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Principal Report

Term 1 2026
Week 2

We've settled back into school life at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School and 2026 has started with lots of events scheduled on the calendar. We value your patience as we adjust our "hats" and develop a steady system for new jobs that we have all taken on across the staff.

We had our first Meet the Teacher event on Wednesday night, although the turn out was small, lots of valuable conversations and connections were made with those who came. I'd like to thank the kaiako for their commitment and dedication to wanting the best for all taura in their classrooms. Also, thank you to Carla for organising the food, Jacinda for cooking the sausages and especially those families who came and supported this event.

Whanaungatanga is an important value at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School, home to school relationships are an integral part of this.

We are lucky to have had Shari the Life Swimming coach onsite this week teaching valuable skills to taura across the whole school, this is also important professional development for our kaiako. A big thank you to The Water Skills for Life and Swim Rotorua for this initiative.

We welcome St John's next week to teach our Akonga the First Responders modules, these teach important life saving skills and what to do in an emergency situation.

Next Thursday is our swimming sports and would love to see as many parents/ whanau coming to support their tamariki. Children are swimming at their age as at 31/01/2026.

- 5 - 8yrs start at 10.30am, starting with Tupu showcase.
- Lunch 11.30am - 12.30pm.
- 9yrs+ start at 12.30pm, followed by relays.

We will require help to remove the pool cover assembly, catching heads and to pass out place settings at the end of the pool. If you are able to help please let us know. Remember to bring your togs and towel for the Student / Parent Relay!

Announced last week were our 2026 House Leaders: Congratulations to:

Tarawera: Te Ngahere and Flynn,
Kakaramea: Taituha and Nikau.

We know you will lead with whanaungatanga & manaakitanga.



Reminder that students are 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.

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The RATS Duathlon is happening on the 17th March at Waipa bike park. Letters will be sent home to all children that show interest in this event. The cost is \$10 per student to enter. Entry fees must be paid by 3pm Monday 9th March for us to enter your child.

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

- Mon 23 St Johns programme
- Wed 25 Board Meeting 7pm
- Thu 26 LRS Swimming Sports
- Fri 27 Lakes DHB dental fluoride

March

- Wed 4 Cluster Swimming Sports
- Tue 17 RATS Duathlon
- Fri 30 Little Heart Day fundraiser
- Mon 30 Photolife (AM)

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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PWA

Tarawera Ultra Marathon 2026... Saturday 14th February. Wow what an amazing pleasure it is to be a part of this spectacular race every year. The runners were challenged this year by the rain & mud but all came into the 56 km aid station with a smile and a lot of admiration for us at the aid station. This year we were decorated as fruit and runners love the vibe of coming into a big support crew. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make the day run so smoothly. Our marshals, carparking guys, aid station team and local farmer who opened up part of their farm to us... we are very thankful to everyone that makes this day a success.

TUPU

Kia ora koutou,

This week in Tupu we explored colour using paint. We learnt about the three primary colours: red, yellow and blue, and that we can make lots of other colours just by mixing these three in different combinations. We also learnt that we can make a colour lighter by mixing it with white. We've been having fun in the pool while learning new swimming skills with the swimming tutor who has been visiting this week. It's amazing how fast our confidence and skill can grow in just a few swimming lessons, and so important for children's safety in the water. Thanks to all the parents who have supported your children by making sure they have their togs every day.

Kia pai tō rā, Tupu Class

Kia ora whānau,

Our reading programme is well underway, and I'd like to share how it works in our classroom. Each week, students will bring home two books. These books can be kept at home until Friday so your child can reread them, build fluency, and share their learning with you. You'll also find their spelling work in the back of the book, which you can practise together during the week.

We currently have three BSLA text reading groups: Tupu, Mahuri, Rākau, and a School Journal group. Our guided reading sessions run across a full hour, allowing each group focused teaching time. We also enjoy shared reading after lunch, where we read and discuss texts together as a class.

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home – it makes a real difference!

Ngā mihi,
Kylie

MAHURI

This week at school in Rakau, we are placing a special focus on strengthening our students' reading skills. From building phonics and vocabulary to improving comprehension and confidence, our classroom activities are designed to nurture a love for books and storytelling. Reading regularly not only supports academic success across all subjects, but also enhances imagination, concentration, and communication skills. We strongly encourage parents to help reinforce this learning at home by setting aside time for reading each day – especially during bedtime, which is a wonderful opportunity to create a calm, meaningful routine. Even 10-15 minutes of shared reading can make a significant difference. By instilling the habit of reading early and consistently, we can work together to help our children in Rakau become confident readers.



TARAWERA
ULTRA MARATHON
BY UTMB
2026



Thank you to our amazing local flower lady, Mel, who delivers fresh bouquets of sunshine to our school each week.
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See Facebook for notifications on fresh flower drops in the blooming fridge...

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



NAU MAI HAERE MAI

To our RESPITE CAMP for whānau Māori with Te Iho Tātai-ā-Rongo (FASD).
Join us as we provide respite and sustenance for you and your tamariki mokopuna.

HAUTUTŪ WĀNANGA
ĀHEA: Friday 27 February 12pm - Sunday 1 March 2pm 2026
KEI HEA: Kahumatamomoe Marae
 1444 Hamurana Road, Mourea, Rotorua 3074
TE UTU: Kore (No cost) kai and accommodation provided

These wānanga offer:

- Safe spaces for sharing lived experiences
- Guidance from other whānau and experts
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Keen to get into Scouting??

Waiotapu Scout Group is currently running Keas, Cubs and Scouts! Catering to boys and girls aged 5-14 years who live in the Reporoa, Rerewhakaaitu, Waikite, Ngakuru, Waimangu and Broadlands districts.

While weekly nights are based out of our awesome Waikite Valley den, we often use surrounding lakes, farms, rivers and forests for extra outdoor adventures. Check out our Facebook page or get in touch if you would like to know more.

Keas - (aged 5-8) Monday afternoons
 Cubs - (aged 8-11) Tuesday evenings
 Scouts - (aged 11-14) Monday evenings

Check out our Facebook page or get in touch if you would like to know more.
waiotapu@group.scouts.nz

WAIKATO SCHOOLS XC MTB CHAMPS 2026

OPEN TO ALL BOP SCHOOLS

Sponsored by **MITCH WINDOW SYSTEMS**

Track suitable for all abilities, a bit of off-road experience would be helpful.
 Open from Year 5 - Year 13
 Enter through your school by Friday 6th March
TEAM RELAYS ARE BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

Thursday 12 March

Te Miro MTB Park

Please email temiromtbevents@gmail.com for any queries

Food and drink available - please bring cash

For more information, please read the Event Manual on the Te Miro MTB Club website

Support LOCAL

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

The Rainbow room needs your help!

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CONGRATULATIONS



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...

Principals award



Johannah for showing the school value of integrity for always completing her work to the best of her ability

LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Mana - super engagement in learning, Thinking carefully about questions in maths and topic study. Kaylaarnie - excellent focus and participation during reading lessons. Kahlani and Tauhoru-James - Nau mai, haere mai. We're so glad to have you with us and we look forward to learning and growing together through the year. Te Kaia - Working really hard and finishing work. Taituha - Being excellent in mathematics and completing all the questions.



Ada & Elsie

HOUSE POINTS



Tarawera Kakaramea

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 - Te Ngahere & Flynn
Kakaramea - Taituha & Nikau
Congratulations to our house winner for last week...



Attendance

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

We are currently sitting at 70% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

- Rakau 96% attendance
- Mahuri 96% attendance
- Tupu 95% attendance

And the Winner is...

MAHURI & RAKAU!

We currently have 40 students with 100% attendance. Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.

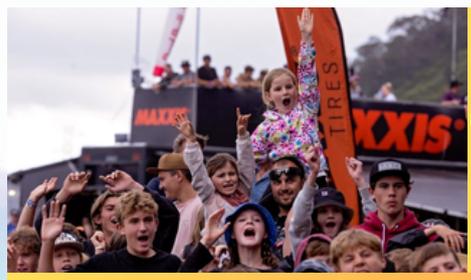
Under 5's Playgroup

Tuesday mornings @Rerewhakaaitu Domain

For all babies and children ages 0-5 in the area - social time locally. You don't have to be enrolled with Plunket to join in. We bring toys.



Your Plunket Coordinator is Min Taylor
Ph: 027 248 0312



CRANKWORX ROTORUA 🏆 Locals' Deal Alert
Rotorua Locals can enjoy festival days for free!
Locals Days mean free festival access for Rotorua Locals on the 11th, 12th and 13th March. It's a chance to experience Crankworx up close, cheer on the athletes, and enjoy the festival right in your backyard.
(Only Rotorua Locals are eligible for this ticket. Registration and proof of residence is required to enter and can be exchanged for a wristband from the ticketing booth on-site).

Crankworx Rotorua 2026 Festival Passes

Wed, 11 Mar 2026, 10:00am - Sun, 15 Mar 2026, 6:00pm.
Doors open 10:00am

Skyline Rotorua, Rotorua

The Crankworx World Tour is a multi-stop series of mountain bike festivals, bringing together the best mountain bike athletes to compete in elite-level competitions in a variety of disciplines. Crankworx Rotorua returns to the slopes of Mt Ngongotaha, at Skyline Rotorua. This is the official page to purchase tickets for the festival. You'll be able to catch the following events at this location: Air Downhill, Whip-Off, Dual Slalom, Downhill (including the New Zealand DH National Championships), Pump Track, Rotorua Roulette, Skyline Double Down, Slopestyle

Kidsworx Challenge and Race events will also return for another year, and you'll be able to grab a bite to eat while checking out the latest industry goods in the Expo Zone!

This year, we're thrilled to continue the Anytime Pass for ultimate flexibility and convenience! Enjoy access to as little or as many days of the festival with just one pass!

SUNDAY
1ST MARCH
9.30am - 12noon

ROTORUA'S CHILDREN'S DAY

Under the Sail
In the Redwoods

FUN! **Free!**

Live Music - "Sweet As"
Wallaby Search
Bubbles
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