TOTS TO TEENS

CHILDHOOD IN AOTEAROA

FOR YOUR PARENTS

Out now!

Winter is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents: issue2506.totstoteens.co.nz

What's in this issue for parents?

- » The ultimate winter getaway list — epic family spots across Aotearoa
- » Why your child *needs* to rewatch that same video (yes, really)
- » How to tell if it's fussy eating or undiagnosed coeliac disease
- » Neurodivergence isn't a weakness — it's a different kind of brilliance
- » Starting school: is your child actually ready, or just the right age?
- » Plus: messy rock play, sweet + savoury bakes, fab printables, and prizes galore!





REREWHAKAAITU

Automatic External Defibrillators

1. REREWHAKAAITU HALL
2. 803 ASHPIT RD (T & H HAMILTON)

The Automatic External Defibrillator that is situated at the Hall is locked. If you have an emergency where you need to access the machine, dial 111 and they will give you the pass code that will open the cabinet.

There is also a fully automatic defibrillator available at Trevor & Harriet Hamilton's residence 803 Ashpit Road, around the back side of Lake Rerewhakaaitu. Because this defibrillator is fully automatic no training is required simply turn on and place the pads on the patient, the device takes over.

This defibrillator is registered with St John. The Defibrillator is positioned at the front door under the porch and is in a non-coded box for quick access.

These machines can help to save lives and the St Johns statistics show why we need an AED:

1. Each year more than 2,000 New Zealanders will suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital
2. For 72% of cardiac arrests a bystander will perform CPR
3. People may show no warnings or prior symptoms and 12% survive to hospital discharge following a cardiac arrest
4. Use of an AED within 3-5 min of collapse can increase the chance of survival by up to 44%

AED



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF:

PROJECT REREWHAKAAITU INC.

WILL BE HELD AT THE REREWHAKAAITU DOMAIN

Guest Speaker
Doug Leeder - Chairman
Bay of Plenty Regional Council

7PM
WEDNESDAY
2ND JULY 2025



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2025/26 Phonebook

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Hey! What are you up to?

Heya! Just getting our local Rerewhakaaitu Phonebook ready for our next publication

Sure did. I can send you the details. I know of some new families too, and my cellphone has changed.

Do you know of any additions/ amendments? Didn't your neighbour move away?

Where do I send them to?

Send them to: Carla Williams
office@lakerere.school.nz or
text: 021 2530214. Thanks!

happy holidays