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# Principal Report

Term 2 2025  
Week 7

Welcome back for Term 2 and what a wonderful term we have planned for our tamariki. First up we have Life Education with Harold from today until Wednesday next week. It will be fun having Mrs Gretener (Miss Harris) back at school. The focus for these lessons will be "Hauora & Wellbeing" for the junior classes and "What's inside our Bodies" for our senior class.

We will have our first Board meeting for the term next Wednesday night at 7.00pm, all are welcome. Our next Board meeting after that is on the 18th June. You are welcome to come along or speak with one of our current board members to see what it is all about. Reminder that Board elections are this year.

This year it is our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the first pupil enrolling on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1955. To celebrate this we are having a family fun day that will coincide with our LRS Cross Country Fun Run. More details to follow. Our Cluster Cross Country on Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup>. We require helpers for these events to go ahead, so please check your calendars and availability.

We will be having an online day on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May due to our teachers all being on a literacy course. This is similar to a Teacher only day, but we will have work for the children to do at home via Seesaw and google classrooms. It will also make it a long weekend as the following Monday is Kings Birthday. We have two students heading off on a leadership camp at Hillary Outdoors the first week of June. A big thank you to Reporoa Lions, Sir Edmund Hillary Steps Scholarship and our very own PTA for their generous donations to make this attainable for our students to attend these camps, THANK YOU!

Our annual whole school sleep over will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June to coincide with our Matariki breakfast on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> June. Keep an eye out for more information and permission forms. Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> there will be no school as it is the Matariki statutory holiday.

Finally, the 23<sup>rd</sup> June is a Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day and the last day of term is Friday the 27th June.

Caught Being Awesome - Last term we altered the way we celebrate "Caught Being Awesome". Each week we read the recipients at assembly and draw out a senior and junior students name, those then go into the draw for the end of term treat. In the last week of each Term we will draw out two students and they get to go on a mystery trip with Mr Whalley. Last term Matera and Taipari won. We went into Rotorua to play on the large playground by the lake with McDonalds for lunch and an ice cream from Lady Jaynes. Thank you to Catherine for taking time out of her day to accompany us.

ERO - Last term we had Leanne Angland in to do our Education Review. A big thank you to all students, staff, PTA, Community and the Board for the hard work they have put into the school and making it a fantastic place be. I have the draft report and will publish the final report once I have received it.

Strategic Plan - It is time to review our strategic plan and I will be holding evenings over the course of the next two terms to get input from whanau for our schools direction over the next three years. I will also be looking for input and direction for our localised curriculum topics, get your thinking caps on and I will get back to you with firm dates for the consultations.

Photolife have emailed caregivers their unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2025 School Photos. If you haven't seen yours, please check your spam folder first, then email the office if you haven't received your code. **\*\*\*FREE DELIVERY EXPIRES Midnight Sunday 11 MAY 2025\*\*\***

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

Term 1 we had 74% with Regular attendance, which was an improvement from 2024 which was 67%. We had 69% of students who were ontime to class. Being ontime to class enables students to settle in easily and is less disruptive for the class. Let's see if we can raise it this term.



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THANK YOU

Notices for changes to pick ups or buses need to be made via note or leaving a message on the school phone. This enables any staff member access prior to the buses departing. Emails are not suitable as only the recipient of the email has access to it, and they may not be checked prior to the end of school.



Reminder

Please ensure your child has healthy snacks to help them grow and learn. We sometimes see high sugary foods and packets coming to school with tamariki. Lollies, chewing gum, sugary drinks etc are not to be brought to school by students. Let's keep it balanced and ensure they have healthy snacks and their water bottle each day.



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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

May

2 - 7

Life Education



Wed 7

Board Meeting 7pm

Fri 9

Scholastic Book orders due

Fri 23

LRS Cross Country

School 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Tue 27

Cluster Cross Country

June

Mon 2

King's Birthday

2-6

Hillary Outdoors Camp

Wed 11

PTA Meeting 7pm

Wed 18

Board Meeting 7pm

Fri 20

Matariki

Mon 23

Kahui Ako Teacher Only

Day

Fri 27

Term 2 Ends

## Parent help required

Cross Country & Cluster

## Seasonal Updates, Anytime



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Kei te whakatakataka a matou akounga

mo uga ahei a tona wa

Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow

Kia ora koutou,

We had a great start to term two with full attendance on day one! It was lovely to see everyone back with smiles and smart haircuts. We welcome our brand new student, Mana, to our class. It was wonderful to see Tupu students keen to make friends and being helpful. This term we will be learning about sport and leisure activities, the value of perseverance, and how to rise to new challenges. You may like to continue the fun at home by setting aside an afternoon or evening to play a board game or try a new activity with your family.

Kia pai tō rā,  
Tupu class.

TUPU

CLASS  
Snippets



Morris for making excellent progress in writing. Luke for a great effort in art – working hard to make tidy patterns with lines. Finn for consistent effort and participation in all class learning.

Louis for a great attitude towards learning.  
Chase and Te Kaia for being amazing helpers at Summer Sports.

### 🌟 Caught being Awesome 🌟

"Caught Being Awesome" awards are given out to students of Lake Rerewhakaaitu School at playtime. Students 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 bucket are drawn out as our super star recipient. These students then go into the hat for a draw at the end of Term, for a special treat.

Thank you to Catherine for giving up her day to join us.

**Term 1 Superstar  
"Caught Being  
Awesome"  
recipients were...**

Materia and Taipari



MAHURI

Kia ora and welcome to Term Two, Lake Rerewhakaaitu School whānau. This term our inquiry unit will focus on sport and recreation. Some of the questions and ideas we have focused on so far have been –

- What is sport and leisure?
- How do you feel during these activities?
- What are some of our needs and wants, to engage in sport activities?
- What kind of sport and leisure activities do we like to participate in?

There is a lot of keen interest within the class surrounding this topic and I look forward to our learning journey ahead. We will keep you posted this journey throughout the term.

Ngā mihi, Whaea Kylie.

### Principals award



Ada, Loki, Evelyn and Rocco for 100% attendance Term 1

Kia ora koutou katoa, **RAKAU**

Welcome back to Rakau for term 2! We have hit the ground running this week jumping straight into the learning pit.

Students have been learning about language features and parts of speech in literacy. We will be focusing on times tables for mathematics and Inquiry this term is around Sports and Leisure!

Please keep an eye out in next weeks newsletter for information around camp. At this stage we don't have enough boats to make the Tarawera Camp feasible. If you have any fundraising ideas, please don't hesitate to let Miss Gow know!

Have a safe and happy weekend!

Ngā mihi, Miss Gow

A warm welcome to

**Mana**

and his whanau who are new to our school community. We wish you a wonderful new journey here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School

**A WARM  
WELCOME**

# Support LOCAL

Get your gear ready...  
Classes start back on 6th May!

## Waist Management

Members only · Discoverable

Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai haere mai.  
Year 3 🌟 at the hall from 6.30-7.15 pm tues  
& thurs until the end of November 2025 🌟

\$ 10 each

Bring a mat towel and water bottle  
All updates & feedback will be posted on  
messenger page or Msg me at  
0274485756 if you prefer text message  
updates.

Stay well. Hope to see you soon  
Warm regards  
Christine



JAB season kicks off this term.  
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for child's interest to play.  
Reporoa Rugby club  
Thursday trainings. 3.30pm



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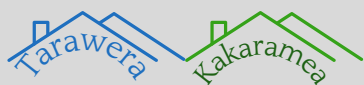
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**HOUSE POINTS**



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 - Chase & Jonty  
Kakaramaea - Ryan & Taituha

Congratulations to our house winner for  
Term 1 last week...



# Take notice



## School Sustainability and Resilience Fund 2025



### School and Community Garden Project

A school and community garden for growing vegetables

We plan to establish a school and community garden on the school grounds for growing vegetables. Our aim is to successfully raise vegetables that can be distributed to school families and other community members. We hope to encourage community members to share their knowledge and help our students learn how to grow food. We believe that the ability to grow food and share it with our community is a vital skill for developing resilient people who can withstand changing economic fortunes and unpredictable changes in climate. We also think that a shared community project will help establish a sense of community where people care about others and look after one another.

## Lake Rerewhakaaitu School

### How to vote:

1. Head to [boprc.govt.nz/vote-now](http://boprc.govt.nz/vote-now) and review the projects.
2. You have up to \$35,000 to allocate and need to spend at least \$25,000. Fund multiple projects by clicking "fund this" for each one you like.
3. Click the "submit" button at the end of the page to register your vote.

Voting closes **FRIDAY, 9 MAY 2025**

**We need your support to make it happen**



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**VOTE NOW**

Thanks to our funding partners



## Thriving with neurodiversity: A strengths-based approach for parents

Webinar - Thursday 7:30pm, May 15th



Anna Mowat



Morwenna Bates-Thornton



real parents

Bookings essential - limited places  
<https://events.humanitix.com/neurodiversity>

**HAPPY WEEKEND**

## Mamaku's Marsupial Madness Challenge 2025

22nd May (Noon) - 25th May (10am)



### PRIZEGIVING

SUNDAY 25TH MAY 2025  
11:30AM (APPROX)

54 TARENA STREET  
MAMAKU

**\$15**  
adult

**\$5**  
child



**AUCTION**

**GATES OPEN 9:30AM**

**FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE**  
**GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS**

## FANTASTIC PRIZE POOL

Entries close 20th May 2025 - 3:00pm

Entry forms available at Mamaku School office - email: [office@mamaku.school.nz](mailto:office@mamaku.school.nz)

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