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Principal Report

Term 2 2026
Week 8

Titiro whakamuri, kōkōri whakamua
Look back and reflect so you can move forward

As we prepare to send reports home, this whakataukī sits at the heart of our assessment practices. It aligns with the New Zealand Curriculum objective of Mātairea – a focus on progress.

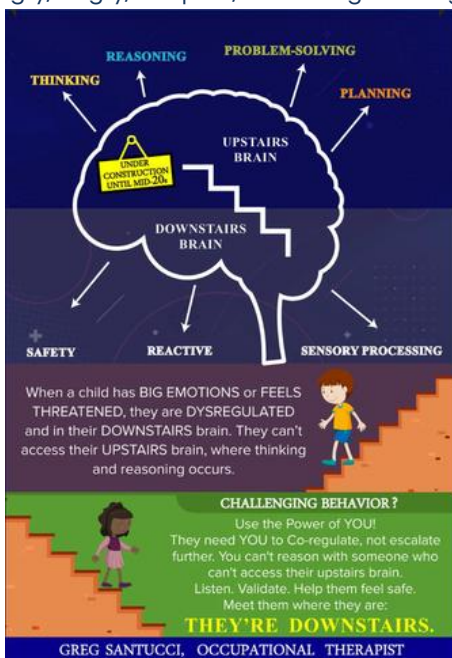
While we are required to report against a national curriculum that compares student achievement against expected levels, it is equally important to remember that every child learns differently, progresses at their own pace, and develops within their own unique context.

Our focus is on celebrating individual growth. We look at each child's learning journey: Where were they when they started school? How have they progressed since last year, or even since the beginning of this year? These are the comparisons that matter most.

Progress is about far more than academic achievement alone. A child's emotional wellbeing plays a critical role in their ability to learn. Brain science tells us that when children are feeling unsettled, anxious, tired, hungry, angry, or upset, accessing learning becomes much more difficult.

As Dr Russell Kennedy explains, "Your feeling state dictates your thinking state more than your thinking state dictates your feeling state." When children feel safe, regulated, and connected, they are better able to engage with learning. Conversely, the more stressed, frightened, or overwhelmed they feel, the less access they have to the thinking part of their brain.

As you read your child's report, we encourage you to view it through the lens of growth and progress. Together, let us celebrate not only what our children have achieved, but also the journey they have taken to get there.



DON'T FORGET

Next week are our parent teacher interviews. 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. Interviews are 15 minutes each. Appointment times are available now via the SKOOL Loop app, or get in touch with school.

A reminder that we have a variety of free Period products available for ākonga to use at school and at home. Students can take as many as they need for their full cycle and ongoing cycles. These are in the sickbay, staff toilet or contact Carla in the office. For more information check out healthnavigator.org.nz and search "Menstruation"

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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

June

Tue 16 Interviews 1.00 - 5.30pm
Wed 17 Interviews 3.40 - 5.30pm
Board Meeting 7pm
Tue 30 BOP Cross Country champs

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

August

3 - 5 Rākau Camp
Fri 28 Daffodil Day fundraiser

September

Wed 9 Board Meeting 7pm
Thu 10 LRS Speeches
Tue 15 Cluster Speeches
Wed 23 Cluster Winter Sports
Fri 25 Term 3 Ends

REPOROA VALLEY CULTURAL FESTIVAL
Programme 2026
Wednesday 1 July 2026
Rangitira o ngā kawa - Whaea Felicity Nepia

9:00am - Opening Karakia - Reporoa College Hall
9:15am - 11:00am

1. Reporoa Playcentre
2. Reporoa Kindergarten
3. Mihi School - Years 0 - 6
4. Reporoa Primary School - Years 0-5
5. Broadlands School - Years 0 - 3
6. Waikite Valley School - Years 0 - 3

11:00am - 11:25am - Parāmanawa (Morning Tea)

11:25am - 1:30pm

7. Lake Rerewhakaaitu School - Years 0 - 8
8. Reporoa Primary School - Years 4 - 6
9. Broadlands School - Years 4 - 6
10. Galatea School - Years 4 - 6
11. Waikite Valley School - Years 4 - 8
12. Te Kapa o ngā tamariki Toronga o te Kura o Broadlands

1:30pm - Poroporoaki - Closing Karakia

Mihi School - Sausage Sizzle (sausages, bread & sauce) & Frozen Juicies - \$2.00 each



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

Kia ora koutou,

TUPU

Our school disco was an absolute triumph, and it was clear that the children had a total blast! With the lights dimmed and the neon glowing, the dance floor was alive with incredible energy and non-stop dancing. Fuelled by delicious sausages and cool ice blocks, our students made some wonderful memories together.

Here's what some of our dancers had to say:

Regan: It was fun because we got to dance and there was smoke!

Tawhiorangi: I had ice blocks. I had a dance. I had a sausage.

Everlyn-Mae: I got glow sticks. I put them on my neck and my wrists. They looked pretty on my neck.

Atawhai: I liked the ice blocks and I liked dancing with my sister.

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu Class

SPREAD Kindness

Kia ora koutou.

Mahuri had an amazing time at the school disco on Friday night! Kakano was glowing with bright neon colours as students dressed up in their fluoro outfits and danced the night away. There were plenty of tasty treats available, including sausages, ice blocks, glow bracelets, and glow necklaces. It was wonderful to see so many tamariki enjoying themselves, showing school spirit, and spending time with their friends and whānau.

Some of our favourite comments from the night included, "My glow necklace matched my shirt!" and "The disco was awesome because I got to dance with my friends!" Another student shared, "I liked everything, especially the music and the sausages!"

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the disco such a fun and successful event. We are already looking forward to the next one!

Whaea Kylie.

MAHURI



Attendance

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

We are currently sitting at 59% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

Rakau 84% attendance

Mahuri 86% attendance

Tupu 74% attendance

And the Winner is...

MAHURI!

We currently have 5 students with 100% attendance this year. Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.

"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



LAST WEEK AWARDED TO:
STAR ATTENDANCE

KEEP UP
the good
WORK

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...



STUDENTS FROM RAKAU THOROUGHLY ENJOYED ATTENDING OUR RECENT SCHOOL DISCO, WHICH PROVED TO BE AN EVENING FULL OF FUN, MUSIC, AND EXCITEMENT. WHEN REFLECTING ON THEIR EXPERIENCE, MANY STUDENTS DESCRIBED THE DISCO AS "PERFECT" AND "AMAZING," HIGHLIGHTING JUST HOW MUCH THEY ENJOYED THE EVENT. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS FILLED WITH ENERGY AS STUDENTS DANCED, SOCIALISED WITH FRIENDS, AND TOOK PART IN A MEMORABLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION.

ONE OF THE STANDOUT FEATURES FOR MANY STUDENTS WAS THE ICE BLOCKS, WHICH WERE A REFRESHING TREAT AND A FAVOURITE PART OF THE EVENING. ONE STUDENT SHARED THAT THE DISCO THEME WAS WHAT THEY ENJOYED MOST, WHILE OTHERS SPOKE ENTHUSIASTICALLY ABOUT THE COLOURFUL LIGHTING, MUSIC, DECORATIONS, AND THE OVERALL ATMOSPHERE THAT MADE THE EVENT FEEL SO SPECIAL. STUDENTS APPRECIATED THE EFFORT THAT WENT INTO CREATING AN EXCITING ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERYONE COULD HAVE FUN AND FEEL INCLUDED.

AS THOUGHTFUL AND REFLECTIVE LEARNERS, THE STUDENTS OF RAKAU ALSO SHARED SOME IDEAS FOR MAKING FUTURE DISCOS EVEN BETTER. SEVERAL SUGGESTED HAVING DRINKS AVAILABLE ALONGSIDE THE ICE BLOCKS, WHILE OTHERS FELT THAT A LARGER SPACE WOULD ALLOW FOR EVEN MORE DANCING AND MOVEMENT. THEIR FEEDBACK SHOWED AN ABILITY TO CELEBRATE WHAT WAS SUCCESSFUL WHILE ALSO THINKING CRITICALLY ABOUT HOW FUTURE EVENTS COULD BE IMPROVED.

OVERALL, THE DISCO WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS AND PROVIDED THE STUDENTS OF RAKAU WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE LASTING MEMORIES, STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIPS, AND ENJOY BEING PART OF OUR VIBRANT SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

RAKAU

CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Kayden-Chase and Dustin for sharing and taking turns with the ball at lunchtime. Te Aukainga for fantastic progress in reading this term. Beau - Nau mai, haere mai. We're so glad to have you with us and we look forward to learning and growing alongside you. Makenna for always showing positive attitude towards class activities. Liam for being responsible, respectful, and taking charge of his own learning today

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...



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So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a cuppa and chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want.

Event details
Next event date
Thu 11th June
10:00am - 12:00pm

More upcoming dates
Every 2nd Thursday of the month during school term only
Thu 13th August
Thu 10th September
Thu 12th November
Thu 10th December

Venue
The Rusty Bros Bar and Cafe
1263 Amohia Street
Rotorua 3010

(previously called the Abracadabra Cafe Rotorua)

Event contact
Jane Ford
centrallakes@parent2parent.org.nz
027 808 3945

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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 PTA GOING SO FUTURE PUPILS CAN BENEFIT TOO.

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 PLAYGROUNDS THE LIBRARY THAT'S THEIR FAVOURITE PLACE TO BE.

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 UPBRINGING. DADS CAN BRING DIFFERENT SKILLS, 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.

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.

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School
TOGETHER WE GROW