



**31st January 2020**

### Principal's message

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to the new school year. It is a real pleasure to have this opportunity to support Lake Rerewhakaaitu School as you transition to a new principal. Thank you for the amazing mihi whakatau welcoming all of the new students and teachers. We have a big warm welcome to new teachers Chelsea Old - teaching Yr 5-6 and our deputy principal Vanessa Koroa teaching NE-Yr2. Other staff changes include Carla Williams who is our new office manager. A big welcome back to everyone else. We will update you our new students next week.

**Meet and Greet** - This will be held on Wednesday 12th February from 5.00pm -7.00pm. The first hour will be to meet each teacher - 15 minutes in each class and we will have kai from 6pm. The school will provide sausages for a BBQ - could each family please bring a plate to share. Eg salads, potato bake, mac n cheese etc.

**Hats**- Our sun smart policy is that we wear our school hats during terms 1 and 4. All children and staff will be expected to wear these hats from 10am - 3.00pm when outside. We are currently looking into different types of hats as some of our stock is getting old.

**Coronavirus**- Our school is closely monitoring information being provided by Health, regarding the Coronavirus

The risk of an outbreak in New Zealand is currently low, and Health's current advice is that there is no specific action to be taken at this time just to reaffirm, there are no cases of the virus in New Zealand currently should the situation change, as we do with other infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and influenza, we will follow our pandemic plan for managing the illness

For those of you concerned about possible infection, the Ministry of Health has provided practical information on their website which we encourage you to read - Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) guidance – Ministry of Health website

[Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) – Ministry of Education](#)

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We will update the school calendar and send out all the important dates in next week's newsletter.

**Early pick up of children**- If you are picking up your child early can you please inform the office or the teachers in the morning. This will help with bus lists and getting children ready at the end of the day. If you come after school to pick up your child and they usually catch the bus, please let the teacher know so we are not looking for them to get on the bus. Thanks for your help.

**Friday 7th Feb is a normal school day.** We have cancelled this Teacher only day!!

**Stationary lists** with links to Officemax should have come home with your child today. Please note the lead time for online orders is 4-6 days, if you would like your child to have these sooner you can go into the Rotorua Branch. We recognise that there will possibly be some delays in students stationery but as this is the beginning of a new year, classes are using this time as a settling in period.

**Newsletters** will now be sent out on Fridays.

We appreciate your patience as we go through this transition period.

We look forward to seeing you here on Wednesday 12th 5-7pm to meet new staff and hear about your child's class for 2020.

Take care

Rick

### UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Feb 4th	<b>BOT Meeting. 7pm</b>
Feb 6th	<b>WAITANGI DAY</b>
Feb 7th	<b>Normal School Day</b>
Feb 11th	<b>Mobile Library Bus</b>
Feb 12th	<b>Meet and Greet 5pm</b>
Feb 17th	<b>PTA Meeting 7pm Staffroom</b>
Feb 17th - 21st	<b>Aquatic Centre Swimming Lessons</b>
Feb 26th	<b>School Swimming Sports</b>
Feb 27th	<b>League Players at College</b>
Mar 4th	<b>Cluster Swimming Sports</b>
Mar 6th	<b>COL Teacher Only Day</b>
Mar 18th	<b>Cluster Summer Sports</b>
April 8th	<b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS. CBOP Swimming Sports</b>
April 9th	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM ONE / Teacher Only Day</b>
April 28th	<b>TERM TWO BEGINS</b>

If you ring the school and your call is unanswered, please leave a detailed message on the machine with your name and number. Alternatively emailing teachers, admin or principal is a good option. Please find contacts below.

**Room 1** [vanessak@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:vanessak@lakerere.school.nz)

**Room 2** [debm@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:debm@lakerere.school.nz),  
[lyndab@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:lyndab@lakerere.school.nz)

**Room 4** [chelseao@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:chelseao@lakerere.school.nz)

**L/C** [laurenh@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:laurenh@lakerere.school.nz)

**Office** [office@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:office@lakerere.school.nz)

**Principal** [principal@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:principal@lakerere.school.nz)

If your child needs to take a different bus after school, either a note or text to the school cell phone must be sent or they will be put on their normal transport home.

Notices for our weekly newsletter can be sent to the school email [office@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:office@lakerere.school.nz)  
Emails must be received by Wednesday.

**What a great turn out to our  
Mihi Whakatau yesterday.**

**Thank you to everyone who came to support  
our school community,  
we truly appreciate it.**



**COMMUNITY**  
IS ABOUT DOING SOMETHING  
**TOGETHER**  
THAT MAKES BELONGING  
**MATTER.**

– Brian Solis

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can award themselves a virtual chocolate fish* 👁️