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# Principal Report

Term 1 2026  
Week 3



We have had a busy week this week, starting off with the St John's Emergency Programme. This programme was delivered to all classes and the feedback was positive from both ākonga and kaiako. It is such a valuable learning experience for ākonga to know what to do in an emergency. It is also important to teach your tamariki how to relay their address and contact phone number to emergency services from a very young age.



We also had a visit from our fabulous Nurse Katie from Health Reporoa to discuss vaccinations for our year 7 & 8s. If your child brought home a vaccination form please ensure it is completed and returned to the office on Monday. Parents can learn more about the immunisations here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdhjoWhDpLA>.

Unfortunately, due to pool pump issues we were unable to hold our swimming sports event this week. We thank you for your understanding. Our school swimming sports will be postponed to Term 4, as we have an extra short term 1, that has a full schedule. However, as we have been running class swimming lessons over term 4 and this term, our teachers know each child's capabilities and who qualifies for the cluster event.

Cluster Swimming Sports will be held at Reporoa College this coming Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. Letters will be sent home today with the qualifying students, **please ensure you complete the permission slip and return it to us on Monday.**

We are introducing some shiny new class trophies at this week's assembly..

- "Star Attendance" - this is for the class that has the best attendance of the week. Students get to proudly display the trophy in their class.
- "Tidy Kiwi" - This is for the class who consistently keeps the corridor and deck tidy over the day and week. This links into our safety checks to ensure that in an emergency everyone can leave the school spaces safely.

Thank you to those who responded so swiftly for our cleaner callout. We are pleased to welcome Jane Broderick as a Fixed Term cleaner to cover Donna's leave.

I have enjoyed my time getting around classes and chatting with tauira about what they're enjoying at school so far. The ākonga know the routines and expectations and are able to tell me these when I am in their spaces.

ERO's research centre wants to hear from parents and whānau about their children's use of AI, as part of a national project. Here is the link to a 5-min survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AI-parent-survey>.

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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

### March

Wed 4 Cluster Swimming Sports  
Tue 17 RATs Duathlon  
Fri 20 Little Heart Day fundraiser  
Wed 25 Board Meeting 7pm  
Mon 30 Photolife (AM)

### April

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

Parent help needed for...

Cluster Swimming sports  
Summer Sports

Please let us know if you can help



Little Heart Day fundraiser.  
We will be hosting a wear red day at school to support Heart Kids NZ.  
Please wear red and bring a gold coin donation on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March..  
You can also donate here:  
<https://littleheartday.org.nz/t/lakererewhakaaitu-school>



The RATs Duathlon is happening on the 17<sup>th</sup> March at Waipa bike park. Letters were sent home to all children that show interest in this event. Please ensure these forms and payment are made to school by 3pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March for us to enter your child.



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Kia ora koutou,

# TUPU

Writing in Tupu class is closely connected with reading. We're learning the letter names and sounds, and how to blend three sounds together to make a word. M-a-t says mat. In handwriting we're learning to form letters correctly, doing our best to hold the pencil correctly, start in the right place (at the top), write the letters in the right direction and in the correct place on the line. Word chains are an important activity to help understand the letter patterns in words. We start with a word like rat and, writing on our whiteboards, we change one letter at a time to create a word chain. Rat>rag>rug>rut>rot>rod>sod>sad>rad>rid>rig

You will find examples of these kinds of activities, which children can practice at home, inside the back cover of the reading book they bring home each week.

Kia pai tō rā,  
Tupu Class.



Kia ora whānau,

We've been working hard on our writing skills in Mahuri! Tamariki are practising how to take their ideas and plans and turn them into clear sentences and paragraphs. We're learning that good writing starts with good thinking – and taking the time to grow our ideas. There's also a big focus on presentation. We're reminding everyone to start at the margin, leave spaces between words, and take pride in neat handwriting. Ka pai presentation makes our writing much easier to read! As our ākonga move through the year levels, they're building confidence in organising their ideas, writing strong paragraphs, and even creating poems with clear structure and flow. You can support at home by asking your child to read their writing out loud – he tino pai way to check that it makes sense! Gentle reminders about capital letters, full stops, and spacing always help too. Ngā mihi for your continued support at home – we love seeing our tamariki grow as writers!

Whaea Kylie

# MAHURI

Kia ora whanau,

This week in class we are focusing on improving writing skills. Our goal is to help students build confidence by writing a few sentences each day – something fun, simple, and achievable. We are encouraging them to choose topics they enjoy, such as writing a short journal entry about how their day went, describing their favourite animal, toy, or sport, or sharing something that made them smile. If this habit is encouraged at home as well, it will make a wonderful difference in strengthening their skills and confidence. Please simply motivate and praise their efforts. If your child would like to share their writing, I would be very happy to read it aloud in class as encouragement and celebration of their hard work.

Thank you for your continued support!



# CLASS Snippets



**LAKES FOOTBALL CLUB**

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**SATURDAY 28th MARCH 9:30-10:30am**

Upskill your knowledge on starts, turns, finishes, speed and technique

Open to all school swimmers Years 4-8 competing in CBOP interschool swimming

Pay only pool admission  
Rotorua Aquatic Centre - Indoor 25M pool

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

# CONGRATULATIONS



## LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Everlyn-Mae and Regan for excellent focus and learning in maths. Leon for perseverance in learning self-management, especially with getting dressed quickly and packing your swimming bag after our lessons. Eleanor for showing resilience, perseverance, courage, respect, whanaungatanga and honesty each and every day in Mahuri. Charlie for displaying model behaviour with his peers, following instructions and working diligently. Kenzie for showing effort in literacy and numeracy.

## 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...



Charlie & Te Aukaitanga

## Principals award



Te Kaia for showing the school value of Whanaungatanga consistently

## 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 - Te Ngahere & Flynn  
 Kakaramaea - 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 71% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

Rakau 96% attendance

Mahuri 94% attendance

Tupu 94% attendance

We currently have 31 students with 100% attendance. Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.



**RAKAU!**

## 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  
 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH  
 9.30am – 12noon

## ROTORUA'S CHILDREN'S DAY

Under the Sail  
 In the Redwoods



- Live Music – "Sweet As"
- Wallaby Search
- Bubbles
- Sausage Sizzle
- Face paints
- ... and more!

A morning of sustainable activities for the whole whanau!





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

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Waioapu 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



Support LOCAL



Check out our Facebook page or get in touch if you would like to know more.

[waiotapu@group.scouts.nz](mailto:waiotapu@group.scouts.nz)

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**HOLIDAY CAMPS!**

**April 2026**

programme@kvcc.org.nz or phone: 07 868 8348

**JR CAMP YR 3-6 APRIL 7-10**

**SR CAMP SYR 6-8 APRIL 12-17**



## The Rainbow room needs your help!

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