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# Principal Report

Term 2 2025  
Week 2

Well the temperatures are starting to drop and we have the furnace going to keep us nice and warm. I am at present going through the process with the Ministry of Education to get heat pumps installed in the classrooms, office area and the library. This will give us a bit more control over when we need to heat the classrooms during the day or night. It will also be great in summer when the days get warmer and we need to cool down. A big thanks to Mrs Gretener and Harold for their wonderful messages and teachings over the recent week, children responded well to the lessons and it is always great to have past staff and of course, Harold in for the kids.

## 70<sup>th</sup> Celebration and Family Fun Day

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 1955 our fantastic school opened with 42 students and two classrooms. We will be quietly celebrating our 70th birthday on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in conjunction with our Cross Country Fun Run. A great family fun day is planned with the following agenda:

- 9.30 - 11.30: School Cross Country Fun Run
- 11.30 - 12.30: Shared lunch and cutting of the cake (singing "happy birthday")
- 12.30 - 2.30: Fun family activities eg: Egg and spoon race, Sack races, Tug of war, 3-legged race, Gumboot throw, Needle in a haystack, WheelBarrow Race, Egg Toss, etc

The lifting of the community time capsule and celebrations are planned for 2028. This event will be quite a significant one for our community and will need helpers to organise. Please get in touch with either Carla or myself if you are interested in helping, so that we can start to compile a list.

We are currently working with the children on our school values. Just a reminder on what they are:  
Lake Rerewhakaaitu School students are encouraged to value:

- excellence, by aiming high and by perseverance, resilience and courage, in the face of difficulties;
- innovation, enquiry, and curiosity, by thinking creatively, critically, and reflectively;
- diversity, as found in our different cultures, languages and heritages;
- respect for themselves, and the rights of others;
- equity, fairness and social justice;
- whanaungatanga - a sense of community and participation for the common good;
- the environment (rural and local environments, Earth and its interrelated ecosystems);
- integrity, which involves being honest, responsible, accountable and ethical.

Our community values are highlighted and expressed through the combined values of the New Zealand Curriculum

- Learners have their identity, culture, language, talents and strengths recognised and affirmed through a curriculum that reflects New Zealand's bicultural heritage and multicultural society.

## Our Current Strategic Goals

As mentioned before we are reviewing our strategic goals. The following are our current goals that have been in effect for the last three years. This is to give you time to think about these goals and if they are still fit for purpose. We will have a community evening later this term to discuss and gather voice.

### LRS Strategic goals 2023 - 2025

1. Learner Centred
2. Responsive Culture
3. Sustainable Relationships

### STRATEGIC AIM 1: LEARNER CENTRED

Achieved by:

1. Students develop life long learning skills
2. Develop student voice and agency
3. Developing collaborative teaching /learning practices
4. Enhance future focussed learning through the use of digital technologies
5. Presenting students with a variety of opportunities to develop a thirst for learning, a curiosity and passion about the world around them

### STRATEGIC AIM 2: RESPONSIVE CULTURE

Achieved by:

1. Maintain a positive school culture
2. Celebrate our cultural diversity
3. Increase attendance and engagement
4. Provide targeted, monitored programmes
5. Developing a stronger sense of each individuals identity in meaningful and culturally appropriate ways

### STRATEGIC AIM 3: SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIPS

Achieved by:

1. Strengthen collaborative partnerships between school, whanau/family, iwi, and the wider community
2. Implement a localised curriculum through strengthening whanau engagement in learning and goal setting
3. Strengthen iwi connections through the iwi education plan
4. Shared responsibility and reciprocal process between school and other agencies and organisations
5. Continue to network with Te Kahui ako o Reporoa and other schools in the Rotorua / Murupara areas

**Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher.** We are currently sitting at 75% of students at 90% attendance or above

Last weeks absentees:  
Rakau 88% attendance  
Mahuri 95.8% attendance  
Tupu 97% attendance

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

And the Winner is...

**TUPU!**



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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

May

Fri 23 LRS Cross Country  
School 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Tue 27 Cluster Cross Country  
Fri 30 Online learning day

June

Mon 2 King's Birthday  
2-6 Hillary Outdoors Camp  
Wed 11 PTA Meeting 7pm  
Wed 18 Board Meeting 7pm  
Fri 20 Matariki  
Sat 21 Amazing Race/Welcome in  
Mon 23 Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day  
Fri 27 Term 2 Ends

Parent help required  
Cross Country & Cluster

## Seasonal Updates, Anytime



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possibilities of tomorrow

FERN: Fuel for schools have delivered some exciting new sports gear this week- Pickle ball and Frisbee golf sets have kept the children busy at lunch and playtime! A massive thank you to FERN: Fuel for schools and all of those members in the community that contribute to our school through Fern Fuel for Schools:



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### PTA Amazing Race 2025 and Meet and Greet Night - 21st June

The Amazing Race will be held on the 21st June starting at 1pm from the Domain. This year the theme will be 'Nature'. \$40 for a team of 6. This year will have some good old questions to answer, along with some activities that you will need to complete at each station. Prize giving will be at 4pm and the Meet and Greet evening will start at 5pm. Keep an eye out for the flyer and order form.

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. If you are interested in helping with this please contact the school.

### Farewell to Miss Gow

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the farewell of Miss Gow at the end of this term. Miss Gow has been with us since the 28th January 2022. A huge thank you goes to Natalie for all of her hard work and dedication over the last three and a half years, we have been so fortunate to have you, you've been a huge asset to our school and community. Miss Gow leaves us to head back to farming, we wish her all the best in her future endeavors, and hope to see her back soon. We will miss you Miss Gow! We will keep you updated in due course for her farewell.

### Reminder Online Day and TOD (Teacher Only Day)

We will be having an online day on Friday 30 May due to our teachers all being on a literacy course. This is similar to a Teacher Only Day, but we will have work for the children to do at home via Seesaw and Google classrooms. It will also make it a long weekend as the following Monday is King's Birthday. The 23rd June is a Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day

**Photolife** have emailed their unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2025 School Photos. If you haven't seen yours, please check your spam folder first, otherwise email the office if you haven't received your code.

**\*\*\*FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 11 MAY 2025\*\*\***

Have a great weekend and take care.

## RAKAU

Kia Ora koutou katoa,

Rakau have LOVED their week seeing Harold and hanging out with Mrs Gretener. We learnt about the inside of our bodies, Whare Tapa Rima and why keeping fit, active and healthy is important for our bodies and brain to function.

We have been diving into our topic of Sports and Leisure, looking at the different sports and leisure activities people in our class participate in. We have also been talking about activities our parents and grandparents participate in, we learnt we have some super cool grannies and hardout mums!

Unfortunately, we didn't have enough helpers with boats to make the Tarawera camp viable this year.

Miss Gow is working away planning another epic camp. Please keep eyes out over coming weeks for information around this!

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Ngā mihi,  
Miss Gow



## MAHURI

Mahuri has had a great second week of term two. During our afternoon inquiry time, students have had a go at creating a game within our classroom groups. This involved deciding on at least three rules for the game, choosing the equipment, writing our plan out then practising the game outside. Once the groups had a good grasp of how the game would be played and understood it themselves, they had the chance over several sessions to experience teaching the game to another group and participating in a new game themselves. Students had a great opportunity to utilise their resilience, patience, motivation and all encompassing teamwork skills throughout this experience. It was a great opportunity to experience sport and leisure in a practical sense and work alongside others that we wouldn't usually get the opportunity to. Ngā mihi, Whaea Kylie.

## TUPU

Kia ora koutou,

This week we have been to the Life Education classroom to meet Harold and learn about how to eat a balanced diet for a healthy body.

We have also had some fun with the story of The Frog Prince. We listened to the story, discussed the characters, and retold the main events of the story. We made crowns decorated with lots of shapes and patterns. Then we started acting out the story, taking on the roles of the characters. As well as being lots of fun, these activities develop our oral language and literacy skills.

Kia pai tō rā,  
Tupu Class

**CLASS**  
Snippets

# CONGRATULATIONS



## LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Kaylaarnie for excellent work in te reo Māori. Regan for looking closely at the letters and words in reading. Taipari for his positive attitude. He is always positive, cheerful, and encourages others. Tennille - Working well with others, helping out and collaborating during group activities. Ngaperera for amazing perseverance in mathematics. Misaiah for great perseverance in group reading.

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## Principals award



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## 🌟 Caught being Awesome 🌟

"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.

Our Caught Being Awesome recipients are...



Junior



Senior

## HOUSE POINTS



Each week we give out a house cup to the house that's in the lead. Students can earn house points by following our school rules, values, being on task and even when they get caught being awesome.

House Captains are;  
 Tarawera - Chase & Jonty  
 Kakaramaea - Ryan & Taituha

Congratulations to our house winner for last week





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**Saturday 24th May  
8:30-11:30AM**

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Stay well. Hope to see you soon

Warm regards

Christine

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