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Principal Report

Term 1 2026
Week 6

Kia ora Koutou,

He waka eke noa - we are all in this together

As we head towards the end of the term, it is a great time to reflect on what has worked well and what may need adjusting. It is common at this time for behaviours to increase, as taira begin to feel more settled and may test the boundaries of what is acceptable within the classroom and the wider school environment.

Research consistently shows that taira thrive when expectations and boundaries are clear and consistent. These boundaries provide a sense of security and help children understand how the world works. You might think of them as the edges of a safe space—guiding where your child can play, explore, and learn with confidence.

At school, we are focusing on ensuring consistency in how we respond to and support behaviour across all learning spaces.

Strong partnerships between home and school are essential in this work. Supporting tamariki to understand what is socially acceptable, encouraging open conversations at home, and reinforcing that they can talk to you, their whānau, about any concerns all make a significant difference. We also encourage you to communicate with your child's kaiako so they are aware of any issues or concerns in a timely way, and to let them know your preferred method of communication.

At Lake Rerewhakaaitu School, we value our open-door approach and recognise the importance of maintaining strong, respectful communication between whānau and school. Working together helps ensure the wellbeing and success of all taira in our kura.

You might like to check out the sparklers.org.nz site for fun ways to connect with your tamariki, learn about how to support their wellbeing through the Whare Tapa Wha model. There are lots of resources and research available online about why it is important to have boundaries and why consistency is the key.



A massive thank you to Constable Mathew Wing who came to do our Bus monitor training. They learnt about what to do in emergency situations, such as; what to do if there is a fire or crash, how to call 111 on the bus drivers phone, what and how a rapid number helps to identify where they are, and the signals to slow traffic down.

- Our bus monitors are;
- Lake run - Ada & Makenna
 - Waimangu run - Johannah & Charlie



ERO's research centre wants to hear from parents and whānau about their child's school's assessment and reporting practices, as part of a national project. Here is the link to a 10-minute survey: https://www.research.net/r/Assessment_Parent_Survey.



Say cheese!! Photolife will be coming to school Monday 30th March to take our photos. If you would like sibling photos please complete the link below by the 24th March, or contact the office. <https://forms.gle/8EW3DPkgTS3HGerV9>. All students will have individual photos and links will be emailed directly to caregivers from Photolife once photos are ready for publishing.

During the school holidays, staff will be completing a St Johns First Aid Refresher course at school. This is to enable our teachers and support staff to refresh their first aid certificates, which is a requirement for all teachers.



We also have spare spaces available if there is anyone in the community who would like to join us. Please contact the school office if you are interested, and provide a copy of your most recent first aid certificate.

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office@lakerere.school.nz

www.lakerere.school.nz

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 25 Board Meeting 7pm
- Mon 30 Photolife (AM)
- Tue 31 PTA Meeting 7pm

April

- Wed 1 Cluster Summer Sports
CBOP Swimming
- Thu 2 Term 1 finishes
- Fri 17 St Johns Refresher Course
- Mon 20 Term 2 Starts
- Tue 21 PTA Meeting 7pm
- Mon 27 ANZAC Day observed
- Wed 29 Board Meeting 7pm

Parent help needed for..

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

Kia ora, koutou,

TUPU

We like to break up our formal learning with some fun and energetic activities throughout the day. Tupu students love to sing and move to songs that help us learn te reo Māori kupu, and we jiggle and giggle to our alphabet groove song. Outside, we have been learning to work together with small team relays, running, jumping and throwing. We've had some excitement with our coloured parachute. We can make small balls jiggle like popcorn and we can toss a big ball high into the air! We are so proud to have received the school trophy for keeping the corridor and area outside our classroom tidy.

For te reo Māori, we have learned some kupu for kai. We say, "He (miraka) mau?", "Ae, he (miraka) maku." "Milk for you?", "Yes, milk for me."

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu Class

Kia ora e te whānau,

Greetings from Mahuri! It's been a busy and exciting time in our classroom. In numeracy, we have been learning to read number lines with numbers up to four digits—ka mau te wehi, tamariki! Next week, we will begin exploring measurement, and we have the perfect real-life context to support this learning.

In inquiry, we have been investigating the growth cycle of a plant. Be sure to check out the sprouts growing on our Mahuri windowsill—they are thriving! The tamariki have not only been observing their growth but have also discovered how delicious they are to eat. Our class rule is: "Leave one sprout for measurement!"

In literacy, we have been working hard on editing and revising our written work in writing, and in reading we have been focusing on syllables, phonemes, and graphemes to strengthen our understanding of how words work.

Ngā mihi nui for your continued support, especially for encouraging your child to bring their book bag each Friday—this is very much appreciated.

Ngā manaakitanga,
Whaea Kylie

MAHURI

RAKAU

THIS WEEK IN RAKAU, WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING OUR CREATIVITY THROUGH THE ARTS BY DESIGNING AND MAKING TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF BOOKMARKS. STUDENTS CREATED CORNER BOOKMARKS THAT NEATLY SLIP ONTO THE PAGES, AS WELL AS CLASSIC BOOKMARKS WHICH THEY PAINTED WITH CARE AND IMAGINATION. TO TOP IT OFF, OUR STUDENTS CHOSE TO GIFT THEIR HANDMADE BOOKMARKS TO OTHERS ACROSS THE SCHOOL. THIS THOUGHTFUL ACT REFLECTS THEIR GENEROSITY AND HELPS TO SPREAD THE JOY OF READING WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE KINDNESS AND CREATIVITY THEY HAVE SHOWN.



CLASS Snippets

Helping tamariki feel confident and connected at school



At school, tamariki are learning how to navigate friendships, big feelings and new experiences.

Here are three ways you support this learning at home.

1

Pause before stepping in

Why this helps:

When tamariki work through small challenges themselves, they build confidence and resilience.

2

Name feelings, then move forward

Try:

"I can see that felt hard. What could you try next?"

Why this helps:

Acknowledging emotions helps tamariki regulate, and reaching for what they can do grows their problem solving skills.

3

Trust their learning process

Why this helps:

Not every friendship challenge or frustration needs adult support.

Working things through helps tamariki develop independence and social capability.



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Rotorua Lakes Council Road Safety team is holding a fabulous free, fun family event on March 29th at the Village Green.

Come along to an action-packed day showcasing the incredible work of our emergency services!

Get up close with emergency services vehicles
Win a ride to school in an emergency vehicle with the colouring competition

There will be food stalls and a gold coin donation barbecue fundraiser

Car crash scenario starts at 10am, so get there earlier if you want to catch that action!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1255520933369030>

EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

29th March, 10am - 1pm
at the Village Green

Come along to an action-packed day showcasing the incredible work of our emergency services!

TONIGHT!!

Rerewhakaaitu Community end of summer BBQ



March 20th
at the Domain
5.30pm til late

Pot Luck dinner
We will provide sausages & venison for BBQ

CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Leighton for a great start at school and being focused on his learning tasks. Lachlan for great effort to segment and blend sounds to read words. Johnny for showing resilience, perseverance, courage, respect, whanaungatanga and honesty each and every day in Mahuri. Wyatt for writing really interesting and descriptive recount stories about his weekend adventures! Ada for showing responsibility in classroom chores and tidying up the classroom well. Te Ngahere for making good choices and respecting others' boundaries.

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



Tuhoro-James for showing the school value of Whanaungatanga by always considering others



Taituha & Tuhoro-James

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

KEEP UP
the good
WORK



WEEK 5 AWARDED TO:
STAR ATTENDANCE



Attendance

Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher. We are currently sitting at 74% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:
Rakau 92% attendance
Mahuri 96% attendance
Tupu 94% attendance
We currently have 16 students with 100% attendance. Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.

And the Winner is... **MAHURI!**

"Tidy Kiwi" award goes to the class who consistently keeps the corridor and deck tidy over the day and week. Ensuring our school is kept beautiful, while being safe in emergency situations.



**TIDY
KIWI AWARD**

READY TO RUN, PASS & SCORE?

MARIST ST. MICHAEL'S ROTORUA

JOIN MARIST ST MICHAEL'S RUGBY - 2026 SEASON!

WE'RE STILL LOOKING FOR PLAYERS IN:
U6, U7 • U10 • U12 & U13

ALL OTHER GRADES ARE FULL! DON'T MISS OUT!

SIGN UP NIGHT!
Thursday 27th March 2026 - 5:00PM - 6:00PM
Marist St Michael's Club

Come down, meet the team & get signed up!

HOW TO REGISTER (SUPER EASY!)

- Jump on Rugby Explorer
- Log in / create an account
- Click "Register to a club"
- Search "Marist St Michael's Rugby & Sports Club"
- Select "Marist"
- Choose Junior Contact or Non-Contact
- Select "Season"

IMPORTANT! DO NOT PAY THROUGH EXPLORER
Tick "Pay directly to club" at checkout

2026 FEES (same as last year!)

- U6 & U7 - \$25
- U8-U13 - \$40
- Family deal: \$35* (2+ kids!)

DON'T WAIT - SPOTS ARE LIMITED!
Sign up today and be part of something special!

ATTENTION - Rerewhakaaitu Young People!!

Rerewhakaaitu and District Young Persons Charitable Trust - Applications for grants from the trust are now open!

What is it?

This is a Trust set up for the benefit of any young people who reside in the Rerewhakaaitu area and whose parents or immediate caregivers also reside with them in the area. Anyone under the age of 25 who resides in the Rerewhakaaitu district (or whose parents/caregivers still reside in the district).

What can it be used for?

If you fit the criteria you are eligible to apply for assistance with a wide range of educational, sporting, cultural or vocational activities.

How do I apply?

Email Jo Rogers to request an application form, fill it in and return back by email to Jo. You must provide current, dated references with each application and also email to jo.rogersnz78@gmail.com. If you have no access to be able to email it, please request a paper copy from Lake Rerewhakaaitu office.

Application forms are available from the school office, and website under Publications. Applications close at 3pm Wednesday 25th March, for our meeting Thursday 26th March. For further information please contact Stewart Koopal, Mark Koopal, Ann Snowdon or Jo Rogers.

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Automatic External Defibrillators

1. REREWHAKAAITU HALL
2. 803 ASHPIT RD (T & H HAMILTON)

The Automatic External Defibrillator that is situated at the Hall is locked. If you have an emergency where you need to access the machine, dial 111 and they will give you the pass code that will open the cabinet.

There is also a fully automatic defibrillator available at Trevor & Harriet Hamilton's residence 803 Ashpit Road, around the back side of Lake Rerewhakaaitu. Because this defibrillator is fully automatic no training is required simply turn on and place the pads on the patient, the device takes over.

This defibrillator is registered with St John. The Defibrillator is positioned at the front door under the porch and is in a non-coded box for quick access.



These machines can help to save lives and the St Johns statistics show why we need an AED:

1. Each year more than 2,000 New Zealanders will suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital
2. For 72% of cardiac arrests a bystander will perform CPR
3. People may show no warnings or prior symptoms and 12% survive to hospital discharge following a cardiac arrest
4. Use of an AED within 3-5 min of collapse can increase the chance of survival by up to 44%

RATS DUATHLON REFLECTIONS

RATS DUATHLON 2026

The fun part was getting a spot prize. Challenging was the biking on the long course, Taituha

My challenging part was tight corners and the running. My favourite part was the bike and seeing everyone get prizes, Johannah

Most challenging part was running. The best part was biking because I passed heaps of people. Ted

The hardest bit was they let the girls go first and it was hard to get past them. The best part was biking. Louis

The most challenging part was when I had to pick up my bike because my stand wouldn't go up. The best part was racing past someone running. Caoimhe

My favourite part was when I was on the Dipper. The challenging part was finishing the run because I was really tired at the end. Te Ngahere

My favourite thing was coming 2nd. Most challenging was keeping up with the intermediate kids. Finn

Finding my bike was the hardest part. I haven't been on my bike in ages, so that was the best part. Lucy

I got a spot prize. Running was challenging but biking was easy. Flynn



2026 CBOP Shuttle Time Non-Rep Tournament 1



Place: Rotorua Badminton Hall
 When: Wednesday 15th April 2026
 Time: 9am – 5pm (may change due to number of entries)
 Entry Fee: \$35
 Payment to be made to BOP Badminton Acc - 03-1552-0146571-00 (Reference – CBOP Non-rep tournament 1 and player name)
 Age Groups: U13, U15, U17 & U19
 Events: Boys & Girls Singles, Boys & Girls Doubles or Mixed Doubles
 (Guidelines on who can enter tournament are in the below conditions of entry)

Enter online on the link below:

<https://bnz.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/957DAFCA-500E-4ED0-A57E-76A14D133524>

Tournament Organiser: Tarryn Espitalier - 021 112 4570 - tarryn@bopbadminton.co.nz

Entries Close: Monday 13th April 2026
 Conditions of Entry

Take note:

Please read and take special note of entry fee payment requirements.

Rules and Regulations

1. It is expected that players will have read and are familiar with the 'Conditions of Entry' prior to submitting an entry.
2. This tournament is for all Club and School players who have not been a Bay of Plenty Representative player in the last 24 months.
3. Players must be U13, U15, U17 or U19 as at 31 December 2026. Age groups may be combined if not enough entries are not received for an age group.
4. Players may only enter a maximum of 2 events, singles, and one doubles event.

Rules of Play

5. The BWF scoring system will be used.
6. This event will be played using the Alternative Service Law 9.1.6. The whole of the shuttle shall be below the server's waist at the instant of being hit by the server's racket. The waist shall be considered to be an imaginary line round the body, level with the lowest part of the server's bottom rib, and; the shaft and racket head of the server's racket at the instant of hitting the shuttle shall be pointing in a downward direction.
7. All questions as to the rules shall be resolved by an appointed tournament official.

Player Requirements

8. Players must ensure that the tournament organiser is advised if they wish to leave the hall.
9. All players must act as umpires or line judges when requested. Failure to do so may result in the player being defaulted. Please check the websites prior to the session for player umpires (if needed).
10. Players compete at their own risk. No responsibility will be accepted for any injury received during this tournament.

Entry Fees

11. The entry fee must be in the Bay of Plenty Badminton Association Bank Account no later than Tuesday 14th April 2026.
12. Please allow at least 2 working days for payments to be processed through the banking system.
13. Entry fee is \$35.
14. Please pay by direct credit to:
 Bay of Plenty Badminton account: 03-1552-0146571-00
 Enter Particulars as 'CBOP Non Rep Tournament 1'
 Reference as 'Player Name'
 Please Note: Bank Account number, date of birth and parents name does not identify the player.

PRIVACY ACT

By entering this event, the player hereby agrees and acknowledges that any person shall have the right to photograph and/or record on video all and any games or practice conducted during the course of the event. Such photographs or video recordings may be retained for their own use, distributed to any other party, displayed during the event or any time thereafter, in any form whatsoever, provided that no such photographs or video recordings shall be used or retained for any illegal, immoral or unseemly use or purpose.

