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# Principal Report

Term 2 2026  
Week 10/11

*Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini*  
*Success is not mine alone, but from many*

This whakatauki reminds us that our personal growth and strength are rarely achieved in isolation, but rather through the support and knowledge of others.

Reflecting on my time as Acting Principal, I would like to acknowledge the wonderful team at LRS, they have definitely helped me grow as a leader, supported me when I've made mistakes (as we all do when we're learning something new) and allowed me to find what works best for me to support them.

It has been a great learning experience and I look forward to having Mr Whalley back next term in order to continue to grow my practice in this area.

Last week was a big week with staff away, being in class and having split classes. I want to say that the resilience shown by students during this time of change was good to see.

We have a busy week this week with upcoming events: The Cultural Festival is this Wednesday, where we will be performing our Kapa Haka at Reporoa College. Our whole school will be travelling by bus. Parents please put your girls hair in a high pony tail, and boys to wear dark (preferable black) underwear please. Also ensure your child has a water bottle and healthy snacks. Lunch will be provided as usual.

Our Matariki Sleepover is this Thursday. We still require whānau to run some activities in the afternoon. Anything from sports to crafts would be great. If you can help please either let one of the kaiako know and we'll add your name to the list. We will also be after some donations for shared kai for dinner on Thursday night.

All whanau are welcome to come along and support our ākongā. We hope to see you there!

Lucy participated in her first gymnastics competition recently in Tauranga, achieving an impressive 3rd place overall, along with 1st in vault and 2nd in teams. Given her dedication and hard training, it's wonderful to see her excel! Way to go Lucy!



**WE ARE HIRING**

**GROUNDSPERSON EXTRAORDINAIRE**

We are looking for our next fabulous Grounds person to join our team. 5 hours per week, Term Time. Plus extra hours over the holidays.

A high standard is expected. The successful candidate will be required to undergo and pass Police Vetting.

Starting Week 1 of Term 3, 2026

Drop your CV into the office, or for more info contact: Julieanne Bull, Acting Principal on 07.3666814 or principal@lakerere.school.nz

Applications close: 3.00pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

07 3666 814

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

### June

Tue 30 BOP Cross Country champs

### July

Wed 1 KapaHaka/Cultural Festival  
 Thu 2 Matariki Sleepover  
 Fri 3 Term 2 Ends  
 Mon 20 Term 3 Starts  
 Wed 29 Board Meeting 7pm

### August

3 - 5 Rākau Camp  
 Mon 10 Science Roadshow  
 Wed 26 Tough Guy & Gal  
 Fri 28 Daffodil Day fundraiser

### September

Wed 9 Board Meeting 7pm  
 Thu 10 LRS Speeches  
 Tue 15 Cluster Speeches  
 Wed 23 Cluster Winter Sports  
 Fri 25 Term 3 Ends

Get your adventurous spirit geared up for the upcoming Tough Guy & Gal Challenge! Prize for the "brightest school dress up"! Our school has Wednesday 26th August locked in.

Thank you to those who handed in their forms last term. If there are any new students who would like to enter, please return the completed form by 3pm Friday 3rd July.

Venue: Lake Ranch, 9 Lake Rotokawau Road, Ōwhata, Rotorua  
Cost: \$30 per student

This event is for Year 3-8.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ would like to participate in a school team for the Tough Guy and Girl Challenge.

Year Level \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy to cover the \$30 cost YES NO

I can offer to assist on the day. YES NO

I can provide transport for \_\_\_\_\_ children. YES NO

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT PH: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rhino** Only from Carpet Court

**JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE**

EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT

ROTORUA 25 & 26 AUGUST 2026

We have secured Wednesday the 26th August for our school group. Prize for the 'brightest school' dress up.

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*Kei te whakatakataka a matou ākongā mo ūga āheī a tōua wā*  
*Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow*

Ngā mihi whānau,

As we reach the end of another busy term, our tamariki have been reflecting on the events that have stood out to them the most. Many students enjoyed our Fluro Disco, where they dressed in bright colours, danced with friends, and enjoyed glow sticks, sausages, and ice blocks. Others have loved challenging themselves during Cross Country, from tackling the obstacle course at school to representing our kura at the cluster event at the domain alongside students from other schools.

In the classroom, students have enjoyed creating pictographs, solving problems through games, and writing imaginative stories. We have also been working hard to prepare for next week's Kapa Haka Festival and are excited about our upcoming Matariki Sleepover. It has been wonderful to see our tamariki showing courage, perseverance, and enthusiasm as they learn and grow together.

Ngā manaakitanga,  
Whaea Kylie

MAHURI

CLASS  
Snippets

KEEP UP  
the good  
WORK

CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CLASS  
CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Everlyn-Mae for being a wonderful classmate helping other students learn. Kaylaarnie for being a confident leader. Taipari for demonstrating determination and focus towards his learning, consistently pushing himself to stay on task and achieve his goals. Lachlan T for consistently demonstrating our school values through his positive attitude, strong work ethic, and respectful interactions with others. Charlie for demonstrating outstanding vocabulary skills by correctly using the word "miscellaneous". Hine for showing whanaungatanga to a Tupu student by helping them feel included in the game.



Attendance

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

We are currently sitting at 54% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

Rakau 84% attendance  
Mahuri 92% attendance  
Tupu 85% attendance

And the  
Winner  
is...

MAHURI!

RAKAU TERM HIGHLIGHTS

AS THE TERM COMES TO AN END, THE STUDENTS IN RAKAU HAVE BEEN REFLECTING ON THEIR FAVOURITE MEMORIES AND EXPERIENCES.

ONE OF THE STANDOUT EVENTS WAS A VISIT FROM BROOKE FRANCIS. STUDENTS ENJOYED LEARNING ABOUT HER LIFE AS AN ATHLETE, ESPECIALLY THE FUN GUESSING GAMES WHERE THEY TRIED TO WORK OUT WHAT SHE EATS TO STAY HEALTHY AND STRONG. THERE WERE LOTS OF LAUGHS WHEN BROOKE DRESSED ONE OF THE STUDENTS UP AS A ROWER AND EXPLAINED THE EQUIPMENT SHE USES.

PINK SHIRT DAY WAS ANOTHER MEMORABLE EVENT. STUDENTS SHARED THAT THEY ENJOYED TAKING PART BECAUSE IT HELPED THEM LEARN ABOUT KINDNESS, INCLUSION, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF STANDING UP AGAINST BULLYING.

FOR THOSE WHO ATTENDED HILLARY CAMP, CLIMBING MOUNTAINS WAS A DEFINITE HIGHLIGHT. STUDENTS WERE PROUD OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND ENJOYED CHALLENGING THEMSELVES WHILE WORKING TOGETHER AS A TEAM.

MANY STUDENTS ALSO MENTIONED THE FELL CUP AS ONE OF THEIR FAVOURITE EXPERIENCES. THEY LOVED PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS SUCH AS NETBALL AND RUGBY, SHOWING GREAT TEAMWORK AND SPORTSMANSHIP THROUGHOUT THE DAY. TO FINISH OFF THE TERM, THE SCHOOL DISCO WAS A HUGE HIT. STUDENTS ENJOYED DANCING WITH THEIR FRIENDS, LISTENING TO MUSIC, AND CELEBRATING A FANTASTIC TERM TOGETHER.

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY AND EXCITING TERM IN RAKAU, FILLED WITH LEARNING, CHALLENGES, AND PLENTY OF FUN MEMORIES.

RAKAU

LAST WEEK AWARDED TO:  
STAR ATTENDANCE



"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.



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...



Dustin & Johannah

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 from our latest assembly...





## REPOROA VALLEY CULTURAL FESTIVAL

### Programme

2026

Wednesday 1 July 2026

Rangatira o nga kawa – Whaea Felicity Nepia

9:00am – Opening Karakia - Reporoa College Hall

9:15am – 11:00am

1. Reporoa Playcentre
2. Reporoa Kindergarten
3. Mihi School – Years 0 – 6
4. Reporoa Primary School – Years 0 – 3
5. Broadlands School – Years 0 – 3
6. Waikite Valley School – Years 0 – 3

11:00am – 11:25am – Paramanawa (Morning Tea)

11:25am – 1:30pm

7. Lake Rerewhakaaitu School – Years 0 – 8
8. Reporoa Primary School – Years 4 – 6
9. Broadlands School – Years 4 – 6
10. Galatea School – Years 4 – 6
11. Waikite Valley School – Years 4 – 8
12. Te Kapa o nga tamariki Toronga o te Kura o Broadlands

1:30pm – Poroporoaki – Closing Karakia

Mihi School – Sausage Sizzle (sausage, bread & sauce) & Frozen Juicies – \$2.00 each

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Get everyone involved and give tamariki something to look forward to.

**Balance activities**  
Mix busy days with quiet time at home.

**Budget friendly**  
Plan low cost and free activities that still create big memories.

**Less stress**  
A simple plan helps reduce "what are we doing today?" questions.

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<p>OUTSIDE FUN</p> <p>CHILLIN' @ HOME</p>	<p>OUT &amp; ABOUT</p> <p>AWAY FOR THE DAY</p>	<p>MONDAY</p> <p>TUESDAY</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p>THURSDAY</p> <p>FRIDAY</p> <p>WEEKEND</p>
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So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a cuppa and chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want.

Upcoming dates:

Every 2nd Thursday of the month during school term only  
Thu 13th August  
Thu 10th September  
Thu 12th November  
Thu 10th December

Venue

The Rusty Bros Bar and Cafe  
1263 Amohia Street  
Rotorua 3010

(previously called the Abracadabra Cafe Rotorua)

Event contact

Jane Ford  
[centrallakes@parent2parent.org.nz](mailto:centrallakes@parent2parent.org.nz)  
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## REREWHAKAAITU

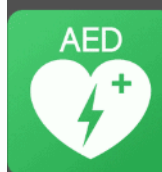
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4. Use of an AED within 3-5 min of collapse can increase the chance of survival by up to 44%