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Week 1

Principal Report

Welcome back for Term 2. We have a very exciting term planned for the children which has started with a visit from Harold and Katie from Life Education.

Our Topic study is 'What do plants need to survive? (Environmental & Sustainability)'. There are several trips planned that we will need transport for, so keep an eye out for those. We also have the Weetbix Tryathlon team holding an event at school in week three, 10th May. Helpers are needed for this event. We have our own Cross Country as well as Cluster Cross Country, Hillary Outdoors Camp and the Cultural Festival at the end of the term.

We are still trying to find the perfect teacher for Mahuri and will let everyone know what is happening. I am teaching in Mahuri from 9.00am - 12.30pm and then we split in the afternoons into house groups to focus on our Topic studies, PE and Sports.

Passion projects are starting this term. Last year I asked the children what sort of things they would like to do. They came up with Movie Making, Coding, Cooking and Gaming. This will be held on Fridays 11.30am - 12.30pm. The children will get a chance to have a go at everything throughout the year.

At the end of last term we held a whole school shared lunch. It was great to get everyone together and share some delicious kail!



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is one of our targets this year and we are trying to get it up to 90%. I will be sending a letter home to all parents whose children are below 85% attendance to remind you of our goals and the importance of being at school.

Each morning and afternoon the teacher has to mark their rolls. This is a legal requirement and the roll returns are a legal document that can be used in court. This is why we ask you to contact school if your child will not be attending or if they will be late etc. If we do not hear from you we have to put them down as truant! Below is the attendance information for 2022 with an explanation of the various codes that we use

Date Range 01/01/2022 to 23/11/2022 go

Whole School - Days of the week - 2022			
	Present	Absent	Absent%
Monday	3175	689	17.8
Tuesday	3574	772	17.8
Wednesday	3624	730	16.8
Thursday	3272	840	20.4
Friday	2934	926	24.0

Absent %	
Monday	17.8
Tuesday	17.8
Wednesday	16.8
Thursday	20.4
Friday	24.0

Code	Explanation	Count
P	Present	15441 75.2%
E	Student is absent with an Explained, but unjustified reason	752 3.7%
L	Student late for class	288 1.4%
D	Medical Appointment - doctor or dentist	42 0.2%
T	No information provided - truant (or throw-away explanation)	656 3.2%
M	Student absent due to short-term illness/Medical reasons	1915 9.3%
J	Justified explanation within school policy	410 2%
G	Holiday during term time	70 0.3%
F	Attending an off site course/class	529 2.6%
A	Attending alternative education	2 0.01%
U	Student is stood down or suspended	79 0.4%
Q	Attending an off-site school-organised activity such as trip/camp	241 1.2%
Y	Attending an activity centre	32 0.2%
-		54 0.3%
S	Sickbay	2 0.01%
R	Removed (temporarily) from regular class	2 0.01%
?	Unknown reason (temporary code)	21 0.1%
All	All codes	20536

Let's work together to improve our target and get over 95% Attendance.

Life Ed

Harold has entertained us this week. The children (and teachers) love when Harold is here. Harold was with us on Wednesday and Thursday and everyone had a fantastic time learning about food and nutrition and how it supports and travels through our body.



Weetbix TRYathlon

The Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRY CHALLENGE is coming to **Lake Rerewhakaaitu School**!

The Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon and the Sport Bay of Plenty team will be coming to our school on Wednesday 10th May to take part in the Bay of Plenty in-school TRY CHALLENGE event. Our tamariki will be completing an obstacle course with lots of surprises along the way!

The goal of the TRY CHALLENGE is to encourage Kiwi kids to get active, more often and have fun. All students taking part in the event will receive an official TRYathlon t-shirt and be awarded their Champions medal as they cross the finish line. Thanks to the Weet-Bix TRYathlon Foundation and Sport Bay of Plenty, the event will be put on free of charge.

Weet-Bix breakfast will also be provided. Come down and support our tamariki giving it a TRY on **Wednesday 10th May!**

We need your help on the day, so please contact the school by returning the form at the end of the newsletter.

CBOP Swimming Sports

The results are in. Congratulations to all our competitors who participated.

The podium winners are:

Yr 4 Boys - 25m Freestyle - 2nd- **Jonty Armer**

Yr 5 Girls - 25m Breaststroke - 1st- **Rebecca Sterkenburg**

Yr 8 Girls - 25m Freestyle - 1st- **Zoey Mclean**



Photolife

Order codes will be sent to caregivers emails direct from Photolife once they've proofed and collated information.

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



Twm Davies for sounding out tricky words.

Charlie Whitworth for a great job in his work.

Syilas Hemi - big effort with his work.

Paige Jepsen for being an awesome helper.

DC Gulde for doing a great job with his work.

Keelan O'Carroll, Hemi Dawson, Dakota Nicholls and Holly Rogers - Great focus and perseverance in learning during Term One. Keep up the amazing mahi!

The **Principal Certificate** went to...

Nikau Mohi for showing great leadership skills.

🌟Keep up the fantastic mahi!🌟

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 - Zoey Mclean & Holly Rogers

Congratulations to our house winner for week 9.. **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.

Week 9 our Caught Being Awesome recipients were...

Junior - Liam Henderson & Syilas Hemi

Senior - Ezekiel-Rae Poumako

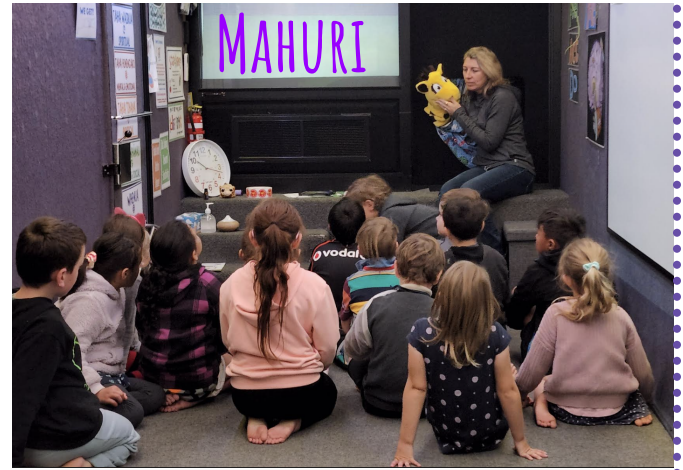


Dates to Remember

Wed 10 May	Weetbix Tri Sports
Fri 12 May	Scholastic orders due
Wed 24 May	Fun Run
Wed 31 May	Cluster Cross Country
Mon 5 Jun	King's Birthday
5 - 9 Jun	Hillary Outdoor Camp
Sat 17 Jun	PTA Amazing Race
Fri 30 Jun	Cultural Festival. Term 3 Ends

TERRIFIC TUPU

Tupu has had a fantastic start to the term by having Harold the Giraffe teach us about how to grow a friend. It was exciting getting to do activities around kindness, look at all the stars in the van and we even got to hug Harold!



Woohoo Harold has been teaching us about food and nutrition. He has taught us where our food comes from as well as how it nourishes us as it travels through our body. We have also been getting our spelling lists sorted and are organising our writing into sentences and paragraphs. Mr Whalley is teaching us in the mornings until we get our new teacher. In the afternoon we do topic and PE with our house groups.



Why do ducks have feathers?

To cover their butt quacks!

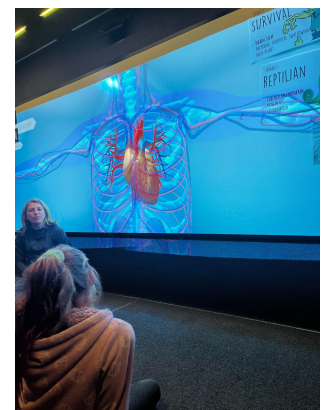
RAKAU

Kia ora
koutou
katoa,



Rakau have had a smashing first week back cramping lots of learning in hitting the ground running.

We have been so privileged to have Harold the Giraffe from Life education visiting us this week. Harold and Katie talked about so many cool things! We learnt about attitude, how our appetite works and why physical activity is important. We also got to see our volunteer Cecilia's heart and how it works!



Lake Rerewhakaaitu School Lunches Term 2 2023

Two Week Rotating menu - Delivered daily

Week One	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Tuna Sandwich	Teriyaki Chicken bento Bowl	Ham Pizza	Roast beef & Veg	Corn Fritters
With	Yoghurt				
Week Two	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Dish	Chicken Wrap	Thai Chicken Curry	Chicken Pizza	Beef Stir Fry	Cottage Pie
With	Fruit Salad				

Automatic External Defibrillator



Although it has been here for a while now, a big thank you to the community for getting the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) installed at Rerewhakaaitu. It has been used on several occasions since it was installed. These machines can help to save lives and the St John's 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%**

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.

We wish to inform all Rerewhakaaitu residents that a fully automatic defibrillator is available at Trevor & Harriet Hamilton's residence 803 Ashpit Road Rerewhakaaitu 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 will be registered with St John. The Defibrillator will be positioned at the front door under the porch and will be in a non-coded box for quick access.



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BE BETTER CONNECTED
CREATE CLOSER LINKS WITH THE HEAD, TEACHERS AND STAFF. IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE SCHOOL, THE PTA IS AN EXCELLENT WAY TO FIND OUT HOW THINGS WORK AND BECOME PART OF THE COMMUNITY. IF NOT, YOU'LL STILL GAIN GREATER INSIGHT BY SEEING HOW THINGS WORK FROM BOTH SIDES.

IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING
STUDIES SHOW THAT CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE INVOLVED IN THEIR EDUCATION DO BETTER IN SCHOOL. ENGAGING WITH THE PTA IS IMPORTANT TO YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION PART IN IMPROVING THE SCHOOL AND WATCH THEM THRIVE.

CREATE LASTING MEMORIES
OUR CHILDREN ARE ONLY AT SCHOOL FOR A FEW YEARS, BUT THEY WILL REMEMBER THE DIFFERENCE THEY WILL MAKE FOR A LIFETIME. THEY WILL CHERISH THE ACTIVITIES AND GAMES WE FUND, LEARN USING RESOURCES WE BUY, AND REMEMBER THE EVENTS WE HOLD. HELP KEEP THE PTA GOING SO FUTURE PUPILS CAN BENEFIT TOO.

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL
THE PTA IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHOOL. CHILD'S LEARNING AND MAKE EVERY STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE BETTER. BE PART OF THE GROUP THAT PAYS FOR THE PLAYGROUND, YOUR CHILD LOVES OR FUNDS THE LIBRARY THAT'S THEIR FAVOURITE PLACE TO BE.

IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME, AND IT'S ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE DADS AND MALE ROLE REPRESENTED, AS MALE ROLE MODELS ARE CRUCIAL IN CHILDREN'S UPRISING. DADS CAN BRING DIFFERENT SKILLS, THEY CAN BRING A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, AND THEY CAN BRING ALONG OTHER DADS.

LEARN NEW SKILLS
EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING THEY CAN BRING TO THE PTA, BUT YOU CAN ALSO LEARN NEW SKILLS BY TRADING WITH OTHERS. ALWAYS WANTED TO PERFECT THAT COOKIE RECIPE? NOT SURE HOW TO DESIGN A POSTER? WANT TO HONE YOUR PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS? YOU CAN DO IT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS
MEET AND CHAT TO A WIDER CIRCLE OF FAMILIES FROM DIFFERENT CLASSES AND YEAR GROUPS. GET TO KNOW OTHER PARENTS, AND BOND OVER EXCITING EVENTS, SOCIALS AND GET-TOGETHERS. FIND A PLACE TO BELONG AND SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR VALUES.

BECAUSE IT'S FUN!
BE PART OF THE TEAM WHICH ORGANISES THE BEST EVENTS AND GET-TOGETHERS. DEBRIEF OVER A GLASS OF WINE (OR TWO). SUGGEST YOUR MOST HARE-BRAINED IDEA, AND WATCH AS IT CATCHES ON AND EVERYONE WANTS A PIECE OF THE ACTION. LAUGH, CRY, BE THERE FOR EACH OTHER.

IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE
WHETHER YOU'RE A FULL-TIME PARENT OR WORKING THE NINE TO FIVE, ANYONE CAN GET INVOLVED. IT'S LESS COMMITMENT THAN YOU THINK, AND YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO ATTEND MEETINGS. SMALL JOBS SUCH AS DESIGNING A POSTER, DISTRIBUTING LETTERS OR RUNNING A STALL, KEEP EVERYTHING RUNNING SMOOTHLY.



TOGETHER WE GROW

Please complete and return the form below if you can help at our school Weetbix Tryathlon - 10th May 2023

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

WEETBIX TRYATHLON

TO BE HELD AT LAKE REREWHAKAAITU SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY

YES!

I am amazing and I can help this event go ahead






• Name:

• Contact number

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL ASAP