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# Principal Report

Term 2 2026  
Week 2

Kia ora koutou,

## Curriculum - assessment

In Te Mātaiaho (the New Zealand Curriculum), one of the guiding principles is Mātairea, which focuses on progress. This principle emphasises the importance of effective assessment practices that help us to notice, understand, and respond to student progress and achievement.

Across the country, schools are currently engaging with the new government SMART assessment tool. Over the coming weeks, kaiako in Mahuri and Rākau will be building their understanding of how to administer this tool, before supporting taira to access it themselves as part of the first round of nationwide assessment, due by the end of May. Alongside this, we continue to grow our capability in understanding the updated curriculum requirements and how best to bring these to life in our classrooms. This is very much a shared learning journey, with kaiako and taira learning alongside one another—putting Mātaitipu, the concept of lifelong learning, into action every day.

## Cluster Cross Country

We are after volunteers to help Marshal on the day and the PTA are after some volunteers to help support them at the food stall in the morning. If you are able to help support these please let Mrs Arnott know (marshals) and the office know (food stalls), many hands make a difference to help things run smoothly at these events.

## Whānau and student voice

Next week, I will be sending out a short survey for whānau and ākonga to complete. These surveys are designed to gather your voice—your thoughts, ideas, and perspectives.

They are an important part of our whānau engagement plan, and we genuinely value your input. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Whānau Games Afternoon

Please come along and support this afternoon from 2.15pm - learn some fun literacy and numeracy games that you can play with your tamariki at home.

## Call for help

Are you able to play the guitar and know some of the school KapaHaka songs? We are after someone who would be happy to volunteer their time to support the school as they prepare for the KapaHaka Festival in July.

Ngā mihi nui  
Julianne

## 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. Congratulations to Taipari and Leighton. Taituha and Koven won the Term 1 prize and will be enjoying lunch with the Principal.



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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

- Fri 1 Mini Marathon
- Mon 4 Whānau games afternoon
- Wed 6 Fell Cup
- Thu 7 Olympic Ambassador visit
- Thu 14 LRS Cross Country
- Fri 15 Pink Shirt Day
- Tue 19 Cluster Cross Country

### June

- Mon 1 King's Birthday
- Tue 2 PTA Meeting 7pm
- Fri 5 Fluro Disco - St Johns
- Wed 10 Board Meeting 7pm
- Tue 14 Interviews 1.00 - 5.30pm
- Wed 15 Interviews 3.30 - 5.30pm

### 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

Parent help needed for...  
**Fun Run**  
**Cluster Cross Country**  
Please let us know if you can help

Kei te whakatakataka a matou ākonga mo nga ahei a tona wa  
Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow

Kia ora koutou,  
This week in Tupu we are continuing with our Firewise programme. All students have been given a booklet of homework activities that you can work on with them to make sure you're all safe and know what to do if there's a fire at home. Our arts focus this term is music. We'll be listening to a range of inspiring music, learning about the elements of beat, rhythm, pitch and tempo, and we'll be creating some musical sounds of our own. You may like to listen to some music with your child at home. Talk about how loud or quiet the music is, how fast or slow and how it makes you feel. You may like to clap (or boogie) in time to the beat.

Kia pai tō rā,  
Tupu Class

# TUPU

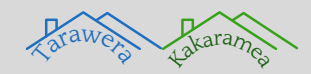
CLASS Snippets

THIS WEEK IN RĀKAU, OUR LEARNING HAS BEEN CENTRED AROUND UNDERSTANDING AND COMMEMORATING ANZAC DAY. TAMARIKI HAVE EXPLORED THE MEANING BEHIND THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION THROUGH A RANGE OF CREATIVE EXPERIENCES. THEY HAVE WRITTEN THOUGHTFUL POEMS, CRAFTED ARMBANDS, AND CREATED MEANINGFUL ARTWORK INSPIRED BY REMEMBRANCE. THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO HONOUR THE SACRIFICES MADE BY THOSE WHO SERVED, AND HOW REMEMBRANCE HELPS US APPRECIATE THE VALUES OF COURAGE, SERVICE, AND PEACE.

THESE LEARNING EXPERIENCES HAVE SUPPORTED THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMPATHY, CREATIVITY, AND CRITICAL THINKING, AS TAMARIKI CONNECT PAST EVENTS WITH PRESENT-DAY VALUES. IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE THEIR ENGAGEMENT AND THE CARE THEY HAVE PUT INTO THEIR WORK. WE ARE PROUD OF THE THOUGHTFUL WAYS THEY ARE BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF REMEMBERING AND HONOURING THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PEACE AND FREEDOMS WE ENJOY TODAY.

## RAKAU

### HOUSE POINTS



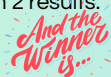
Each week we give out a house cup to the house that's in the lead. Students can earn house points by following our school rules, values, being on task and even when they get caught being awesome.

House Captains are;  
Tarawera - Te Ngahere & Flynn  
Kakaramea - Taituha & Nikau  
Congratulations to our house winner from our latest assembly...



## Attendance

Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher. We are currently sitting at 72% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last week / Term 2 results:  
Rakau 89% attendance  
Mahuri 88% attendance  
Tupu 80% attendance  
We currently have 9 students with 100% attendance this year. Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.



**RAKAU!**

PhotoLife



Photolife have emailed their unique Key Code to go online to view and purchase 2026 School Photos. If you haven't seen yours, please check your spam folder first, otherwise email the office if you haven't received your code.

\*\*\*Free delivery applies to orders placed before midnight on Sunday, 10 May 2026\*\*\*

KEEP UP  
the good  
WORK

This week in Mahuri class, our learning has been rich and purposeful across all areas.

In reading, our Year 3 and Year 4 students have been exploring ANZAC-themed texts, building their understanding of this important part of our history while developing their comprehension skills. In writing, we are putting the finishing touches on our holiday recounts, focusing on publishing our work to a high standard.

In maths, our groups have been working at different levels to strengthen their number knowledge. Year 2 students are practising skip counting in 10s, Year 3 students are skip counting in 2s and making connections to early multiplication, and Year 4 students are focusing on place value with four-digit numbers.

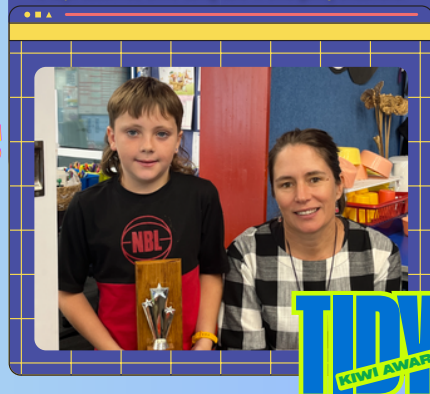
Our inquiry learning and PE sessions are centred around understanding roles and responsibilities within groups. We have been discussing the groups we belong to, the roles we take on, and what it means to be an effective team member. A big focus has been on collaboration, communication, and cooperation as we work together in a range of activities.

Ngā mihi,  
Whaea Kylie

## 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.



## CONGRATULATIONS



### LAST WEEKS (TERM 1) CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Regan for working hard to achieve his tasks in writing and maths. Mana for making good progress in his writing; listening to feedback and working on it. Soul 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. Luke for excellent focus and effort throughout the week. Ka pai! Te Kohu for showing big improvement in her attitude towards class activities. She has been contributing well during the class discussions as well. Leo for settling well into the class, learning and following classroom expectations, and showing great effort in his work.

A reminder, especially for our younger students, please ensure you pack a spare change of clothes in their school bag incase of accidents. We are getting low on spare items, especially 5-7yrs shorts & pants, so please ensure if your child comes home in items from school that they get washed and returned or have some to donate, that would be much appreciated.

Do you have or know of any students due to start at our wonderful Lake Rerewhakaaitu School next year? If you haven't already let us know, please get in touch so that we can organise our classes and stationery to suit. We look forward to welcoming you in 2026!

*Come and Join*

# PTA

**BE BETTER CONNECTED**  
CREATE CLOSER LINKS WITH THE HEAD, TEACHERS AND STAFF. IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE SCHOOL, THE YOU'RE AN EXCELLENT WAY TO FIND OUT HOW THINGS WORK AND BECOME PART OF THE COMMUNITY. IF NOT, YOU'LL STILL GAIN GREATER INSIGHT BY SEEING HOW THINGS WORK FROM BOTH SIDES.

**IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING**  
STUDIES SHOW THAT CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE INVOLVED IN SCHOOL EDUCATION DO BETTER IN SHOWS YOUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT TO YOU. PLAY YOUR PART IN IMPROVING THE SCHOOL AND WATCH THEM THRIVE.

**CREATE LASTING MEMORIES**  
OUR CHILDREN ARE ONLY AT SCHOOL FOR A FEW YEARS, BUT THEY WILL REMEMBER THE DIFFERENCE WE MAKE FOR A LIFETIME. THEY WILL CHERISH THE ACTIVITIES AND GAMES WE FUND, LEARN USING RESOURCES WE BUY, AND REMEMBER THE EVENTS WE HOLD. HELP KEEP THE PTA GOING SO FUTURE PUPILS CAN BENEFIT TOO.

**IT'S NOT JUST FOR MUMS**  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME, AND IT'S ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE DADS AND MALE CAREERS REPRESENTED, AS MALE ROLE MODELS ARE CRUCIAL IN CHILDREN'S UPBRINGING. DADS CAN BRING DIFFERENT SKILLS, THEY CAN BRING A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, AND THEY CAN BRING ALONG OTHER DADS.

**LEARN NEW SKILLS**  
EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING THEY CAN BRING TO THE PTA, BUT YOU CAN ALSO LEARN NEW SKILLS BY TRADING WITH OTHERS. ALWAYS WANTED TO PERFECT THAT COOKIE RECIPE? NOT SURE HOW TO DESIGN A POSTER? WANT TO HONE YOUR PUBLIC SPEAKING SKILLS? YOU CAN DO IT WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

**MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS**  
MEET AND CHAT TO A WIDER CIRCLE OF FAMILIES FROM DIFFERENT CLASSES AND YEAR GROUPS. GET TO KNOW OTHER PARENTS, AND BOND OVER EXCITING EVENTS, SOCIALS AND GET-TOGETHERS. FIND A PLACE TO BELONG AND SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR VALUES.

**IT'S TOTALLY FLEXIBLE**  
WHETHER YOU'RE A FULL-TIME PARENT OR WORKING THE NINE TO FIVE, ANYONE CAN GET INVOLVED. IT'S LESS COMMITMENT THAN YOU THINK AND YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO ATTEND MEETINGS. SMALL JOBS SUCH AS DESIGNING A POSTER, DISTRIBUTING LETTERS OR RUNNING A STALL KEEP EVERYTHING RUNNING SMOOTHLY.

**BECAUSE IT'S FUN!**  
BE PART OF THE TEAM WHICH ORGANISES THE BEST EVENTS AND GET-TOGETHERS. DEBRIEF OVER A GLASS OF WINE (OR TWO), SUGGEST YOUR MOST HARE-BRAINED IDEA AND WATCH AS IT CATCHES ON AND EVERYONE WANTS A PIECE OF THE ACTION. LAUGH, CRY, BE THERE FOR EACH OTHER.

**SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**  
THE PTA IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHOOL. FUNDS RAISED ENRICH YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AND MAKE EVERY STUDENT'S EXPERIENCE BETTER. BE PART OF THE GROUP THAT PAYS FOR THE PLAYGROUND YOUR CHILD LOVES OR FUNDS THE LIBRARY THAT'S THEIR FAVOURITE PLACE TO BE.

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School  
TOGETHER WE GROW

# Under 5's Playgroup

**Tuesdays from 9:30am @Rerewhakaaitu Domain**

- For all babies and children age 0-5 in the area
- Tea and coffee for adults
- Bikes, toys, and craft supplies for kids



YOU ARE INVITED TO A **FREE** SESSION BY INDUSTRY EXPERT JOHN PARSONS ON HOW TO **KEEP ĀKONGA AT YOUR KURA SAFE ONLINE**. SPACES ARE LIMITED, SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU REGISTER USING THE LINKS PROVIDED BELOW

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Some of the things John will cover include:

- Online sexual predators
- Pornography and extremism
- Cyber bullying
- Mobile phones
- Sextortion
- The importance of sleep

John Parsons is a highly regarded Internet Safety and Risk Assessment consultant and has worked extensively in the education sector in Aotearoa. John is a published author and social commentator who works throughout Aotearoa.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

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This event has been funded by Schooled and the CES Foundation

CES FOUNDATION

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



Te Whare Tapere o Te Arawa presents

**Tērā te Auahi**

Following the powerful success of Whetūranghia, Te Whare Tapere o Te Arawa return with a bold new work – **Tērā te Auahi**.

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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%

