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RICK'S Ramble

Term 3 2026
Week 5

Whaea Julieanne has been away all week attending a structured literacy course to support the new literacy program we are implementing across our schools. In her absence, Whaea Tabatha has done a wonderful job teaching in Rākau. This afternoon, the children are helping set up the brand-new classroom for our Year 6-8 students. Our new class arrangements will officially start on Monday, August 24th- it's going to be an exciting week!

Upcoming Events Next Week

- Tough Guy & Gal Challenge: Best of luck to all our students taking part! It promises to be an action-packed event full of mud, water, fun, and impressive effort. Don't forget- there's a prize for the "brightest school" dress-up!
- Daffodil Day Fundraiser (Friday): We're holding a fundraiser on Friday to support this fantastic cause. Come along, dress in yellow, bring a gold coin donation, and show your support!

Being My Best - Building Confidence and Resilience Programme

During the last set of holidays Mrs Bullock attended the Being My Best - Building Confidence and Resilience in Children course in Cambridge. We will be selecting children to participate in the programme (at school) over the next 15 weeks to help them build self confidence and resilience.

The programme supports children in developing their confidence and resilience by learning specific, proven strategies to help them cope with day-to-day life. During the programme children develop greater self-awareness, social awareness and positive ways to self manage themselves in times of challenge and new learning. The programme also focuses on strengthening their character through learning and practicing virtues that support the strategies they learn.

Skills such as understanding emotions, recognising signs of worry, techniques to effectively manage and regulate emotions, understanding how thoughts affect feelings and behaviour, problem solving and coping strategies are among a few of the learning intentions.

The programme consists of small group sessions of approximately 1 hour a week.

If your child is given the opportunity to participate in this programme, you will receive a letter of consent in the next few days. If you have any further questions, please email me on: principal@lakerere.school.nz

Parent evening Wednesday 2nd September 6.00pm

I will be hosting a parent consultation evening on Wednesday, 2nd September. This is an opportunity for parents and caregivers to share their thoughts on the future of Lake Rerewhakaaitu School. Your input will contribute to the development of our strategic plan and targets for the next three years. The evening will also give us a chance to discuss our revamped behaviour procedures and the new curriculum changes. Make sure you schedule in this evening to be a part of our children's future. Look forward to seeing you all there!



In the first week of September we will be having our annual Scholastic Book Fair. On Tuesday 1st we will have a Dress up as your favourite book character day. Who will you be?!

Fri 28th Aug Daffodil Day Fundraiser

Why we've joined Daffodil Day
Cancer impacts so many of us in New Zealand, with a heart-breaking 81 people diagnosed each day. The Cancer Society is here to help and support people with cancer and their whānau.

With your support, every dollar raised for Daffodil Day will go towards cancer care for patients and their whānau, education and awareness programmes, and life-saving cancer research.

<https://www.daffodilday.org.nz/lake-rerewhakaaitu-school-team>



A massive congratulations to Taituha and his team, Marist St Michaels U11s, on taking out the Central Bay of Plenty Under 11 Championship! Taituha served as co-captain in an incredible final against Waikite, with Marist clinching the win 54-51. Outstanding effort!



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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

August

Wed 26 Tough Guy & Gal
Fri 28 Daffodil Day fundraiser



September

Tues 1 Book character dress up day
1 - 4 Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 2 Parent evening 6pm
Wed 9 Board Meeting 7pm
Thu 10 LRS Speeches
Tue 15 Cluster Speeches
Wed 23 Cluster Winter Sports
Fri 25 Whanau Dance Performance, Term 3 Ends



October

Mon 12 Term 4 Starts
Sat 17 LRS Pet Day
Fri 23 Group Day @ Waikite Valley
Mon 26 Labour Day STAT

Parent help required

Cluster Winter Sports
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 class we've been talking about values. We are learning about things that are important to people. Some of the things we've discussed so far are: helping, whānau, creativity, money, nature, having fun, winning, working hard, getting good marks at school, having lots of things, being tidy and organised, being good at sports, having friends, learning new things, being safe, and fairness. Next week, we'll begin to explore which of these values is important to us. You might like to talk about your own family values at home. A great way to explore values is through different scenarios. For example, what do you do if you buy something from a store and the shop-keeper gives you too much change? How you choose to act will show you what you value most.

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu Class

CLASS
Snippets

It's been another busy week of learning in Mahuri!

In Mathematics, we have been finishing our learning about rational numbers, exploring fractions, halves, thirds, quarters, odd and even numbers, equivalent fractions and decimals. We've enjoyed using practical resources, pictures and number lines to help us explain our mathematical thinking and whakamārama our ideas.

This week also brings a special poroporoaki (farewell) to our wonderful Year 4 students as they head off to their next learning adventure with Whaea Julieanne. Ka pai, Year 4 – we will miss you! From next week, our class will become Tupu, with just our Year 2 and Year 3 tamariki. We're looking forward to a fresh start together as we move into Algebra and continue our learning journey. He wā hou, he akoranga hou!

Whaea Kylie.

MAHURI

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BOOK FAIR

Tues 1st - Fri 4th September we will be having our annual Scholastic Book Fair in the Library.

To kick this off we will have a Dress up as your favourite book character day on Tuesday 1st September. Who will you be?!

The Book Fair is a great time to get those wee gifts for children and whanau. The Book Fair will be held in the Library, times to come along and invest in your children's future are:

- 8.30am - 9.00am
- 11.10am - 11.30am
- 12.40pm - 1.00pm
- 3.10pm - 4.00pm - excluding Friday



🐾🐾🐾 Have you got your pet for Pet Day?!

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, 17th October

Group Day:

Friday, 23rd October @ Waikite Valley School

For those interested in raising a lamb or calf, please note that these animals must be born between 20th July and 25th September 2026 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

Free whānau resource: kōrero starters
Sometimes connection starts with one good question.

Real Parents, Brainwave Trust Aotearoa and The Collaborative Trust have created a free set of Whānau kōrero starters - printable conversation cards to help parents and caregivers get the kōrero going with older tamariki.

They're great for dinner time, car rides, after school, or any moment where a little opening for connection might help.

Download the free cards here:
realparents.nz/products/whanau-korero-starters-for-everyday-connections

Wild Chix

MINI HUNTRESS

For Mums and Daughters (aged 7-10)

26th - 27th September 2026

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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:

Rakau 89% attendance

Mahuri 88% attendance

Tupu 94% attendance

We currently have 2 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...

TUPU!



HOUSE POINTS

Tarawera Kakaramaea

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
Kakaramaea - Taituha & Nikau

Congratulations to our house winner from our latest assembly...



Principals award

Te Aukainga for perseverance

"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

KEEP UP the good WORK

CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Keeana for consistently working hard on all her school tasks. Laelah for working hard in maths. Xavier for demonstrating resilience and perseverance when learning or interactions have become tricky for you. Te Aukainga for showing great progress in reading and writing. tino pai! Evelyn for showing all of the school values in all areas of her learning. TeKaia for consistently showing the school values when approaching his learning.

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When home is feeling a bit louder and more reactive

Mid-winter can be a tricky time. Tamariki are tired, we're stretched, and small things can start feeling big.

1

Everyone may be running low

Tamariki can be tired, hungry, overloaded or holding in big feelings. Adults can be carrying work, routines, worries and the end-of-day rush.

2

Nothing has gone wrong

More tears, arguing, refusal or after-school wobbles do not always mean a bigger problem. Often, they are a sign that everyone's capacity is lower than usual.

3

What helps

- Food before questions
- Fewer words
- One clear instruction

- A softer voice
- Step outside or change the scene
- Repair after a hard moment



Ask: What would make the next ten minutes a little easier?

You do not need a perfect response. Sometimes the next small, steady thing is enough.

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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...



Finn & Te Aukainga

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Experience working with people from diverse backgrounds.

Good planning and organisational skills.

Confidence using technology.

The ability to remain calm and professional in busy environments.

Experience using Microsoft Office (required for some roles).

He aha e whai ake nei | What's next?

To see a list of roles available refer to <https://work.elections.nz/work-at-general-elections>.

Get your application in now, some roles start as early as July. All roles include compulsory paid training, and you do not need a CV to apply.

To apply for this role, click 'apply'. You will need an email address to register on our careers site.

If you have been referred by someone, please ensure you include this in your application.

Applications will enter a candidate pool for each electorate. Successful applicants will be matched to roles based on their skills, experience, availability, and location.

If you have a role you are interested in or prefer working in a specific voting place or electorate headquarters, please note this in your application. If you have any questions regarding the role, please contact recruitment@elections.govt.nz

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