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RICK'S Ramble

Term 3 2026
Week 6

We are racing through the term with only 4 weeks left until the holidays, and there's so much exciting stuff ahead!

- Book Fair & Dress-Up Day: Tuesday 2nd September (Week 7) — Come dressed as your favorite book character for a chance to win a prize!
- LRS Speeches: Thursday, 10th September (Week 8)
- Cluster Speech Competition: Tuesday, 15th September (Week 9)
- Cluster Winter Tabloid Sports: Wednesday, 23rd September (Week 10). Years 0–6 will be travelling to Reporoa Primary for this event.
- Whānau Dance Performance: Friday, 25th September (Term end)

Next Wednesday night, 2nd September 6.00pm, I will be holding the parent information evening.

The agenda is as follows:

- Latest from the Ministry of Education about what is happening in schools in relation to the curriculum and how we are implementing this.
- Explanation and discussion on our revised behaviour management plans
- Consultation on our strategic plan for the next 3 years - it is important that you have your say!!

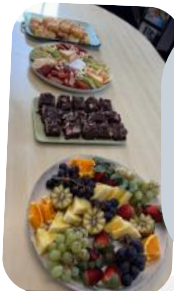
It would be wonderful to see as many people as possible at this event.



Congratulations to Rocco and Pheonna for being chosen as the 'Caught Being Awesome' recipients Term 2. We had a wonderful McDonalds Lunch followed by a play at the lake front playground and finally an ice cream from Lady Janes. Yummy!



We had Rajind Seneviratne and Rob Tane call in from Rotorua Lakes Council emergency management and civil defence teams. They had a catch up with Te Ngahere and Flynn who do the radio checks every Wednesday with the Rotorua Civil Defence crew. This ensures that we are ready and all good to go when and if we have an emergency.



A massive thank you to Hope and Jacinda for supplying a beautiful morning tea for the staff last Tuesday. Hope and Jacinda took it upon themselves to do this as a thank you to the staff and was very much appreciated, Thank you!!

Calendar Art

Our PTA Calendar Art fundraiser is right around the corner! Soon, student artwork will be 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. Stay tuned for more details and order information soon.

2026 TERM 4 CRICKET

LEARN - PLAY - HAVE FUN!

SMASH PLAY

JUNIOR — TAMARUKE

YRS 1-3
ages 5-8

WHEN
Thursdays
29 Oct - 3 Dec 2026

TIME
3:50pm - 4:45pm

WHERE
Smallbone Park

COST
\$10 per player

ALL WELCOME!
Mixed genders
All gear provided

INCREDIBALL JUNIOR CRICKET

YRS 3-5
ages 8-10

WHEN
Wednesdays
22 Oct - 3 Dec 2026

TIME
3:50pm - 4:45pm

WHERE
Smallbone Park

COST
\$10 per player

GIRLS ONLY OPTION
A great opportunity for girls to get involved and enjoy cricket!

Rotorua Hard Ball CRICKET

YRS 6-9
ages 11-14

WHEN
Thursdays
22 Oct - 3 Dec 2026

TIME
3:50pm - 4:45pm

WHERE
Smallbone Park

COST
\$35 per player

ALL GEAR PROVIDED

REGISTER & MORE INFO
info@rotoruaicricket.co.nz

ROTORUA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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



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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

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,

KĀKANO

We are happily adjusting to our new name in Kākano class. Our little seeds are bursting with their new learning and are showing wonderful focus on their school tasks. Last week, our maths focus was geometry and patterns. We know the difference between 2D and 3D shapes and can talk about them using mathematical language such as sides, corners, faces, edges and vertices. We can talk about position and movement using terms like front, behind, above, below, and we know that flat sides can stack or slide, and curved sides will roll. It might be fun to see how many 2 and 3 dimensional shapes or objects you can find in your home environment.

Kia pai tō rā,
Kākano Class

CLASS
Snippets

Nau mai, haere mai to Tupu! This week we have officially begun our new class chapter as Tupu, with 22 Year 2 and 3 ākonga. Our daily routines have continued much the same, with a few small changes to our groupings as we settle into our new class.

In Writing, we have begun learning about persuasive writing. Our topic this week is a very important one – convincing Mr Whalley that we need a longer morning tea break! The ākonga have been learning how to share their opinions and give strong reasons to persuade their audience.

In Mathematics, we have started our new Algebra learning. We are learning about the symbols <, > and = and what they tell us about numbers, as well as working out whether number sentences are true or false.

Our homework routine will continue as usual, with homework bags going home on Monday and returning on Friday. The ākonga have the whole week to complete their tasks at their own pace, so there is no need to rush through everything in one evening.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me at kylieg@lakerere.school.nz or pop in for a chat.

Ngā mihi,
Whaea Kylie

TUPU

Interested in entering the Adults & Pre school section? To show your interest, enter or for more info, email: pta@lakerere.school.nz

🐾🐶🐱 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.



17 Our School Pet Day:

Saturday, 17th October

📍 Group Day:

Friday, 23rd October @ Waitite 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>



Whenever I start with a "new class" I believe collecting student voices is an incredibly important part of the process, so that they know they are heard and have a sense of belonging, as learning happens when students feel they have a place and a say in their own learning.

What is something you like about being in our new Mahuri class? I get to see my friends, I have my own desk, I get to be with my age group, I get to play Stop the Bus, I learnt how to play Boggle, I have a fabulous teacher.

What is something you have already learnt this week? How to play Stop the Bus, Charlotte's Web (class novel) – that injustice is when you get blamed, or someone blames you, for something you didn't do; We learnt about conversions (which can be converting measurement and rugby kicks) we learnt that 1000cc = 1 Litre, we already knew that 1000m = 1km.

We are looking forward to spending time to get to know each other, how we learn best and of course all the new games we can play in all the curriculum areas.

MAHURI

This is the very first week for the new Rakau and we are loving our space.

The class is settling in really well and finding their feet quickly.

They are becoming more familiar with our routines and expectations, building positive relationships with one another, and growing in confidence each day. It has been lovely getting to know everyone more. It is awesome to see their enthusiasm, willingness to learn, and growing sense of belonging in the classroom.

RĀKAU

Well done to our two CBOP Soccer teams who had a fantastic day recently representing Lake Rerewhakaaitu School. It was great to see our Rerewhakaaitu Raiders and Rockets shirts out in action again! A big thanks to Megan & John for coaching, and our parents who supported too!



MIGS GYMNASTICS

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FUNDRAISING FOR THE
NATIONALS TEAM

29
AUG

5PM-7PM

\$15
PP

Sausage Sizzle
Drinks and treats

Free play
Dancing



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 82% attendance

Mahuri 94% attendance

Tupu 88% attendance

Kakano 78% attendance

We currently have 1 student with 100% attendance this year.

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

And the Winner is...

MAHURI!



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...



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...



Flynn & Rocco

"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.



CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Atawhai for carefully using pencil and water colour paints to make lovely art work. Emily for trying hard to use good manners and being respectful in class. Tuhoro-James for striving to do your best in all subjects. Materia for striving in mathematics lessons.



Lake Rerewhakaaitu School was well represented at the recent Reporoa Rugby Club JAB Prizegiving.

- Under 7s Most Valued-Johnny & Sportsmanship-Morris
 - Under 8s Most Improved-Taipari
 - Under 9s Most Valued-Te Aukainga
- Congratulations!**



OPEN DAY REPOROA COLLEGE

8.50am - Meet in the Library for a 9am start
9am - Welcome and general information for whanau and students
Followed by:

- school tours
- taster lessons before and after lunch
- lunch provided

Whanau are welcome to join for the start of the day to meet SLT and tour the school, refreshments will then be offered in the staffroom. Students are welcome to arrive and go home on their usual buses, or come with their whanau.

Friday, 4th September 2026
AT 9 AM - 3.10 PM
Reporoa College
www.reporoa.school.nz

**KEEP UP
the good
WORK**

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.

Thanks to all those who've dressed up and donated today for this amazing cause. It is still not too late to donate.. scan QR to donate online

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



Lake Rerewhakaaitu School Team



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