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Principal Report

Term 3 2025
Week 7

We are lucky to have Mana Ake support in our school every Friday afternoon. Mana Ake – "Stronger for Tomorrow" – is a New Zealand-based program that provides mental health and wellbeing support to children in primary and intermediate schools (Years 1-8). Initially developed to support communities in Canterbury and Kaikōura after the earthquakes, it has since been expanded to other regions across New Zealand.

What Mana Ake does:

- School-based support: Mana Ake kaimahi (workers) are based in schools and work with children, families, and teachers.
- Focus on wellbeing: The program helps children develop skills to cope with various challenges, such as managing emotions, building positive relationships, dealing with grief and loss, and overcoming anxiety.
- Diverse team: The kaimahi come from various backgrounds, including psychologists, social workers, counsellors, teachers, and youth workers.
- Targeted and universal support: Mana Ake offers support in different ways, including whole-of-classroom programs to promote overall wellbeing, as well as individual and group sessions for children with mild to moderate mental health concerns.
- Collaboration: The program works to connect schools and families with other community resources that can enhance a child's wellbeing.

The goal of Mana Ake is to provide early intervention and support, helping to prevent small issues from becoming bigger problems and enabling children to build resilience and thrive. We are excited to welcome Matua Joel as our support worker within Mana Ake.

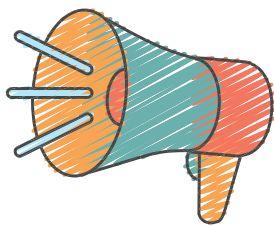
A big thank you to Mrs Bullock, who has been teaching in the Rākau classroom for the last seven weeks. We wish her a well earned rest ;-). Mr. Whalley will be taking over for the next three weeks. We're also excited to welcome Whaea Julianne. She visited our school last Tuesday and will be back next Tuesday to teach in Rakau all day. Woohoo!

Important Dates & Reminders

- **Puberty Talks:** This coming Thursday 4th Sept, we will be holding puberty talks for our Year 6–8 students. Please ensure your child has given you the letter with all the details.
- **Book Fair week:** Our annual Book Fair starts next Tuesday! Get ready to come dressed as your favorite book character to celebrate reading. This year it will be held in Kakano (next to the staffroom), and will be open to all whanau from Wednesday - Friday.
- **LRS Speeches:** The LRS speech finals will be held next Friday 5th Sept at 11:30 am. Our very own Phil, Learning Support Coordinator, will be judging the finalists.

Our finalists are:

- Yr 1 Johnny, Wyatt, Everlyn-Mae, Morris
- Yr 2 Lachlan, Louis
- Yr 3 Lucy, Ted, Caoimhe
- Yr 4 Finn, Te Ngahere, Flynn
- Yr 5 Charlie, Taituha, Monique
- Yr 6 Jonty, Paige
- Yr 8 Chase



We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming events!

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Beyond Expectation

Pet day lamb / kids VETPlus offer **Wednesday 10th September 1pm**

We are very fortunate for the amazing, and very busy, VETPlus Reporoa staff who are offering to come to our school to vaccinate, ring tails and castrate any Pet Day lambs or kids.

If you are interested in this, please let school know immediately via email: office@lakerere.school.nz or leave a message on 3666 814.



Attendance

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

We are currently sitting at 61% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks absentees:

Rakau 87.7% attendance

Mahuri 88.4% attendance

Tupu 87.7% attendance

Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.



MAHURI!

07 3666 814

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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

September

Tue 2 Book character dress up day

2 - 5 Scholastic Book Fair

Thu 4 Puberty Talks

Fri 5 LRS Speeches

Tue 9 Cluster Speeches

Wed 10 Board Meeting 7pm

Wed 17 Cluster Winter Sports

Fri 19 Term 3 Ends

October

Mon 6 Term 4 Starts

Sat 11 Pet Day

Fri 24 Group Day @ Reporoa

Mon 27 Labour Day STAT

Tue 28 Kahui Ako TOD

November

Fri 7 LRS Athletics

Thu 20 Cluster Athletics

Parent help required

Cluster Winter Sports
LRS & Cluster Athletics

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

BOOK FAIR

Next week, Tues 2nd - Fri 5th September we will be having our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the Kakano (next to the staffroom).

To kick this off we will have a Dress up as your favourite book character day on Tuesday 2nd September. Who will you be?!

The Book Fair is a great time to get those wee gifts for children and whanau. The Book Fair will be held in the Kakano, times to come along and invest in your children's future are:

- 8.30am - 9.00am
- 11.00am - 11.30am
- 12.30pm - 1.00pm
- 3.00pm - 4.00pm - excluding Friday



PTA CORNER

Reminder to get your orders in for our PTA Calendar Art fundraiser. Artwork and samples will be displayed in the office until the 18th September. Come and check them out. Orders and payments due - Thursday 18th September.

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Calendars

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Pet Day

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\$20 Per Sketch Pad

Pet Day is Coming!

It's that exciting time of year again—Pet Day is just around the corner! Children are already buzzing with enthusiasm as they prepare to choose and raise their special pets.

Our School Pet Day:

Saturday, 11th October

Group Day:

Friday, 24th October @ Reporoa Primary

For those interested in raising a lamb or calf, please note that these animals must be born between 20th July and 25th September 2025 to be eligible.

To help your child get started, check out the helpful Rearing Booklets available on our website:

<https://www.lakerere.school.nz/publications>

Adults section too!

To enter or for more info,
email: pta@lakerere.school.nz



Kia ora, koutou,

TUPU

This week in Tupu we continued to discuss characters and setting in stories, and began to talk about the problem in the story that needs to be solved. We carried the idea into our writing by choosing a character from the story book to write about.

We are enjoying being outside in the warming weather with large ball activities for PE. Now that the Kapa Haka festival is finished, we are having fun learning songs about a pungawerewere, some hungry crocodiles and a crazy hat store.

Kia pai tō rā, Tupu class



Mahuri Class Shine at the Cultural Festival!

MAHURI

A huge ka rawe! to the incredible Mahuri class (alongside Tupu and Rakau) for their outstanding performance at the recent cultural festival! After many weeks of dedication, rehearsals, and refining every movement and waiata, they took the stage with confidence, pride, and true aroha for our culture. Their performance was powerful, polished, and a beautiful reflection of all the hard mahi they've put in this term.

I am so proud of each and every one of you — your teamwork, resilience, and commitment truly stood out. You represented our kura with mana and heart.

Ka mau te wehi, Mahuri! Whaea Kylie.

Rakau's Academic Adventures

RAKAU

I asked my dog what's two minus two.
He said nothing.

The students in Rakau have been busy exploring a variety of topics, from mastering punctuation to understanding our place in the universe. Here's a glimpse into what we've been learning:

Literacy Focus: Punctuation and Handwriting

We've been honing our writing skills by focusing on apostrophes. The students have been working hard to identify where these tricky little marks are missing in their writing. In handwriting, we've been building our fluency by practicing timed writing sessions. The goal is to see how many words we can write in 10 minutes, which helps improve both speed and legibility.

Numeracy Focus: Times Tables and Renaming

To strengthen our mathematical abilities, we've been practicing our "Super 36" times tables. We have also been working on the important skill of renaming in both addition and subtraction, which is crucial for solving more complex problems.

Inquiry Topic: Our Place in Space

Our inquiry topic has taken us on a journey through the cosmos! We've been investigating how the Earth, Moon, and Sun fit together and how they relate to the rest of our solar system.

We also expanded our understanding by learning about how our solar system fits within the vastness of our galaxy.

CLASS Snippets



Reporoa
Cultural
Festival

22nd
August
2025



Ko Te Maunga
Tarawera!

Ko te Moana
Rerewhakaaitu!

Ko te Iwi
Ngati Rangitiki!

Ko te Waka
Te Arawa

Ko te Kura
Rerewhakaaitu e!



Reporoa Valley Cluster Speech & Presentation Competition 2025

The Cluster Speech Competition will be held in the Waikite Valley Hall on Tuesday 9th September from 9:30am - 11:15pm. Parents, teachers and children from each school community are welcome to come and support their entrants. Children who were in school competitions may also come along to support the cluster finalists.

Timetable

Entrant names will be drawn out of a hat to decide the order of speakers.
All competitors and supporters arrive by 9:30am, ready to start at 9:45am.

9:45am

Year 5 Speeches: 1 from each school (2 min speeches)

- Waikite
- Broadlands
- Reporoa
- Lake Rerewhakaaitu
- Galatea

10:05am

Year 6 Speeches: 1 from each school (3 min speeches)

- Waikite
- Broadlands
- Reporoa
- Lake Rerewhakaaitu
- Galatea

10:30am

Year 7 Speeches: 1 from each school (3 - 4 min speeches)

- Waikite
- Lake Rerewhakaaitu
- Galatea

10:50am

Year 8 Speeches: 1 from each school (3 - 4 min speeches)

- Waikite
- Lake Rerewhakaaitu
- Galatea

Audience Choice votes collected.

11:15pm

Judges decision

Judges: T.B.C.

Judging Criteria

- There will be a winner and runner up in each category.
- The prize will be a \$30 book voucher for 1st placing.
- The prize will be a \$20 book voucher for Runner-Up placing.
- Each child who enters will receive a participation certificate.



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