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Principal Report

Term 2 2026
Week 3

Kia ora koutou,
Thank you to whānau who made the time to come along to our whānau games session on Monday. It was great to see the laughter, the concentration and the collaboration happening within and across classrooms.



As you know we have a focus this term on developing our rights and responsibilities as a learner and having these opportunities to share with whānau is especially valuable. Part of our responsibilities as a learner is to be able to communicate our needs respectfully. Unfortunately we have noticed across the school that taurira are choosing to talk to adults and their peers with disrespect. One of our core values at Lake Rerewhakaaitu is Respect. Having home - school links to ensure a common understanding and consistent teaching around this is extremely important. Our message is that, you can be upset and you can be angry, but you can not hurt others, with actions or words.

Thank you to those who have returned their whānau and ākongā survey - the information collected from these is vital in ensuring we have collected the voice of our stakeholders. These surveys help to guide us in our teaching, our relationships and our school vision, so please take the time to fill them in and send them back.

Recently we had some students attend some sporting events outside of school, at the Mini Marathon and Fell Cup. Well done to those students for getting out there and involved. you make us proud!

Mini Marathon results (out of 2192 runners)

Position	Name	Time
66	Finn	00:09:19
454	Louis	00:11:25
861	Johannah	00:13:03
1056	Cayden	00:13:45
1433	Monique	00:15:20



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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

- Thu 14 LRS Cross Country / Fun Run
- 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

Principals award



GET READY!!! Next Thursday 14th May is our Fun Run / Cross Country at school. We would love to have all whānau come along and cheer on our ākongā. Please ensure all children have a water bottle, healthy snacks and warm clothing for between and after races. Races will start at 10.00am. Ages as at 1st Day of Term 2 (20th April)
 Distances:
 Year 1 & 2 (5 & 6 yrs) 0.8km x 1 Lap
 Year 3 & 4 (7 & 8 yrs) 1.7km x 2 laps
 Year 5 & 6 (9 & 10 yrs) 2.3km x 3 laps
 Year 7 & 8 (11 & 12 yrs) 2.8km x 4 laps

Pink Shirt Day 2026 will take place on Friday 15 May. Please wear pink and bring along a gold coin donation to support. It is about reducing bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces, and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming, and inclusive. Join us in the Pink Shirt Day movement to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora - Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

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

Kia ora koutou,

TUPU

This week's news comes from students in Tupu. Everlyn-Mae says, "We have been learning about split vowels and the tch trigraph." Tukaha says, "I like throwing the frisbee through the hoop." Laelah says, "I like playing hot potato outside." (Hot potato is one of the cooperative games we have been learning.) Regan says, "We've been putting a little chunk at the end of a word." (That little chunk is called a suffix). Atawhai says, "We learned that only Mum and Dad can light fireworks."

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu Students

Kia ora whānau,

In Mahuri, our tamariki have been exploring collaboration, cooperation, teamwork, and understanding roles and responsibilities through both our Physical Education programme and our inquiry learning. These ideas are woven throughout our day, including in literacy and numeracy, helping students make connections across their learning.

Student voice has been a big part of our learning. Some of our tamariki shared: "Teamwork is when we all help and don't give up," and "If everyone does their job, it works way better," and "It's more fun when we work together."

In writing, students have recently completed a holiday recount. This piece brings together the skills we have been focusing on this year so far, including planning, revising, editing, and publishing. We are very proud of the effort and progress shown by all students. We look forward to sharing these published pieces with you on Seesaw soon.

Ngā mihi,
Whaea Kylie

MAHURI

THIS TERM, IN RAKAU, OUR LEARNING SO FAR HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON DEVELOPING PERSUASIVE WRITING SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING PROBABILITY. WITH STUDENTS MAKING STRONG CONNECTIONS TO THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES. IN WRITING, STUDENTS EXPLORED HOW TO FORM AND JUSTIFY OPINIONS BY CRAFTING PERSUASIVE PIECES. ONE ENGAGING TASK INVITED THEM TO CONVINCE THEIR WHĀNAU TO ALLOW THEM TO GET A PET OF THEIR CHOICE, WHICH SPARKED THOUGHTFUL AND CREATIVE ARGUMENTS. LIAM SHARED, "I WANT TO GET A FISH THAT CAN STAY IN MY ROOM SO I DON'T HAVE TO SLEEP WITH A STINKY DOG."

STUDENTS ALSO REFLECTED ON SCHOOL LIFE BY CHOOSING ONE RULE THEY WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE. A POPULAR IDEA WAS HAVING A CHROMEBOOK ASSIGNED TO EACH STUDENT, RATHER THAN USING A DIFFERENT ONE EACH TIME. THEY WORKED HARD TO PRESENT CLEAR AND CONVINCING REASONS FOR THEIR VIEWS. AS TAI EXPLAINED, "THEN THERE WILL BE NO FIGHTS OVER WHO GETS WHICH ONE."

IN MATHEMATICS, STUDENTS HAVE BEEN LEARNING HOW TO CALCULATE PROBABILITY AND APPLY IT TO REAL-LIFE SITUATIONS, HELPING THEM SEE THE RELEVANCE OF MATHS BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

OUR INQUIRY LEARNING HAS BEEN A HIGHLIGHT, WITH STUDENTS COLLABORATING IN GROUPS TO PLAN, DESIGN, AND CREATE THEIR OWN BOARD GAMES. THIS PROJECT ENCOURAGED TEAMWORK, CREATIVITY, AND PROBLEM-SOLVING. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THEIR FAVOURITE ACTIVITY, MANY STUDENTS CHOSE THIS TASK. FINN SHARED, "I REALLY LIKED MAKING A BOARD GAME."

CLASS Snippets

RAKAU

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...



Stella & Ihaaka

"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

CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS (TERM 1) CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Atawhai for super engagement and participation in learning. Kershaw for super listening and participating in learning. Louis for your self-determination and commitment to improving your writing. Ted for being a team player and showing leadership skills during our PE and inquiry unit this term. Brooklyn for change in her attitude towards class activities. She has been showing work consistently throughout the week, trying to improve in general. Hades for showing perseverance in his work regardless of the difficulty level of the task.

LAST WEEK AWARDED TO:



STAR ATTENDANCE:

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 66% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

- Rakau 94% attendance
- Mahuri 94% attendance
- Tupu 92% attendance

We currently have 7 students with 100% attendance this year. Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.

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

KEEP UP the good WORK

CELEBRATING
10
YEARS



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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

A reminder, especially for our younger students, please ensure you pack a spare change of clothes in their school bag incase of accidents. Please ensure if your child comes home in items from school that they get washed and returned to school, it would be much appreciated.

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

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



TĒRĀ TE AUAHĪ

JUNE 10 - 14 2026 | SIR HOWARD MORRISON CENTRE



Te Whare Tapere o Te Arawa presents

Tērā te Auahi ✨

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

A contemporary interpretation of the 1886 eruption of Tarawera, one of New Zealand's most catastrophic natural disasters. Now on sale at the Sir Howard Morrison Centre.

📅 10 - 14 June
🎫 Multiple show times available
📍 Sir Owen Glenn Theatre
💰 Tickets \$22.44 - \$51.72

Seasonal Updates, Anytime



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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



SCOUTS
Aotearoa

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



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Call or message me with your check sheet or details of what you would like done & I'll get back to you with a price.

Cheers
Craig Henderson
0274956001

BE BETTER CONNECTED
CREATE CLOSER LINKS WITH THE HEAD, TEACHERS AND STAFF. IF YOU'RE NEW TO THE SCHOOL, THE PTA IS 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 SCHOOL. 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 ENJOY 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.

Come and Join

PTA

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.



REREWHAKAAITU

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.

AED



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%