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# Principal Report

Term 2 2026  
Week 6

*"He waka eke noa" - we are all in this together*

While attending the Rural Principals Conference this week, I've had time to reflect on the uniqueness of Rural Schools.

We are schools that are usually the hub community, we value whānau input and the knowledge they have of the area we live in. On that note, I am seeking those people who know the history, especially waiata that is unique to this rohe. If you have knowledge or know someone who does and would be willing to share I'd love to hear from you.

I also want to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work of the staff at LRS. They want to do the best they can for your child and sometimes this can be overshadowed by the unrealistic expectations placed on them, especially around behaviours. Our classes are getting full (which is very cool) but just like at home, when you are in close quarters with others and who you spend entire days with, friction is going to happen. As a mum of 4 boys I know that not an hour went by without a fight or an argument, unfortunately this is upsetting for all involved but it also teaches us an important life skill, that of resilience in social situations. I've taught my own boys that you don't have to like everyone and not everyone is going to like you and that's ok. What matters is how you deal with these situations and at the moment in full classes, that is where our focus goes - teaching taurira resilience and strategies to help us through difficult times. This isn't a lesson that takes a week, this is a life skill, which means that the same behaviours are going to be seen over and over again until the skill has been developed and can be used daily and just like learning reading, writing and math, learning this skill could take many years, especially as the frontal lobe doesn't fully develop until you're in your 30s.

How can you help in this process? By talking to your tamariki, helping them to develop and practice these strategies at home; by ensuring your tamariki has enough sleep, breakfast and let the teacher know if they've had a late night or a rough morning; because as we know as adults if we haven't had enough sleep or food, things always seem worse than they actually are.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 16th June & Wednesday 17th June. Interviews are 15 minutes each. Appointment times are available now via the SKOOL Loop app, or get in touch with school. On the Tuesday, school will finish at 12.00pm. You will need to advise us if you are not able to collect your children at 12.00pm, so we can plan accordingly. Buses will run as usual at 3pm.

Just a friendly reminder that it's King's birthday this Monday, so there will be no school. Enjoy a refreshing break, get outdoors and have adventures. We will everyone back on Tuesday 2nd June.

We have two students attending the Hillary Outdoors Camp at Tongariro next week. A huge THANK YOU to our PTA, Reporoa Lions Club, and the Hillary Step Scholarship for their generosity, which has made it possible for our students to participate in this Leadership Camp. We're sure they'll have an amazing time, and we can't wait to hear all about their adventures!

Have you placed your orders and prepared your gear for the Fluro Disco? It's set to shine at the Rerewhakaaitu Hall on Friday 5th June. Please make sure your orders are in by Wednesday, 3rd June.

From June, the speed limit outside our school will drop to 30km/h during busy drop-off and pick-up times (8:00-9:00am and 2:45-3:45pm). At other times, the normal speed limit will apply. For more information and FAQs, visit: [rlc.net.nz/safespeeds](http://rlc.net.nz/safespeeds)  
Thanks for helping keep our tamariki safe.

*School interviews are live....*

*Next Week...*



We still have outstanding payments from RATS Duathlon and the Mini Marathon.

Please make payment ASAP to:  
Lake Rerewhakaaitu School  
06 0413 0239124 00

Please put your child's name and the event as the reference and code.

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

- Mon 1 King's Birthday
- Tue 2 PTA Meeting 7pm
- Fri 5 Fluro Disco - St Johns
- Wed 10 Board Meeting 7pm
- Fri 12 Scholastic Book orders due
- Tue 16 Interviews 1.00 - 5.30pm
- Wed 17 Interviews 3.40 - 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



Has someone misplaced their glasses? We found a pair on the field after the Fun Run. Please come to the office if they are yours



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

Kia ora, koutou,

# TUPU

When you are new at school there are so many things to learn! Success for Tupu students isn't just learning foundation literacy skills so we can start to read books, or basic numeracy concepts so we can begin to quantify things in our world. It also means learning how to get along with others in the classroom, how to share, take turns and cooperate with people. It may mean learning how to manage our feelings and our belongings. A successful day for us is a day when we have been kind and helpful to each other. We are also learning that problems and conflict are part of our lives, and we are learning to find good ways of solving them.

Kia pai tō rā,  
Tupu class.



Kia ora whānau,

As we reach the middle of the year, it has been wonderful to reflect on the successes in our Mahuri classroom. Our taura have been working hard across all learning areas and showing great growth and perseverance.

This term, our inquiry focus has been civics and society, exploring our roles within our whānau, school, and wider community. In writing, we have been building strong foundations for successful writing, while in maths we have been diving deeply into place value. Reading has focused on strengthening phonics knowledge and comprehension skills, and in PE we have been learning about long-distance running, teamwork, and resilience.

I am very proud of the effort and enthusiasm our tamariki are showing each day. Ngā mihi for your continued support.

Whaea Kylie

MAHURI

CONGRATULATIONS



### LAST WEEKS CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Alistair and Kershaw for learning to independently write a sentence about a topic.  
Cayden for always trying your best and showing a kind, positive attitude towards learning.  
Stella-Maree for bringing enthusiasm, confidence, and a friendly attitude to our classroom every day.  
Johannah for showing respect and responsibility on mat and otherwise.  
Evelyn for trying her best with every single task assigned to her

KEEP UP the good WORK

### 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...



Te Ngahere & Rocco

THIS TERM HAS BEEN FULL OF EXCITING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR OUR CLASS. OUR ĀKONGA HAVE SHOWN PERSEVERANCE, CREATIVITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY IN ALL THAT THEY DO. THEY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ASSESSMENTS, PARTICIPATED IN CROSS-COUNTRY, AND WORKED COLLABORATIVELY ON TWO FANTASTIC INQUIRY PROJECTS.

ONE HIGHLIGHT WAS OUR SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT, WHERE STUDENTS DESIGNED AND CREATED OUTFITS, SUITS, AND ACCESSORIES USING RECYCLED AND SCRAP MATERIALS BASED ON DIFFERENT THEMES. THEIR CREATIVITY AND TEAMWORK TRULY SHONE THROUGH. ANOTHER SUCCESS WAS DESIGNING AND CREATING THEIR OWN BOARD GAMES, WHICH ENCOURAGED PROBLEM-SOLVING, COMMUNICATION, AND INNOVATION.

IN MATHEMATICS, STUDENTS STRENGTHENED THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF FRACTIONS AND PERCENTAGES THROUGH A RANGE OF ENGAGING ACTIVITIES AND TASKS. CURRENTLY, OUR CLASS IS LEARNING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE THAT AFFECTED LAKE REREWHAKAAITU IN 2004, INCLUDING THE UNUSUAL SMELL THAT IMPACTED THE AREA AND THE WIDER EFFECTS ON THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT.

AS A KAIAKO, IT HAS BEEN INCREDIBLY REWARDING TO SUPPORT AND CELEBRATE THESE ACHIEVEMENTS ALONGSIDE OUR ĀKONGA. I AM VERY PROUD OF THE GROWTH, EFFORT, AND ENTHUSIASM THEY HAVE SHOWN THIS TERM.

RAKAU

### Booking Interviews

#### THE SKOOL LOOP APP

Download The Skool Loop App. A simple 100% free download. In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.



You will receive a Success notification once you have submitted your booking

Principals award

Pleona for showing the school value of resilience

### 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...



# Attendance

Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher. We are currently sitting at 64% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:  
 Rakau 93% attendance  
 Mahuri 90% attendance  
 Tupu 92% attendance  
 We currently have 8 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...*

**RAKAU!**

## Hato Hone St John Annual Appeal

Right now we need to raise funds to help build and repair ambulance stations across the country.

Please give generously this Annual Appeal to help Light the Way.

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Scan to donate

<https://lighttheway.stjohn.org.nz/lake-renewhakaaitu-school>

*Light the way*  
Annual Appeal

Get your fluro ready!! We will be having a DISCO on Friday 5th June. All profits will go to the Hato Hone St John Appeal. Not going to the disco? You can still support this detrimental service by scanning the QR code



Hato Hone St John does not provide ambulance services in Wellington or Waikato regions.



## When behaviour feels hard - try a HOLT check-in

Sometimes behaviour is a clue that our tamariki need some support.

**H** Hungry  
Have they eaten enough kai?



**O** Overstimulated or overwhelmed  
Has their brain had too much input, noise, socialising, pressure, and not enough downtime?

**L** Lonely  
Are they needing attention, connection or co-regulation?



**T** Tired  
Are they emotionally or physically running low?

### Behaviour is communication

Curiosity helps us understand what may be happening underneath.

*A calm, connected response helps tamariki feel safer, understood and more able to regulate.*

Inspired by the HOLT self-check framework. Adapted by Neil Parsons

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### July Edventure - Camp NZ (7-13yr olds)

- based at Ngamuwahine Tauranga,
- Mon 13th - Fri 17th July 2026. \$595 (5 days)
- 50 Spaces available on the bus.
- Pick ups from Hamilton and BOP
- OSCAR available

TIME TO PUT ON YOUR GLOW AND JOIN US

# FLURO DISCO

5PM - 7PM  
FRIDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026  
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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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July 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 2026



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### Daily Schedule

- 8.00-9.30 Intro and Games
  - 10.00-10.30 Skill Time
  - 10.30-11.00 Morning tea
  - 11.00-11.30 Free play
  - 11.30-2.30 Daily activity and lunch
  - 2.30-3.00 Quiet games (SHORT DAY ends)
  - 3.15-5.15 Afternoon tea and play
- Please note: We reserve the right to alter the daily schedule depending on enrolled numbers

### What to bring

- Drink bottle
  - Socks for tramp
  - Lunch and snacks
  - Conyfy clothes
- PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING

### Week 1 Programme

MON 6 JUL	Circuits day
TUES 7 JUL	Equipment day
WED 8 JUL	Fun in the kitchen
THURS 9 JUL	Jumping day
FRI 10 JUL	CLOSED FOR MATARIKI

### Week 2 Programme

MON 13 JUL	Craft day
TUES 14 JUL	Teams and challenges
WED 15 JUL	Fun in the kitchen
THURS 16 JUL	Rhythmic and roll
FRI 17 JUL	Shared lunch and Movie day

### Daily Cost

- 8AM - 3.00PM \$45
- 8AM - 5.15PM \$55

### Oscar Subsidies available

OSCAR Forms required at least 2 weeks prior to holiday start  
20% deposit required to secure place  
Terms and conditions apply  
email [admin@migs.co.nz](mailto:admin@migs.co.nz) for more info

### Pop-Up Classes

- TUES 7<sup>TH</sup> - RHYTHMIC  
Ball and Hoop throw and catch
  - TUES 14<sup>TH</sup> - FLIPPING WORKSHOP  
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