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Principal Report

Kia ora koutou,

Young entrepreneurs are in the making! Our students have embarked on an exciting new topic exploring careers, and the energy in the classroom is palpable! This isn't just about reading job titles; the children are engaging in some deep self-reflection. This process encourages them to connect their current skills and interests with future possibilities, helping them see the real-world value of their talents. It's wonderful to see them start to articulate their strengths, whether it's being a great storyteller, a careful builder, or a brilliant problem-solver!

This exploration has lined up perfectly into planning for our upcoming Market Day. The children are applying their early entrepreneurial thinking by deciding what product they would like to produce and sell. They are currently brainstorming, innovating, and discussing everything from initial designs to potential costs and customer appeal. Keep an eye out for updates on their progress—you might just be witnessing the start of some brilliant careers!

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GET READY

Getting ready for Athletics! The energy levels are running high because we're officially shifting into athletics mode! The children will be practicing essential fundamental movement skills in preparation for our upcoming events. We'll be focusing on the key actions of running, jumping, throwing, and pushing to help them develop strength, coordination, and technique in a fun, active way. Don't forget our event is on Friday 7th November and the Cluster event on Wednesday 19th November which will be held at Reporoa College. We need parent helpers to enable these events to take place. So please let us know as soon as possible if you can help.

Our teachers are looking forward to an important session of Maths Professional Learning and Development (PLD) next week. We're thrilled to be hosting Annabeth from PRIME Maths, who will be spending time at school teaching us the ins and outs of this program. This is a valuable opportunity for our staff to enhance their teaching methods and ensure we continue to deliver high-quality maths education.

Thanks to those students who have dropped in their Group Day response slips already, if you haven't done so already please ensure these are in by Monday morning so that we can enter them. Good luck to all the children who will be participating in Group Day next Friday! We know you've been working hard with your animals, and we're excited for you to showcase your efforts at the next level. Have a fantastic day!

Important: School Closure Due to Teacher Strike next week. Please note that our teachers will be participating in a Nationwide Teacher Strike on Thursday, 23rd October. Our school will be closed on this day, so you will need to keep your children at home. This action is part of the ongoing collective agreement negotiations. We understand the disruption this causes, and we thank you in advance for making alternative care arrangements for your children. We will inform you immediately if the strike is cancelled or if the date changes.

Finally, I have some personal news to share: I have been awarded a 20-week sabbatical that I will be taking during Terms 1 and 2 of next year (2026).

While on sabbatical, I will be conducting important research into attendance and engagement in primary schools. I am passionate about finding new and effective strategies to ensure all our students are present, motivated, and fully connected to their learning, and I look forward to bringing back valuable insights and knowledge to our school community upon my return.

We will share information soon regarding who will be acting as Principal during this period.

Our School News

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Thank you to those who came to welcome in Whaea Julieanne last Friday. We also had a great time afterwards playing games!

A WARM WELCOME

A warm welcome to

Whaea Julieanne

who is new to our school and community, We wish you a wonderful journey here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School

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

Term 4 2025
Week 2

07 3666 814

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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

- Thu 23 Strike Day
- Fri 24 Group Day @ Reporoa
- Mon 27 Labour Day STAT
- Tue 28 Kahui Ako TOD

November

- Fri 7 LRS Athletics
- Fri 14 CCC Childrens Collaborative Conference
- Wed 19 Cluster Athletics PTA Meeting 7pm
- Thu 27 Cluster Maths comp

December

- Wed 3 Board Meeting 7pm
- Thu 18 Celebration of learning 11am
- Fri 19 Term 4 ends

Parent help required

LRS & Cluster Athletics

Kia ora koutou,

TUPU

This week Tupu students have been doing some great work in maths. We have been learning how to add using different methods to solve addition problems. We've learned that we can use equipment such as beans or counters by putting groups together and counting them all. We can also use our fingers to show the numbers we're adding or we can draw pictures of the objects and count them up. Some of us can even record our stories using the plus and equals symbols.

We have started practicing for the athletic sports—we're really enjoying our running, jumping and throwing activities.

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu Class



Petday was a smash hit, and we couldn't have pulled it off without everyone's amazing support and help! The competition was fierce, with kids parading their pets and ex-students and grownups strutting their stuff in the open ring. It was fabulous to see our community come along and share the aroha too!

Huge shout-out to our superstar judges:

Kathy O'Donnell for the Calves

Richie Stokes and Kathryn Copsey for the Lambs

Rachel Whalley for Domestic Pets

Angela Robinson for the Adult/Open Ring

Whaea Adelaide and Whaea Carla for the Class Projects

A massive thank you to our trusty stewards:

Mark Pacey for Calves

Kieran Page for Calves

Norm Armer for Lambs

Whaea Adelaide & Whaea Carla, for tallying the points

Cheers to our fantastic kid bakers and a special nod to the Paceys for donating their beautiful calf to auction. High fives to our cake stall bakers and the kids who added flair to the market stall!

A big round of applause for our sponsors: Vetplus, Farm Source Rotorua, LIC, FMG, Simon Marra - Silver Fern Farms, Canter for Cancer, Skidelz Ltd, DKH Contracting, and Allflex tags. Thanks to Greenlea Meats and Fonterra Reporoa for sizzling up a BBQ storm, and the Schutts for donating the impressive open ring trophy.

Last but not least, a gigantic thank you to our teachers and Mr. Whalley for their help and awesome class projects, and to our school, community, and PTA members for making Petday legendary!

Kia ora e te whānau,

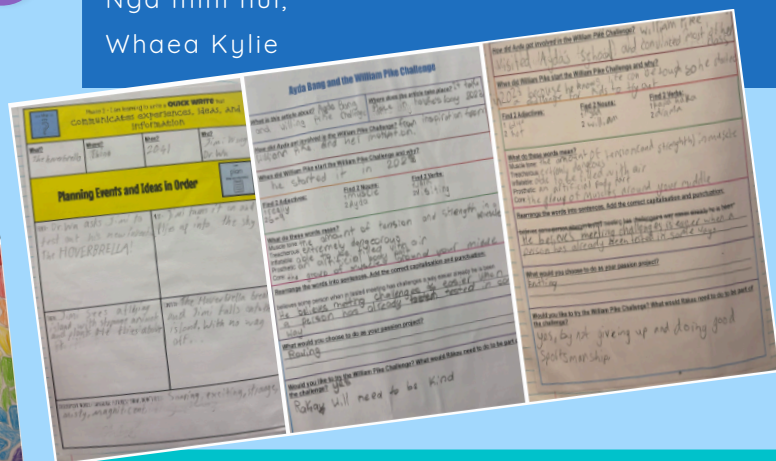
MAHURI

We've had a lovely second week in our classroom! This week, we've been focusing on building our writing skills by adding nouns, verbs, and adjectives to our recounts about Pet Day or our weekend adventures. The tamariki have been learning how these describing words help to make their writing more interesting and exciting to read.

Thank you for your ongoing support — it's wonderful to see our ākonga growing in confidence and creativity each day.

Ngā mihi nui,

Whaea Kylie



RAKAU

**What happened when the waves had a race?
They tied**

What's been happening in Rākau this week?
Art: We've been learning about shapes in Art to help support us when we advertise for Market Day.

Health & PE: We've been learning new games. We learnt roto and maunga in PE, crossing the midline in quick drills, to help get our brains thinking. We've been learning how to throw the discus correctly in our athletics practice sessions. We've been learning that Tawhirimātea links to physical health through breathing and cardio exercises that help increase our heart rate.

Online learning: Chase and Jonty have been learning some adjectives in their online Japanese classes. The French online group (DC, Ryan, Toby, Loki & Paige) have been learning about etiquette "what is rude and not rude" when at the table, like we shouldn't put our elbows on the table when eating and where you should put your knives and forks when you've finished eating. We have also been learning the days.

English: In reading we've been concentrating on building comprehension skills, finding and connecting to information in the texts we read.

In Writing we have been looking at lots of different ways to plan for our writing.
Math: We've been concentrating on Financial Literacy, we've been learning about Income and what that is and we've been learning this through Banquer.
We learned a new game called "Block it!" which helps us with our times tables.

CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Luke for thinking carefully to solve his maths problems.
 Tukaha for blending letter sounds to make words.
 Te Aukainga for a fantastic start with our Mahuri class.
 Welcome. Ted for your hard work during our first week of term four. You should be very proud of yourself.
 Addison for showing whanaungatanga by including everyone in games. Finn for showing resilience in Art, even though he doesn't think he's very good at it.

Principals award



Monique for being super helpful

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...



Ryan and Regan

HOUSE POINTS



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

Kakaramaea - Ryan & Taituha

Congratulations to our house winner for last week...

Under 5's Playgroup

Term 4!
Tuesday mornings
@Rerewhakaaitu Domain

For all babies and children ages 0-5 in the area - social time locally
 You don't have to be enrolled with Plunket to join in. We bring toys.



Your Plunket Coordinator is Min Taylor
 Ph: 027 248 0312



PET DAY



2025

Lake Rerewhakaaitu School

Variety - the Children's Charity has received \$50,000 of funding for tamariki and rangatahi in Rotorua!



Our Individual Grants (IG) programme provides one-off funding for something your child needs. The good news is, your child doesn't have to be part of the Kiwi Kid Sponsorship programme to be eligible for an Individual Grant.

An Individual Grant pays for a one-off need such as...

- Everyday essentials (such as clothing, car seats and shoes)
- School costs (including uniforms, stationery, activity fees, school camps, and school trips)
- Digital devices for school (for children aged 8 or older)
- Extra-curricular activities (like sports lessons, music lessons, club fees, and uniforms)
- Medical fees (covering doctor's fees, prescriptions, glasses, medical, and mobility costs)
- Beds and bedding (beds, cots, bedding packs)

You can apply for an Individual Grant if you have a **valid Community Services Card** and your **child is aged between 0-18**.

Variety reviews IG applications three times a year, April, August and November.

Round	Open	Close	Decision
One	1 Aug 25	31 Oct 25	30 Nov 25
Two	16 Feb 26	31 Mar 26	30 Apr 26
Three	22 Jun 26	31 Jul 26	31 Aug 26
One	21 Sep 26	31 Oct 26	30 Nov 26



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29TH OCTOBER 2025

Registration 5:30pm at Reporoa Primary School

WARM UP 5:45PM!

WALK STARTS AT 6:00PM

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