



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

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8th March 2024

Week 5

Principal Report

This week our school swimming sports were unfortunately postponed until Monday 11th March, due to a repair being made to the pool heating system. We will run the event with the same timetable, listed below.

10.30am - 11.30am Juniors (5 - 8 year olds)

11.30am - 12.30pm Lunch

12.30pm - 2.00pm Seniors (9 year olds and up)

There will be a parent/staff v students relay race so bring your togs

- Children are swimming at their age as of 31 Jan
- All children aged 9 yrs and over swim 2 lengths

Cluster Swimming Sports will be held on Wednesday at Reporoa College for 8yrs+ qualifiers. Selected students will receive a permission letter prior to the day. Please ensure these are returned promptly, due to the short turnaround.

CBOP Swimming is to be held at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre 3rd April 2024 for those who qualify at Cluster.

Attendance

Every single day counts towards your child's learning at school and gives your child the best chance to gain qualifications and do well in life.

Parents and caregiver expectations

Students are legally required to attend school every day. Support is available for families of children who are struggling to attend.

- Parents play a big role in helping their child do well in school. You can do this by making sure your child goes to school every day and letting the school know if they're sick.
- Parents must make sure children are enrolled and attend school every day.
- Family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

What are my legal responsibilities as a parent or caregiver?

Regularly attending school helps students to get the most out of their education.

Children must be enrolled in a school. If they leave a school you need to make sure you enrol them in the

new school right away.

You must let the school or kura know if your child is going to be absent for a day, or intends to be absent for a portion of the school term for whatever reason, like a tangi or medical procedure.

You are also responsible for letting the school know if your child is moving schools.

Tips for parents

- Talk to your tamariki about why school is important, be positive about it, and help them build good habits.
- Schools and kura can help too. They should create a welcoming environment, have clear rules about attendance, and support local activities that promote going to school.
- We know that families sometimes have problems, and that can make it hard to focus on school. But there's help available.
- Schools and parents and caregivers should work in partnership to support tamariki to regularly attend school. If your children are reluctant to go to school and you're having trouble, talk to your school.

Getting help if your child is not attending regularly

We know there can be important reasons why children aren't coming to school, such as long-term illness, bullying, or financial challenges for families. If your child is affected by any of these, talk to your school first.

Your school will work with you to remove barriers to attending. There are many kinds of support available that might help make it easier for students to come to school. Your school might also connect you with other agencies or alternative education pathways.

If you have more serious concerns, contact your local Ministry office.

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.

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 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 are interested.

Dates to Remember

Mon 11 Mar	LRS Swimming Sports
Tue 12 Mar	GRIP Leadership Y7 & 8's
Wed 13 Mar	Cluster Swimming Sports (RVC)
Wed 20 Mar	PTA Meeting 7pm
Wed 27 Mar	Cluster Summer Sports (RVC) Board Meeting 7pm
Thu 4 Apr	Teacher Only Day / Tech Challenge
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

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



Temple O'Brien
Demonstrating our school value of 'Perseverance' during maths.

Koven Livingstone
Demonstrating our school value of 'Perseverance' during writing.

Jonty Armer Showing respect and reminding others to do the same.

Rebecca Sterkenburg Being a great role model to your peers and younger students.

The Principal Certificate went to...
Makenna Dyson for Respecting self, property and others.



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

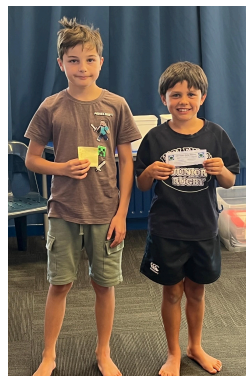
Congratulations to our house winner for last week..

Kakaramea!

😄 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 - Taituha Dawson

Senior - Cooper Scott



Our School App

- 🔔 Events 🔔 Cancellations 🔔 Notices
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- 🔔 Instant notifications 🔔 Absentees



Simple free download:

In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

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Fact of the week: One million Earths could fit inside the Sun – and the Sun is considered an average-size star.



Wingspan

Last Friday we went on a field trip to Wingspan in Rotorua! Thank you to Adelle Pacey, Sarah Scott and Sam Allen for coming along & transporting our students. Also thank you to all the parents who made it possible by dropping off car seats and booster seats. We are now ready to write our reports on owls, the kids are especially excited to write about the new native NZ barn owl.



MAHURI

Riddle: What kind of running leads to walking?

Quick reminder - If you haven't already could you please sign up to our class SeeSaw account. This is the app we use for communication and sharing of class work. If you have lost your sign up invitation from week 1 just let me know and I will print another one.

Last week in assembly the class performed a dance they learned and choreographed with Mrs Arnott - This is posted on SeeSaw for you to watch.

Swimming Sports has been postponed until Monday, it would be great to see you there supporting your child and the other children in our school if you are able to spare some time.

**Why did the teacher draw on the window?
Because he wanted his lesson to be very clear!**

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Rakau had a great science lesson last week looking at the quality of our soil around the field. We looked for moisture, colour, layers and worms! Overall, our class finding is that the soil quality for growth is pretty good down the back of our field.

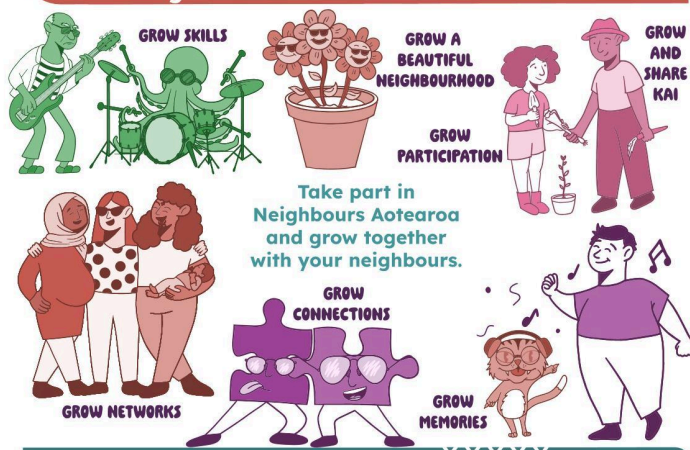


Next Tuesday, 12th of March, Miss Gow will be taking our Year 7 and 8 students to the Grip Conference. The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as SCHOOL LEADERS. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do RIGHT NOW.

Have a safe, happy and fun weekend.

Ngā mihi, Rakau Class





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