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# Principal Report

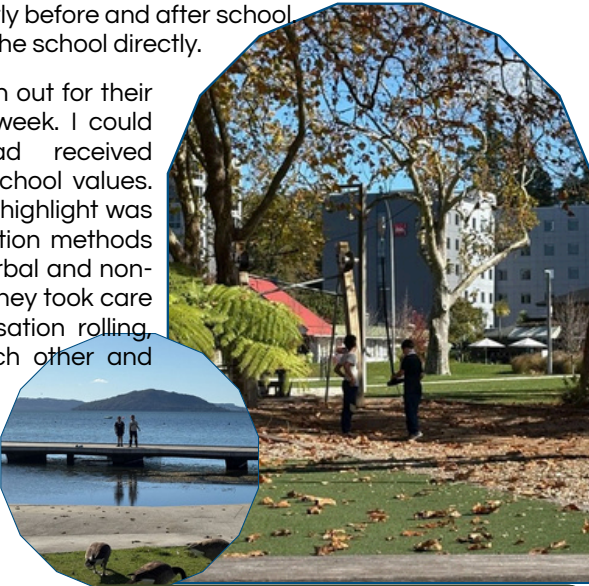
*Term 2 2026  
Week 4*

Kia ora koutou,  
In the New Zealand Curriculum one of the main objectives is Mātaiahikā, which is focused on the Relationships for learning.  
"Knowing learners, where they come from, and their cultural capital is essential for teachers and leaders working with parents, families, and whānau to create rich and relevant learning experiences."  
ERO (Education Review Office) tells us that "students achieve better at school when parents and whānau are actively involved and interested".  
This reiterates that the connection between home and school is essential for learning to be authentic for all ākonga.  
A huge part of this is the communication between whānau, the kaiako and the kura. Communication is key, at Lake Rerewhakaaitu we value the input of whānau.  
As a staff we have had discussions around what communication looks like at LRS. We use Seesaw to communicate and share information about the positive learning in the classrooms, this is an outwards model, where taira share their learning with you and you get to comment on the mahi they have shared.  
If you need to communicate with the kaiako about any concerns, clarification or issues please email the teacher. Email is the forum where we are able to fully engage in your questions, emails are checked regularly before and after school.  
If it is an urgent matter please phone the school directly.

I was lucky to take Taituha and Koven out for their Caught Being Awesome lunch this week. I could see why these two boys had received acknowledgement for showing the school values. They are definitely leaders for LRS. A highlight was listening to them use all communication methods throughout our excursion, English (verbal and non-verbal), Te Reo and Sign Language. They took care of each other and kept the conversation rolling, sharing parts of their lives with each other and myself.

We extend a big THANK YOU to our PTA for their generous donation towards our Senior Camp and Hillary Outdoors Camp. We also appreciate everyone who supports our PTA fundraising and events. It is truly wonderful to utilize these funds to directly benefit our students and their whānau :)

GET READY!!! Cluster Cross Country is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Well done to all our runners on Thursday! It was great to see everyone enjoying the day.. jumping the bales were the most enjoyed! Check out the results on the next page. Letters are going home today for those who qualified for Cluster. Wishing you all a great event, we know you will represent our school with pride and determination!



Cross Country	FIRST 10pts	SECOND 5pts	THIRD 2pts	
5 year olds	Boys	Regan	Jack	Saint/Mana
	Girls	Everlyn-Mae	Laelah	-
6 year olds	Boys	Louis	Soul	Wyatt
	Girls	Materia	Tawhiorangi	Athena-Rose
7 year olds	Boys	Koven	Taipari	Leon
	Girls	Eleanor	-	-
8 year olds	Boys	Finn	Rocco	Ted
	Girls	Caoimhe	Lucy	Tennille
9 year olds	Boys	Flynn	Charlie	Te Ngahere
	Girls	Ada	Evelyn	Monique
10 year olds	Boys	Taituha	Loki	Leo
	Girls	Johannah	Makenna	Stella
11 year olds	Boys	Nikau	-	-
	Girls	Pheonna	-	-
12+ year olds	Boys	Te Kaia	-	-
	Girls			

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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

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...**  
**Cluster Cross Country**  
Please let us know if you can help



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

**A reminder to please pay events payments to:**  
Lake Rerewhakaaitu School - 06 0413 0239124 00  
Please put your child's name and the event as the reference and code

Kia ora koutou,

# TUPU

In Tupu class we have been talking about what makes a good learner. We know that we need to look, listen, think about and remember what we're learning. We also know that we need to repeat things more than once and practice a lot so that we can remember what we've learnt. It's helpful to watch first, then have a go at a new task, with some help or support, before we're able to do things on our own. It also helps a lot to be clear about our learning goals and what we have to do to learn them.

In Mahuri class, we have been exploring how children feel about themselves as learners and what helps them learn best. Through student voice conversations, tamariki shared thoughtful ideas about what gives them confidence, helps them persevere, and makes learning enjoyable.

Many children said they feel proud when they try their best, achieve a goal, or help others. They shared that positive encouragement, working with friends, hands-on activities, and having time to practise all support their learning. Some tamariki explained that making mistakes helps them learn, while others said they feel most confident when learning is fun, calm, and interactive. These conversations are helping our learners recognise their own strengths, understand how they learn best, and build confidence in themselves as capable and successful learners. It has been wonderful to hear the children speaking so openly and thoughtfully about their learning journeys.

# MAHURI

Ngā mihi,  
Whaea Kylie

# CLASS Snippets

OUR STUDENTS, IN RAKAU, RECENTLY SHARED VALUABLE INSIGHTS ABOUT WHAT HELPS THEM THRIVE AS LEARNERS. A COMMON THEME WAS THE IMPORTANCE OF FEELING HEARD, SUPPORTED, AND INSPIRED IN THEIR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

STUDENTS SPOKE POSITIVELY ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN FROM ROLE MODELS AND VISITORS SUCH AS BROOKE FRANCIS. THEY SHARED THAT HEARING FROM INSPIRING PEOPLE HELPS THEM DEVELOP IMPORTANT QUALITIES SUCH AS DISCIPLINE, TEAMWORK, SPORTSMANSHIP, AND DETERMINATION.

THEY ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THEIR OWN INTERESTS RECOGNISED AND INCLUDED IN LEARNING EXPERIENCES. WHEN STUDENTS CAN CONNECT LEARNING TO WHAT THEY ENJOY AND CARE ABOUT, THEY FEEL MORE ENGAGED AND MOTIVATED.

FRIENDSHIPS AND POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WERE ANOTHER KEY FACTOR. STUDENTS SAID THAT LEARNING ALONGSIDE SUPPORTIVE FRIENDS HELPS THEM FEEL CONFIDENT, CONNECTED, AND READY TO PARTICIPATE.

THEY ALSO EMPHASISED THAT CLASSROOMS WHERE EVERYONE LISTENS RESPECTFULLY CREATE A SAFE AND ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING.

THESE STUDENT REFLECTIONS REMIND US THAT SUCCESSFUL LEARNING IS ABOUT MORE THAN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT — IT IS ALSO ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS, BELONGING, INSPIRATION, AND FEELING VALUED.

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...

# 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...



Ada & Soul

"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



Brooke Francis is a champion New Zealand rower, Tokyo 2020 silver medalist, and Paris 2024 Olympic gold medalist in the women's double sculls. As a "super mum" who returned to elite sport after having a child, she shared her inspiring journey with us.



## What I learned from Brooke Francis...

"To never give up" Makenna

"Her favourite food was pizza, I thought it would be veges" Charlie

Rowing is not just sitting, it's squats" Xavier

"To try hard" Flynn

"She is a mother of 3, she's an author and a rower" Te Kohu

"She's a rower, she had to wake up early in the morning no matter what season" Rocco

"To try your best" Ada



# CONGRATULATIONS



## LAST WEEKS CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Keeana for making amazing progress in her reading and writing. Lachlan S for making amazing progress in his reading and writing. Rocco for excellent focus and participation during numeracy lessons. Johnny for showing responsibility and diligence with all classroom jobs in Mahuri. Stella and Finn for always doing the right thing throughout the week



# 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 85% attendance

Mahuri 85% attendance

Tupu 85% attendance



**ALL CLASSES!**

We currently have 6 students with 100% attendance this year. Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.



KEEP UP  
the good  
WORK

SPREAD  
Kindness

BE  
kind  
to everyone

**CASH ONLY**

# CLUSTER CROSS COUNTRY

**FOOD FOR SALE**

And to get your Coffee kick...  
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**\$8 PULLED MEAT BUN**

**\$5 SAUSAGE, SOUP & BUNS, CAKES AND SLICES**

**\$3 COLD DRINKS - JUICE, WATER**

*Thank you!*

KIA ORA FOR SUPPORTING OUR PTA AND TAMARIKI!

## Mamaku's Marsupial Madness Challenge 2026

21st May (Noon) - 24th May (10am)

**PRIZEGIVING SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026 11:30AM (APPROX)**

**54 TARENA STREET MAMAKU**

**\$15 adult**

**\$5 child**

**GATES OPEN 9:30AM**

**FOOD AND DRINKS AVAILABLE**

**GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS**

**FANTASTIC PRIZE POOL**

Entries close Tuesday 19th May 2026

Entry forms available at Mamaku School office or Village Automotive.  
Or email - office@mamaku.school.nz  
Online Entries - <https://forms.gle/xaQbuY2BDGB7JKC9>  
<https://www.facebook.com/MamakuSchool>

# futures fluoro day

**Lake View Golf Club**      **Monday 15th June**

**\$20 PER TEAM**

Teams of 4, Fluoro dress up, great spot prizes  
Join us for a fun morning, open to Year 3-8 students, to learn a new skill and give golf a go! Rotate Golf  
Register 9am - Finish 11:30am  
Each team must be accompanied by an adult  
Register by the 8th June  
Enter as many teams as you like!!

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Register at penny.smith@golfnz.org 0274 599 633

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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
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Cheers  
Craig Henderson  
0274956001

# Come and Join PTA

**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, ENGAGING WITH THE PTA 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 GOING SO FUTURE PUPILS CAN BENEFIT TOO.

**SUPPORT THE SCHOOL**  
THE PTA IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHOOL. 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.

**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 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.

**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.

TOGETHER WE GROW