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# Principal Report

Term 3 2025  
Week 9

Cluster Winter sports is next Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> September. This will be held in Reporoa. We will be travelling over by bus, but will need parents to help with assisting our teams. This involves walking around with the team to each event and being on crowd control. Our teachers will be busy running events. Buses will leave school at 9.00am and we will be returning at 2.00pm. Our school lunches will be delivered to Reporoa. Please ensure children have warm clothes and water bottles. Year 0-3 held at Reporoa Primary  
Year 4+ held at Reporoa College  
Please let us know ASAP if you can help.



We Need Your Help with Our School Garden! Our school garden project is finally underway, and we're looking for volunteers to help us next Thursday and Friday. The whole school will be involved, and many hands make light work! If you have some time and can lend a hand, please come along and help us build and fill our new garden beds. We also have a big need for garden soil. If you have any to spare or know where we might be able to get some, please let us know. Your contribution would be a massive help in getting our garden ready for planting. Let's work together to create an amazing outdoor space for our students!



Congrats to our Super Speakers who represented our school at the recent Cluster Speech Competition! A huge congratulations to Chase who placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Taituha and Jonty who did amazingly. They all did an incredible job, and their hard work and preparation truly shone through. Great work!

Our new school board recently held its first meeting, and it was a great start with a lot of positive energy and ideas. We are still looking for one more dedicated person to join our team. If you're interested in making a difference and contributing to the school's future, please get in touch. Please see the board selection notice within this newsletter.

Next Friday, 19th September, we will be showing our support for World Hydrocephalus Day by wearing BLUE. Hydrocephalus affects one of our students, so lets show 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.

**Who can Develop Hydrocephalus?**  
Hydrocephalus can develop at any age, affecting newborns and children to young, middle-aged, and older adults.

**How is Hydrocephalus Treated?**  
There is currently no known way to prevent or cure hydrocephalus and the only form of treatment requires brain surgery. The most common form of treatment is a medical device called a shunt. This is a flexible tube that diverts the flow of CSF to another part of the body, most often the abdominal cavity or heart, where it can be absorbed.

Holiday Time is near! There's only one more week of school left before the holidays begin! It's been a busy and productive term, and the children have earned a well-deserved break. The teachers will be using this time to plan and prepare for an exciting term ahead. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday!



## Attendance

Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher.  
We are currently sitting at 61% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:  
Rakau 85% attendance  
Mahuri 94% attendance  
Tupu 91% attendance  
Excellent effort to those students and their whanau for ensuring your tamariki are attending school each day.



A special shout-out to the team from VetPlus who came to school this week. They were a huge help in a very important task, providing vaccinations, tailing, and castrating the young lambs. We really appreciate their expertise and support.



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

### September

Wed 17 Cluster Winter Sports  
Thu 18 Calendar Art orders due  
Fri 19 Wear Blue 4 Hydrocephalus  
Term 3 Ends

### October

Mon 6 Term 4 Starts  
Fri 10 Yummy Stickers due  
Sat 11 Pet Day  
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

Cluster Winter Sports  
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

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



## CLASS Snippets

Kia ora, koutou,

## TUPU

Our big challenge in Tupu this week has been to learn to count to 20, forwards and backwards. I love it when children tell me they have been practising at home! You can support this learning by finding things around you in your everyday world for your children to count. The more practice, the better.

We have been learning about the seasons and months of the year and talking about what happens in each season and the types of clothes we wear.

Next week, on Thursday and Friday, we will be focusing on our school garden project. It would be great to have some keen parents to help us out with our projects.

Kia pai tō rā,  
Tupu class.



Reminder to get your orders in for our PTA Calendar Art fundraiser. Artwork and samples will be displayed in the office until the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Come and check them out.

Orders and payments are due by this Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Have your child's own art made into unique products!**

**Calendars**

- Treasured keepsakes
- Perfect Christmas presents for friends and family
- Order as many items as you wish from the same picture

**Cards**

**Diaries**

**Mouse Mats**

**Sketch Pads**

\$18	Per Calendar	\$18	Per Pack of 8 Cards
\$20	Per Diary	\$20	Per Mouse Mat
\$20	Per Sketch Pad		



### 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](mailto:pta@lakerere.school.nz)

Kia ora koutou,

## MAHURI

It's been a busy week of assessments in Mahuri, and our ākonga have shown fantastic progress in reading, writing, and maths – ka mau te wehi!

As part of our local curriculum learning, we've also been exploring Maramataka. The students are creating booklets or posters to reflect and share their learning from this term. Keep an eye out for these wonderful displays in the corridor from next week!

Ka kite anō,  
Whaea Kylie



We here at Woolworths Pharmacy Rotorua (Formerly Countdown Pharmacy Rotorua) would like to inform again that our pharmacy is able to provide free treatments for Headlice and Scabies for anyone over the age of 2 via a short pharmacist consultation (usually 5-10 minutes). **However, due to upcoming funding changes, this service will end after 30th September 2025.**

This service enables the public to more easily access Headlice and Scabies treatments without prescription and also remove cost-related barriers. No appointments are needed. The person needing the treatment or their parent/s can just come into our pharmacy and ask for the consultation and the pharmacist will offer a private room for the short consult, where the pharmacist will check the symptoms, ask a few relevant questions, determine if the product is suitable and provide the relevant product with advice, or refer to doctor if needed.

For the Headlice service, we are able to provide 1 bottle of Headlice treatment lotion and a lice comb for each person in the household needing treatment.

For the Scabies service, we are able to provide 2 bottles of Anti-scabies lotion for each person in the household, plus a tube of anti-itch cream if needed.

The service is completely free of charge and in addition to the products, relevant information leaflets will be provided.

Please pass this information to teachers and parents so that more students and their families can benefit from this service. However please make sure that they know that this service will end after 30th September 2025.

Please also feel free to contact us by phone (07 343 6327) or email ([rotorua@woolworths.co.nz](mailto:rotorua@woolworths.co.nz)) if you have any questions about the service, or about the products we can supply.

Kind regards,  
Woolworths Pharmacy Rotorua Team  
246 Fenton Street, Rotorua



## RAKAU

A Week of Fun and Learning in Rākau!

This week in Rākau, we've had a busy and creative time. We've been diving into the world of cartoons, investigating their unique features and how they tell a story. The students have really enjoyed exploring this fun and engaging way of communicating. They are now going to create their own cartoon.

In math, we've been practicing our super 36 times tables. A huge congratulations to the students who have been getting 100% on their tests—they are now part of our 36ers Club! Our goal is to get every student into the club, and we'll keep practicing to make sure everyone gets there.

We've also been sharpening our basic math facts by working on cross-number puzzles. The students have become so good at them that they've now started creating their very own puzzles for their classmates to solve. It's fantastic to see them taking charge of their learning and challenging each other.



# CONGRATULATIONS



**LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:**

Regan for super work in class. Keeana for blending into Mahuri class and getting stuck into her work. Lucy for showing outstanding effort and creativity in speech writing and presentation. Renata for being a positive, contributing team member of our Mahuri class. Pheonna for fantastic work in all areas

# TOTS TO TEENS

## CHILDHOOD IN AOTEAROA

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Spring is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents: [issue2509.totstoteens.co.nz](http://issue2509.totstoteens.co.nz)

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- » Spotting microaggressions in kids
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- » Raising an entrepreneur
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- » Easy air fryer recipes
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# Principals award



Morris for fantastic work attitude

## Under 5's Playgroup

**Term 4!**

**Tuesday mornings**

**@Rerewhakaaitu Domain**

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For all babies and children ages 0-5 in the area - social time locally  
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Your Plunket Coordinator is Min Taylor  
Ph: 027 248 0312



## 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 Friday assemblies all get read out and one from each drawn out as our super star recipient.

Our Caught Being Awesome recipients are...




**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!**

THE Yummy FRUIT COMPANY



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 (10<sup>th</sup> October).



On bags of apples, cut out and collect these labels

# 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...

**KEEP IT UP!**

**HAPPY WEEKEND**



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Email entries & queries:  
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# 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  
BBQ  
Cakes  
Raffles  
Daisy Dump



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School PTA



**Have your child's own picture  
made into unique products!**



### Calendars

High quality laminated A4 print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. Wire bound to a 12-Month tear off calendar. Includes public holidays & school terms.

### Cards

Display your Child's Artwork or Photo on a pack of 8 cards. Artist's name and age are printed on the reverse of Art products. Includes envelopes.

### Diaries

Hard cover print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. A5 size (148 x 210mm). Wire bound. Artist's name and age printed on the inside cover. Includes week view and year planner.

### Mouse Mats

Your child's Artwork or Photo print, heated on to a high quality neoprene mouse mat.

### Sketch Pads

Front cover features your child's Artwork or Photo. Wire bound with 50 x A5-sized pages of blank off paper. Protected with plastic covers front and back.

- ★ Treasured keepsakes
- ★ Perfect Christmas presents for friends and family
- ★ Order as many items as you wish from the same picture

Orders to be returned by:

**Thursday 18th September 2025**

Student's Name:						Room:	
(Fill out one form per child)							
Parent's Name:						Phone:	
	Calendars	Cards	Diaries	Mouse Mats	Sketch Pads		
	\$ 18	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 20	Total of each Row	
How many items are to be made from this Student's Art?							
How many items are to be made from Uploaded Photos? (Instructions below)							
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	

### Payment Instructions:

Please make payment when this form is returned.

### Direct Credit to:

Reference: Child's name  
Code: Calendar Art

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School PTA

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