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RICK'S Ramble

Term 4 2026
Week 1

Welcome back to the final term of 2026! We have a full schedule ahead with many exciting activities for both our students and the wider community. It is wonderful to see the Kai Clinic already in full swing, with the children busy baking cakes, biscuits, and muffins in preparation for Pet Day. Please join us for the official reopening of the Kai Clinic this Saturday at lunchtime. Our Pet Day is tomorrow, and we look forward to seeing everyone there! Don't forget - Group Day will be held in Waikite on Friday, 23rd October

This term we have Mrs Bullock continuing with the "Being my Best" programme which is progressing nicely. We have several key events coming up: LRS Athletics will take place on 19 Nov, followed by Cluster Athletics on 25 Nov. In Week 9, on Friday 11 Dec we will hold our Swimming Sports which was postponed from Term 1. Our Celebration of Learning / Prizegiving will be held on 15 Dec, with the last day of school for students on Wednesday 16 Dec.

A warm welcome to Robb Gardner who began the caretaker roll this week. We know he will do a ship shape job of keeping our school grounds looking sharp.

Our Local Curriculum Focus is Sports and Leisure.

With the big idea being 'Be brave enough to try!' This also fits in with our focus this year on resilience, perseverance, and confidence. We are asking the questions of:

How do we solve conflict within team sports?

How does attitude affect our relationships?

How does my language impact situations?

How do I include everyone in my group?

How does sport help me grow my resilience and perseverance?

How does my attitude affect my ability to "give it a go?"

Each morning before the bell goes the children are out doing fitness activities that are led by Whaea Julieanne. This is a fun way to start the day and gets our blood pumping for a full day of learning.

In the ever changing landscape of education, as teachers, we are once again dancing on the shifting carpet of educational reform. The updated New Zealand Curriculum represents the most significant overhaul to national education since 2007. This is driven by a shift toward a "knowledge-rich" model grounded in the science of learning, the updated framework moves toward structured, year-by-year learning sequences and explicit teaching.

The core pillars of the reform are: Knowledge-Rich Curriculum having standardised year-by-year teaching sequences that clearly define what content students must learn and when, ensuring consistency regardless of which school a student attends. This is grounded in the Science of Learning that has a heavy emphasis on explicit instruction, cognitive science, structured literacy (phonics), and foundational numeracy. The Core Capabilities are across all subjects and content is designed to develop problem-solving, communication, self-management, creativity, and relating to others.

The updated curriculum is being rolled out in staged phases across primary, intermediate, and secondary schools: 2026 - Years 0-10: Mandatory implementation of updated English, Mathematics & Statistics, Te Reo Rangatira, and Pāngarau. 2027 - Years 0-8: Rollout of Science, Social Sciences, Pūtaiao, and Pūmanawa Tangata. 2029 - Years 0-8: Full implementation of remaining subjects (Health & PE, The Arts, Technology, Languages).

The main assessment changes are Structured Literacy & Early Assessments, being a mandated use of Phonics Checks (or Hihira Weteoro) for early primary learners, alongside standardised biannual progress reporting in literacy and maths for Years 3-8.

Our Teachers will be having Teacher Only Days (TOD) on the 17th and 18th Dec to upskill on the new NZ curriculum changes that will stand us in good stead for the coming onslaught from 2027 and beyond.

Our teachers also had professional learning during the Term 3 break to upskill on the latest Progressive Achievement Tests that we will be using to test our children. PATs are formative, low-stakes assessments designed to support teaching and learning. They were first developed more than 50 years ago by NZCER, and today are used by more than 1,500 schools in Aotearoa. PATs are now one of schools' options for assessment in reading, writing and maths. We have begun mapping PAT scores to the progress descriptors for the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum to support schools' reporting, and have ensured that these assessments target key concepts across the curriculum, for example:

- Mathematics – solving problems using ideas from number, measurement, geometry, algebra, statistics, and probability.
- Rational Number focuses specifically on this aspect of maths.
- Reading Comprehension – using decoding skills to make meaning from written texts
- Writing – crafting an extended written response to a prompt
- Reading Vocabulary – understanding the meaning of words in written contexts
- Listening Comprehension – using aural skills to make meaning of texts
- Punctuation and Grammar - understanding of the standard English language conventions of grammar and punctuation

Together, these assessments provide dependable measures of achievement in areas that matter most for success in schooling and beyond. They help us interpret evidence of progress, identify patterns, and make informed professional judgments.

PATs highlight essential learning and sit alongside classroom observations, rich learning conversations, and teacher-designed assessments as part of a broad, balanced approach to understanding learners and learning.



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Monday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Tuesday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Thursday: 9.00am - 12.30pm

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Important dates

October

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

Fri 11 Swimming Sports

Tue 15 Celebration of Learning

Wed 16 Last day for students

17 & 18 Teacher only days (TOD)

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,

KĀKANO

Term four is all about being brave enough to try new things and stepping up to big challenges. We began our week by watching a Class Dojo video about Mojo being defeated by the high diving board at the pool. We're learning that taking small steps is a way to approach big challenges. Over the course of the term we'll be exploring "Sticky Situations" and sharing ideas about what people should do in these circumstances. We'll also be exploring some science concepts about forces using marbles and magnets. And there are lots of upcoming sports activities to look forward to.

Kia pai tō rā,
Kākano Class

CLASS
Snippets

Welcome back to Term 4! We have an exciting term ahead in Tupu. Our inquiry focus this term is "Be Brave Enough to Try!" We will be exploring how sports and leisure can help us build resilience, perseverance and sportsmanship. We will learn about teamwork, including others, using positive language, solving disagreements and having a go at new challenges, even when things feel difficult. We are also looking forward to Pet Day this weekend, followed by athletics day, swimming sports and, finally, our Celebration of Learning, where we can share and celebrate our learning and achievements. It's going to be a busy and exciting final term, and we can't wait to see our Tupu learners give things a go, support one another and finish the year proudly!

Ngā mihi,
Whaea Kylie

TUPU

OVERDUE

We have a number of outstanding payments due for elected events; CAMs, Rats Duathlon, Tough Guy & Gal, Mini Marathon and Rip, Grip & Whip.

Please check whether you have paid, and if not please do so as soon as possible to:

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School 06 0413 0239124 00

Reference: Child's name Code: Event

If payments are not received this will affect future opportunities for these events.

We have hit the ground running in Mahuri with assessments being completed across reading, writing and math. If you have any questions or concerns about your child/ren's learning please reach out and set up an appointment and I can go through the results and next steps with you.

We have started our whole school training sessions every morning in preparation for athletics and swimming sports this term. The children are approaching this with a positive attitude.

Our whole school unit is titled "Be brave enough to try!" and we have been unpacking what this means and how it links to our school values of resilience, perseverance and courage.

I look forward to seeing students take part in Pet Day this Saturday - good luck everyone!

MAHURI

We have started the term with a bake-a-thon! Students have embraced the spirit of tuakana teina, creating a variety of baked goods for our Pet Day tomorrow. We look forward to seeing you and your whānau there to enjoy our baking!



RĀKAU

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Returning to early starts, busy days and familiar routines can bring excitement, tiredness and big feelings. A little extra support at key times can help.



1

When they come home

Offer kai and a little quiet before asking questions.

Transitions take energy. Give them time to land.

2

Through the evening

Keep plans light and use fewer instructions.

Tired brains cope better when there is less to process.

3

Before the next day

Choose one anchor: bags ready, clothes out or a story together.

Knowing what comes next helps tamariki feel settled.

A SIMPLE TIP

Expect a little wobble

A tricky first few weeks doesn't mean everything or anything has gone wrong.

You're all finding the rhythm again. A little steadiness is enough.

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Calendar Art



Our PTA Calendar Art fundraiser is taking a slightly different approach this year! The children's artwork has been submitted, and we will receive ordering details soon. These creations can be made into customised diaries, greeting cards, and calendars - perfect for Christmas gifts, birthdays, or a special keepsake for your home. Keep an eye out for ordering details coming soon!

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School
PTA
GRAND REOPENING
of the
KAI CLINIC
Formally the PTA Shack and the School Dental Clinic.



We'd love to invite past school members and current community members to come and see the refreshed space!

OPENING DATE
17th October
12pm

AT LAKE REREWHAKAITU SCHOOL
during School Pet Day

All welcome!

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School
TOGETHER WE GROW



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

Pet Day

9.00am Saturday
17th October 2026

Come along and join us

SPECKLE PARK / FRESIAN CROSS
BULL CALF AUCTION @ 12PM



BORN 17/08/2026

Class displays

Market
Cakes BBQ
Daisy Dump
Raffles

Plus our Kai Clinic (Shack) Grand opening



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2026 TERM 4
INCREDIBALL
JUNIOR CRICKET
YRS 3-5 APPROX.

LEARN, PLAY, HAVE FUN!

COST \$10 PER PLAYER FOR THE TERM



WHEN Thursdays 23 Oct - 3 Dec 2026	TIME 3:50pm - 4:45pm	WHERE Smallbone Park	GIRLS ONLY OPTION A great opportunity for girls to get involved and enjoy cricket!
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ALL WELCOME!
Mixed genders | All gear provided

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SMASH PLAY
JUNIOR — TAMARIKI

HAVE A BLAST, LEARN THE BASICS!

YRS 1-3 APPROX. AGES 5-8



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27TH OCTOBER 2026

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