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## RICK'S Ramble

Term 3 2026  
Week 10

As we reach the end of Term 3, we want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy, action-packed, and highly successful term! Our children have put in incredible effort across the curriculum, showing fantastic growth in their learning, sports, and community engagement.

Here is a look back at some of our term highlights, key achievements, and important updates as we head into the spring break.

**Curriculum Focus & Learning Progress:** Through roll growth we gained our 4th classroom and welcomed in Whaea Tabatha. All four classrooms have been buzzing with learning throughout the term. Students have made great strides in our Structured Literacy and Structured Numeracy programs, demonstrating wonderful perseverance and enthusiasm in their daily routines. LRS speeches were extremely good this year and a huge thank you to Jo Roberts and Vicki Arnott for performing the very difficult task in judging these. In our topic focus of dance, we asked the question: **How do dance traditions help communities express culture, identity, and belonging through patterns and movement.** This was also our focus for passion projects that gave the children a glimpse of different dance genres. They then took these new learnings and choreographed their own dance moves to perform at our dance show today.

**Community & School Events:** Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success, raising over \$400 for our school in rewards. Rakau had lots of adventuring on their Whakamaru camp, and our whole school got to engage in the Science Roadshow at Murupara Area School. Tough Guy & Gal Challenge and Rip, Grip & Whip: Our students who represented Lake Rerewhakaia School showed incredible grit, sportsmanship, and determination out on the muddy and challenging courses. Daffodil Day Fundraiser: A big thank you to all the families who supported our Daffodil Day event. It was wonderful to see our school community come together for such a great cause and raise funds for the Cancer Society.

**Local Cluster Activities:** Our students performed exceptionally well in the Cluster Speeches, and the children had a fantastic time at Winter Sports this week, proudly bringing home the Sportsmanship Award! Even though we put out a call for helpers the response was very poor which was disappointing. We are immensely grateful to Megan O'Dea, Laura Forlong, Adelle and Lynda Pacey for stepping in to make the day possible for our kids. Thank you!

A massive thank you to our dedicated staff, PTA, Board, and parent volunteers. Whether you helped transport students to events, supported classroom activities, or cheered on our teams from the side lines, your ongoing involvement is what makes our school community so special.

As we move into the warmer months, **wide-brimmed school hats** are compulsory for all students in Term 4 during outdoor play and activities. These are supplied by the school thanks to our PTA. Sunscreen will be available in classrooms for children to reapply, but please apply sunscreen to your children before school each morning. Be sun smart

### Key Dates for Term 4

- **Term 4 Begins:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct
- **Pet Day:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct
- **Labour Day (School Closed):** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct
- **Athletics Events:** LRS Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov, Cluster Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov
- **Celebration of Learning/Prizegiving:** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec
- **Last day for students/End of Term 4:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec
- **Teacher Only Days:** Teachers will return on Thursday & Friday, 17/18<sup>th</sup> Dec for two teacher only days.

To come to grips with all of the new curriculum changes and planning for 2027.

We wish all our students and families a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable spring holiday break! We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for our final term of the year, and ready to kick off for Pet Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> October.

Take Care



**PTA CORNER**

**Calendar Art**

Our PTA Calendar Art fundraiser is right around the corner! Student artwork is on display in the school office. These creations can be transformed into customized diaries, greeting cards, and calendars, making wonderful gifts for Christmas, birthdays, or a special keepsake for your home.

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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 12 Term 4 Starts

Sat 17 LRS Pet Day

Wed 21 Vision & Hearing Testing  
Board Meeting 7pm

Fri 23 Group Day @ Waikite Valley

Mon 26 Labour Day STAT

### November

Thu 19 LRS Athletics

Wed 25 Cluster Athletics

### December

Wed 2 Board Meeting 7pm

Tue 15 Celebration of Learning

Wed 16 Last day for students

17-18 Teacher Only Days

**Pet Day**

9.00am Saturday  
17th October 2026

Come along and join us

SPECKLE PARK / FRESIAN CROSS  
BULL CALF AUCTION @ 12PM

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

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Plus our Kai Clinic (Shack) Grand opening

Class displays

Market

Cakes BBQ  
Daisy Dump  
Raffles

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

Kia ora, koutou,

KĀKANO

Term 3 has been an exceptional term for growth in Kākano students' learning. Our little seeds are definitely growing their shoots in the sunshine. It has been particularly rewarding to see huge growth in social interactions; students using good manners, kind words, and learning how to share equipment and look after property carefully. They've also made strides in their learning with great achievement results this term. They are also developing wonderful independence; they know the daily routine and can move to their tasks quietly and efficiently. It has warmed my heart to hear their reports of conversations at home about their learning. Well done students and parents! Have a lovely holiday break.

Kia pai tō rā,  
Kākano Class.

CLASS  
Snippets

What a busy and exciting term we have had in Tupu! We have worked hard across all areas of our learning, building our skills in reading, writing, maths and oral language. In literacy, we have explored phonics, decoding, vocabulary and comprehension, while developing our writing skills through entertaining and persuasive writing. A real highlight was our persuasive speeches, where the children worked hard to share their ideas and opinions clearly and confidently with an audience. Our learning through dance has also been a wonderful part of our term. We explored how dance can communicate ideas, feelings, culture and identity, learning dances from different cultures and developing our own choreography. The children have worked collaboratively, showing creativity, perseverance, respect and teamwork as they planned, practised, performed and improved their dances. We have also investigated how exercise affects our bodies and used Te Reo Māori throughout our learning. It has been fantastic to see the children grow in confidence and support one another, and we are very excited to share our dance performances with our school and whānau! Ngā mihi,  
Whaea Kylie

TUPU

We have had a bit of adjustment in the revamped Mahuri class. When questioned about what worked well for taura this term their comments included:

"Having less people in the class" Te Ngahere  
"Not having older kids in the class" Flynn  
"Making new friends" Tuhoro-James  
"Being in our own year groups" Liam  
"Not having younger children in the class" Ted  
"Having people help you when you need it" Te Kohu, Elsie

When we considered the things we have explored this term the taura commented:

Being involved, learning about and performing dance was the most popular.

We are lucky to have the Ministry funding the House of Science Box - this has been very popular in Mahuri as we had some questions about electricity (how can people live without electricity!) as a class led inquiry and the Electric Future box allowed us to explore power through hands-on learning.

We are looking forward to more sports, technology, art and science next term.

Enjoy your break

MAHURI

This term for Rakau we have settled into a really nice routine with our learning. We have very structured days that focus on quality and preparing students for student success in future learning. We have done our base line testing and are looking forward to plugging gaps we have found. Rakau students are very excited to develop their curiosity with our upcoming science series in Term 4 as well as eating some of the delicious food the Year 7 & 8s will continue to make in Term 4.

RĀKAU



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8-9TH OCTOBER  
AGES 12-17

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- Session details
- Duration: 2-hour morning session
  - Dates: Thursday 8th OR Friday 9th - October
  - Time: 9.30am - 11.30 am (please arrive at 9.20 am)
  - Cost: Free
  - Location: WaterSports Trust Building, 1 Mataiawhea Street, Ohinemutu, Rotorua 3010
  - Equipment: Provided
  - Parents: You are welcome to stay and watch the session if you wish.



# Attendance

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

We are currently sitting at 41% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

Kakano 77% attendance

Tupu 91% attendance

Mahuri 94% attendance

Rakau 87% attendance

*And the Winner is...*

**MAHURI!**

## 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 & Cayden

"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**

## MĀRAMA MOVIE NIGHTS

AT TE PUIA

**02  
OCT**

07:30 PM  
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**09  
OCT**

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## SPRING HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Ngā Hararei Kura  
o te Kōanga

28 SEP - 09 OCT



## 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...



SPREAD  
Kindness

CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CLASS CERTIFICATES  
WENT TO:

Dustin for making a big effort to be cooperative in class and use helpful language. Emily for making good choices in class and working hard on her learning tasks. Luke for engagement and participation in learning this week. Louis for your perseverance and positive attitude when tackling challenging number patterns. Flynn for showing honesty and resilience by working hard to make positive choices and learning from your experiences. Rangi for consistently showing the school values across all areas of her learning. Ada for demonstrating perseverance over the last two weeks towards her school work. It is great to see you working so hard and always doing your best. Charlie for taking ownership in his learning and making sure all his work is completed to the best of his ability.



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