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Principal Report



Nau mai, hoki mai, welcome to all our new and returning whanau. We have had a wonderful start to 2026 with lots of smiles and chatter about the things we got to do during the holidays, Christmas and time spent with family and friends. We started our school year with a whole school event focusing on our school value of Whanaungatanga - a sense of community and participation for the common good, working collaboratively together for a common goal. The students took part in a scavenger hunt. Tuakana led their groups around the school completing different tasks. This gave our new students an opportunity to explore the school with support.



We have a busy term ahead, starting with the Water skills for Life swimming programme next week, with the amazing instructors from Swim Rotorua. Swimming Sports is coming up in Week Three and we are after parent help on the to support with giving out placings for 1st, 2nd and 3rd, catching heads at the bulk, as well as lifting and moving the pool cover out of the way. If you are able to help please let me know as soon as possible.



Students will be swimming everyday, as it is a part of the curriculum. All students are to bring their togs and towel each day. If children are not well enough to swim, they should not be at school. If your child should not be swimming for other reasons, inform their teacher.

Our "Meet the teacher" evening will be this Wednesday 18th February. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child/ren's Kaiako and learn about what happens in the classroom and how you can support learning at home. This will run from 3.30 - 5pm, with an opportunity for children to swim afterwards and a sausage sizzle. I look forward to meeting and getting to know whanau across the school as the term progresses.



Reminder that whanau need to ensure that their children are ready prior to catching the bus in a safe place, please allow 10 minutes either side of expected pick up time.

After school, the children that travel on the bus meet quickly on the decked area outside Tupu. If a child is being collected from school or travelling on the other bus on a particular day, notification must be made via phone call or a note must be sent to school by the parent explaining the change. Please do not email the office on the day, as not everyone can access these and office hours are part time.

Behaviour on the bus is a shared responsibility between the bus company, parents and the school. The school reserves the right to withhold permission to travel on the bus with instances of poor behaviour.

If you pick your child up from school, please ensure they are signed out and let the teacher know.

LAKE REREWHAKAAITU

SWIMMING SPORTS

THURSDAY 26 FEB
STARTS AT 10.30 AM

COME ALONG AND CHEER FOR YOUR CHILD

If you're able to help out on the day, please let us know. Helpers are needed at the finish line for judging event places and for lifting off the pool cover.

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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

February

- 16 - 20 Water Skills for Life swimming programme
- Tue 17 PTA Meeting 7pm
- Wed 18 Meet the teacher evening Board Meeting 7pm
- Mon 23 St Johns programme
- Thu 26 LRS Swimming Sports
- Fri 27 Lakes DHB dental fluoride

March

- Wed 4 Cluster Swimming Sports
- Wed 25 Photolife

April

- Wed 1 Summer Sports
- Thu 2 Term 1 finishes
- Mon 20 Term 2 Starts

Parent help needed for...

- Swimming Sports
- Cluster Swimming sports
- Summer Sports

Please let us know if you can help

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



The PTA have been busy lately. During the Celebration of Learning event, we had a very special guest in red, arriving in style on a cool ute for a candy scramble and group photo. The children's excitement was contagious, and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Santa for joining us.

We also lent a hand at the local Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo on December 30th, where we helped keep the grounds and restrooms tidy and managed the VIP tent. Despite the wet and windy morning, it was a delightful event to be part of. We enjoyed watching our local rodeo stars shine while supporting our community. It was wonderful to collaborate with another local group, and we're excited about strengthening our relationship.

What a fantastic weekend for our 2026 Fishing and Eeling Competition! A huge thank you to all our amazing competitors and generous sponsors for your continued support and enthusiasm — this event wouldn't be possible without you. Although the weather wasn't on our side and we faced some windy conditions, it certainly didn't dampen the spirit of the day. Our competitors showed great determination (and patience!), and it was wonderful to see everyone making the most of the challenge. Despite the blustery conditions, we still had an incredible time filled with camaraderie, great catches, and plenty of laughs. Thank you again to everyone who took part and helped make the day such a success. We're already looking forward to next year! See more from the Fishing comp in this newsletter.

Now, we're gearing up for the Tarawera Ultra Marathon this Saturday, the 14th. The runners will be passing through our aid station on Crater Road from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., so come on down and cheer on these incredible athletes!

A big thank you to everyone who supports and helps us run these events. PTA are always in need of helpers, if you are interested to see what we are all about, come along to our PTA meeting in the school staffroom, this 7pm Tuesday 17th February or email; PTA Chair - Sam Allen pta@lakerere.school.nz

TUPU

Kia ora koutou,

Tupu class has begun the year with lots of energy! It's great to see everyone back at school and ready to learn. We have welcomed four new students into Tupu. Our big question this week is, "How do we know if something is alive?". We started sorting pictures into categories of living and nonliving. If you're out and about with your child, you might like to see what objects are around you and talk about whether they are living or nonliving.

Kia pai tō ra,
Tupu Class

MAHURI

Tēnā koutou e te whānau me ngā ākonga o Mahuri,

A warm welcome to Mahuri for 2026. My name is Whaea Kylie, and this is my second year teaching in Mahuri at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School. I am looking forward to another fantastic year of learning together. Our school day is structured with literacy in the first block, numeracy in the middle block, and our local curriculum study and swimming in the final block. Fridays include te reo Māori with Whaea Adelaide, a library visit, assembly, and sometimes a whole-school swim. Lunches and stationery are provided. Home learning sheets will be sent out each Monday along with two reading books and weekly spelling words connected to our phonics learning. Please feel free to come and see me before or after school, or contact me at kylie@lakerere.school.nz or via our Mahuri Seesaw page.

Ka kite anō,
Whaea Kylie

See Facebook for notifications on fresh flower drops in the blooming fridge...

Thank you to our amazing local flower lady, Mel, who delivers fresh bouquets of sunshine to our school each week.
Locals supporting locals

Blooms available Mondays and Friday in the Blooming Fridge @193 Brett Road
Happy to pick to order - Subject to availability
Contact Mel @udderlyblooming via Facebook / Instagram

CLASS Snippets

Kia Ora Whanau

My name is Noshah Shahid, and I am delighted to introduce myself as your child's teacher. I come from Pakistan, where I was born and raised and where I have spent many years teaching in my hometown. Teaching has always been my passion, and my experiences there have shaped me both personally and professionally. I completed my Master's degree in Philosophy, as I have always loved exploring big ideas and thinking deeply about the world around us. I also feel fortunate to have family here in New Zealand. My sister and her family live in Auckland, which has made this transition even more special and meaningful for me. I have recently moved to Rerewhakaaitu and am truly enjoying the beautiful farm life here. I am currently residing in the lovely home of Steve and Ronell, who have been incredibly welcoming and kind. Their warmth, along with the support of the school and wider community, has helped this special place already feel like home. My hobbies include taking nature walks, learning to swim, and reading. While philosophy has been an important part of my academic journey, living and teaching in New Zealand has taught me to step outside my thoughts more often and embrace the outdoors – enjoying nature walks, beautiful beaches, and building meaningful new relationships. I am thoroughly enjoying this new chapter. I feel very grateful to be part of such a caring community and am truly enjoying my time with my students and colleagues. I look forward to working closely with you to support your children in their learning and growth throughout the year.

The Rainbow room needs your help!

We need help to give it a good spruce up. If you can spare some time to help keep this amazing resource for our community available please contact Rora on: 027 472 9659

Can you help? HOUSE TO RENT WANTED

Local family needing a home to rent ASAP (before next season). 2 adults & 4 children.

If you or anyone you know have one available, please phone:
Rora 027 472 9659

HAPPY WEEKEND!

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- Skidelz Ltd
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- The Tool Shed
- Timberlands
- VetPlus
- Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland
- Waimangu Volcanic Valley
- Wealleans Groundspread

And all the amazing people who donated goods to our wheelbarrow raffle

Fishing Comp 2026

RESULTS

Junior 1 - 11 yrs
Average Weight - Johannah Allen 1502g
Longest Trout - Lexie Pitcher 558 mm
Heaviest Trout - Lexie Pitcher 1737g
Longest Eel - Cayden Allen 1020mm
Heaviest Eel - Cayden Allen 2662g

Youth 12 - 18 yrs
Average Weight - Daniel Robinson 1215g
Longest Trout - Lily Warrender 560mm
Heaviest Trout - Lily Warrender 1611g
Longest Eel - Daniel Robinson 1050mm
Heaviest Eel - Daniel Robinson 3473g

Adult
Average Weight - Paul Williams 1407g
Longest Trout - Shona Asplin 608 mm
Heaviest Trout - Ian Philpot 2667g
Longest Eel - Finley Gielen-Lilley 1174mm
Heaviest Eel - Finley Gielen-Lilley 4770g

Mystery Weight - Allan Price 1810g

Wooden Spoon - Tim Whalley

Men's Heaviest Trophy - Ian Philpot 2667g

Women's Heaviest Trophy - Angela Robinson 1649g



Thanks again, see you next year!

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