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Principal Report

Term 3 2025
Week 10

Kia ora koutou,

It's hard to believe we're already at the end of Term 3! It's been a busy and brilliant few months, and we've had so many wonderful things happening around the school.

A Term of Growth and Learning - Our teachers have been hard at work, continuing their professional development in BSLA (Building a Stronger Learner's Approach) and CODE (Creating Opportunities for Deep Engagement) literacy. We're already seeing the positive impact of this training on our students' learning.

This term, our Passion Projects gave students a fantastic opportunity to learn through more aspects of technology. All children are engaged in Passion Projects, and our groups explored a variety of hands-on activities, including cooking, making traditional patu, and gardening.

Celebrating Te Ao Māori and Our Community - Our Te Ao Māori focus this term was maramataka, the Māori lunar calendar. The children learned about the phases of the moon and the Māori Atua (deities) and how the moon, sun, and stars help us predict the food-growing and gathering cycles. We also thank Whaea Adelaide for her continued work with te reo me nga tikanga maori with our teachers and students through out the year.

Again a huge congratulations to our students who represented us so well at the cultural festival in Reporoa! They did an amazing job, and their performance was a testament to their hard work and dedication. It is great to hear many of them still singing away on their own:) We also had a very successful Book Fair (\$1462!) and our popular Winter Sports events. Our senior leaders have been busy participating in the Kahui Ako's CCC program, which will culminate in an exciting activity day for our senior students next term.

Next term, we're thrilled to officially welcome Whaea Julieanne to LRS and Rakau room - woohoo! We will have a welcome in assembly on Friday 10th Oct at 2pm for Whaea Julieanne and any new students, followed by a game. Please come along and join us in helping them feel welcomed into our school and community. Thennnn, if you have time to spare... it would be absolutely amazing if some parents lingered to help set up for Pet day too. We hope to see you there, and help us show some community spirit :-)

Our main topic focus for Term 4 will be Careers, and we'll also be gearing up for Pet Day on the first Saturday back and then training will commence for our annual Athletics events.

A few dates to mark in your calendar;

1. Pet day on Saturday 11 October,
2. Kahui Ako TOD (teacher only day) Tuesday 28th October.
3. There is a Teacher, Principal and Support staff strike scheduled for the 23rd of October. I will keep you informed on any updates.

We hope everyone has a restful and safe break. See you all back for another exciting term!

A massive
THANKS

Thank you to our amazing PTA, and all those who support their fundraising events! We have received some new fabulous school hats. The PTA supplies each of our students with sun hats to wear at school. A reminder as Term 4 is nearing, that all students must wear hats when outside in Terms 1 & 4. Stay sunsmart - Slip, slop, slap!

BOP Badminton are running tournaments a non-rep tournament during the school holidays. Below is the link to enter.

CBOP Non-Rep Tournament 3 - Held at Rotorua Badminton Hall - 24 September 2025

<https://bnz.tournamentsoftware.com/tournament/0F991B0F-61D2-4F70-9580-9E3585371020>

Liz Savage
Kaiwhakahaere tākaro kura me ngā takahanga
CBOP School Sports & Events Director

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 89% attendance

Mahuri 96% attendance

Tupu 74% attendance

Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.

And the
Winner
is...

MAHURI!

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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

October

- Mon 6 Term 4 Starts
- Fri 10 Welcome assembly 2pm
Yummy Stickers due
- Sat 11 Pet Day
- Thu 23 Possible Strike Day TBC
- Fri 24 Group Day @ Reporoa
- Mon 27 Labour Day STAT
- Tue 28 Kahui Ako TOD

November

- Fri 7 LRS Athletics
- Thu 20 Cluster Athletics



Parent help required

Pet Day
LRS & Cluster Athletics

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

Kia ora koutou,

TUPU

This week in Tupu we are learning to make number bonds in maths: understanding that a number can be broken into parts. For example, the number 4 can be 1 and 3 or it can be 2 and 2. We've also been counting up to twenty in te reo Māori.

We had a great day on Wednesday at the Cluster Sports. There were a lot of fun games to play. Thank you to the parents who came along and looked after our teams. We hope you had fun too!

We're also getting active with our school garden project which will continue into term 4. We hope lots of parents will be able to get involved during term 4. We're looking forward to yummy fruits and vegetables from our own garden!

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu class.

CLASS Snippets

12 September 2025

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School Board
Casual vacancy for a parent representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative, due to fewer nominations than positions.

The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Bianca van Emmerik
Presiding Member (chair)
Lake Rerewhakaaitu School Board

9 Ash Pit Road
RD3, Rerewhakaaitu
Rotorua 3073

by: Friday 10 October 2025



Kia ora koutou.

MAHURI

This term, our class has been focusing on the learning intention:

"Students will develop and apply fundamental small ball skills (throwing, catching, striking, rolling, and dribbling) through games and activities that promote coordination, teamwork, and enjoyment in physical activity."

Through a variety of fun and engaging activities, students have built confidence in these core skills while also learning the value of collaboration and fair play. On Tuesday, we put our catching and throwing skills to the test in a lively game of T-ball – a great way to see how far we've come!

Wednesdays tabloid sports day at Reporoa Primary School was a fantastic celebration of our progress. Students had the opportunity to work in teams, show sportsmanship, and most importantly – have fun!

Ka kite anō,
Whaea Kylie



Pet Day is Coming!

It's that exciting time of year again—Pet Day is just around the corner! Children are already buzzing with enthusiasm as they prepare to choose and raise their special pets.

Our School Pet Day:
Saturday, 11th October

Group Day:

Friday, 24th October @ Reporoa Primary

For those interested in raising a lamb or calf, please note that these animals must be born between 20th July and 25th September 2025 to be eligible.

To help your child get started, check out the helpful Rearing Booklets available on our website:

<https://www.lakerere.school.nz/publications>

Adults section too!
To enter or for more info,
email:
pta@lakerere.school.nz



RAKAU

Creativity and Brainpower!

I don't often tell dad jokes. But when I do, he laughs

It's been a busy and productive time in the Rakau room! Our students have been showcasing their creativity and developing some fantastic skills.

We've been working on narrative writing through cartoons, and the results have been incredible. The students' stories have come out extremely well, and it's been a fun and visual way for them to tell a tale.

In math, we've kept up with our Super 36 times tables, and it's exciting to see our Super 36ers club growing with more and more students joining in. The children have also been tackling a real brain-teaser: creating their own crossword number puzzles. This activity is not easy, but it's a brilliant way for them to practice mathematical thinking and problem-solving skills.



CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Alistair for willingness to give everything a try at school.
 Morris for super engagement in learning. Leon for fantastic progress in Reading. Materia for never giving up - you keep on trying, even when learning gets tough.
 Johannah for smashing the Super 36.



Today we are showing support for World Hydrocephalus Day by wearing BLUE. Hydrocephalus affects one of our students, so we're showing our aroha :-)

What is Hydrocephalus?

Hydrocephalus comes from Greek words "hydro," meaning "water," and "cephalus," meaning "head." Hydrocephalus is a chronic, neurological condition caused by an abnormal accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) within the cavities (ventricles) of the brain. Hydrocephalus happens when there is an imbalance between the amount of CSF produced and the rate at which it is absorbed. As the CSF builds up, it causes the ventricles to enlarge, putting increased pressure on the brain.

A warm welcome to

Lockie

who is new to our school,
 We wish you a wonderful new journey here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School

A WARM WELCOME

KEEP UP the good WORK

Principals award



Leon caring for others

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 - Chase & Jonty
 Kakaramea - Ryan & Taituha


Congratulations to our house winner for last week...



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...



Morris & Taituha



Time to COLLECT Yummy apple stickers for our schools share of

\$200,000 FREE SPORTS GEAR

The more we collect, the more gear we get!

EAT YUMMY APPLES & BRING YOUR STICKERS TO SCHOOL!




We are collecting Yummy fruit stickers so we can claim some FREE sports gear for our school! The more stickers we collect, the more sports gear we can get.

Please add your child's name and their school house to each sheet. House points will be added in Term 4.

Spare sheets are on our website, and will need to be handed in to the school office by the end of Week one, Term 4 (10th October).



Under 5's Playgroup

Term 4!

Tuesday mornings @Rerewhakaaitu Domain

For all babies and children ages 0-5 in the area - social time locally
 You don't have to be enrolled with Plunket to join in. We bring toys.



Your Plunket Coordinator is Min Taylor
 Ph: 027 248 0312

whānau āwhina plunket

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.

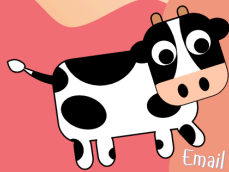
This defibrillator is registered with St John. The Defibrillator is positioned at the front door under the porch and is in a non-coded box for quick access.

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%

Support

LOCAL



Pre-School,
Adult and
Student Pet
Competitions
Email entries & queries:
pta@lakerere.school.nz

Pet Day

9.00am Saturday
11th October 2025

Come along and join us

SPECKLE PARK / FRESIAN CROSS
BULL CALF AUCTION @ 12PM



BORN 03/09/2025

Class displays

Market
Cakes BBQ
Raffles
Daisy Dump

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School PTA

All
welcome!



Happy Holidays

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