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RICK'S Ramble

Term 4 2026
Week 5





It's been another excellent week for staff and students at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School. Our three orienteering teams had a great time at the CBOP event yesterday at Centennial Park, while Mahuri students had fun learning about different forces using rubber bands and bouncing balls from their science kits.

The Board is currently in the process of employing a new principal. Following an initial meeting, the Board has set up an Appointment Committee, comprising Daniel Schutt as the lead, Catherine Farrell, Vicki Arnott & Megan O'Dea. The Board will engage a consultant to assist with the process. The consultant will gather feedback from the community and staff, manage administration, and organise advertising in the Education Gazette. The Board retains full decision-making authority over the final appointment.
The Board agreed on the importance of identifying desired attributes before advertising to inform the person specification and interview questions. They will also be seeking advice and support from Sue Taylor, the Rural Principals' Advisor with the Ministry of Education. To provide continuity for staff and students, Whaea Julieanne has been appointed as Acting Principal for Terms 1 and 2 of 2027. Congratulations to Julieanne, who has already successfully served two terms as acting principal this year. We will inform you once the timeline for the appointment process is confirmed. If you have any questions, please contact the Board.

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Our Athletics event is next week. We still need for parent helpers to assist with running activities. Athletics will be staged across three days (17th–19th November). If you are able to assist please contact school. Your help is greatly appreciated!
Dates;

- 17th Nov, 01.15pm: Junior High Jump
- 18th Nov, 01.15pm: Senior High Jump
- 18th Nov, 11.30am: 200 and 400 m race
- 19th Nov, 09.30am: All other athletic events

Friday then 13th. Every calendar year has at least one Friday the 13th and at most three. Across the 400-year Gregorian cycle, the 13th of the month actually lands on a Friday slightly more often than on any other day of the week. After today, the next one won't arrive until August 13, 2027. Origins & Superstition: Fear of the date is clinically known as paraskevidekatriaphobia or friggatriskaidekaphobia. While often linked retrospectively to Norse mythology (Loki crashing a dinner of 12 gods as the 13th guest), the Last Supper, or the arrest of the Knights Templar on Friday, October 13, 1307, the superstition as a widespread cultural phenomenon largely coalesced in the late 19th and early 20th centuries—cemented by Thomas W. Lawson's 1907 stock-market novel Friday, the Thirteenth.



Green Thumb Adventures *with Megan Schutt*



Things are really starting to take shape in the garden, and it's been great watching everything grow.

We've got potatoes growing away in their bags, lettuce looking fantastic, and herbs, celery, tomatoes and plenty of other goodies establishing. The boys have been busy planting, weeding, mulching, planning and getting stuck in. Its fun to try a new taste every week, last week the general consensus was coriander tastes like soap, this week the rocket was almost as unpopular.

Not everything has gone to plan! Something has obviously taken a liking to our bush bean seeds, so they've had to be restarted in seedling trays. Unfortunately, beans are off the menu for now. Our dwarf tomatoes are also having a bit of a sulk, but we're hoping it will pick up its game with a feed of fish fert. We've also got mushroom growing kits on their way, and next week we'll be getting some microgreens started. Plenty more to learn and experiment with!

It's amazing how quickly an hour and a half disappears every week. The original idea was to get the boys growing food that they could eventually share together, and we're slowly getting there.

Bring on the summer harvest!



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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

November

17- 19	LRS Athletics
Mon 23	Calendar Art orders close
Wed 25	Cluster Athletics
Fri 27	Scholastic Book club orders due

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
LRS & Cluster Athletics



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

CLASS Snippets

KĀKANO

Kia ora, koutou,

In Kākano we have continued to explore big ideas about moods and attitudes, and positive thinking. We have learned that we can make choices about whether we will stay in a bad mood or choose to do something that makes us feel better. Kākano students were full of ideas about what we can do. Some examples are: dance, draw, play fun games, listen to music, go for a walk, watch a fun movie, spend time with a friend, look at the stars, read a book, give Mum a hug, help someone else. We are trying very hard to show a positive attitude, especially when things are challenging.

Kia pai tō rā,
Kākano Class

TUPU

In Tupu, we are learning how to be kind, respectful and responsible members of our classroom whānau. Positive behaviour helps everyone feel safe, happy and ready to learn.
This looks like:

- Listening ears and looking eyes.
- Ready bodies and being focused on learning.
- Keeping our hands and feet to ourselves.
- Using quiet, inside voices.
- Speaking kindly and using kind words.
- Showing respect for ourselves, others and our school property.
- Including others, sharing and helping our friends.
- Making good choices and taking responsibility for our actions.

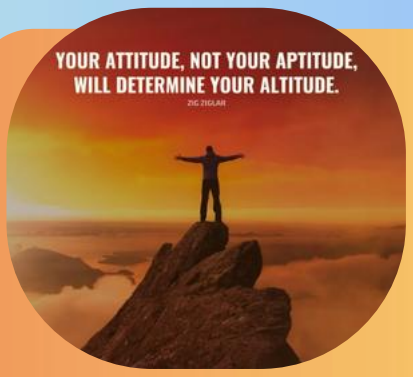
We are practising manaakitanga (kindness and care) and whakaute (respect) every day.
He waka eke noa – We are all in this together!
Ngā mihi,
Whaea Kylie





CBOP ORIENTEERING HIGHLIGHTS

Flynn - It was fun running around and finding cool stuff.
Te Ngahere - It was fun running around trying to keep up with Finn and Flynn. It was funny and fun when I kept falling down.
Finn - I got really excited when we saw the checkpoints. It was really cool when I found out we came 4th.
Winter - we had fun exploring in the forest.
Brian - It was fun when we explored everywhere and saw all the amazing trees and nature.
Temple - It was fun when we had to find the checkpoints and we had 25 seconds until the finish line.
Kenzie - you enjoyed the stations because you had a sensor on your finger and you had to put it into the checkpoint and it peeped. I didn't enjoy the running.
Evelyn - it was tiring and I liked it a little bit.
Taituha - It was hard to look on the map because you had to find out where North, South, East, West was, and it was hard to see but it was fun.



What we think this means in Mahuri...

"It means be positive when you're in class, and in math" Elsie
"It means to be positive about yourself and who you are. Stay positive even when it's hard" Rocco
"Be positive about your learning" Cayden
"If you don't have a good attitude you won't meet your goals. Don't let your anger control you" Liam
"Be positive of your writing. Show resilience and perseverance" Te Aukainga
"Be positive of your skills" Xavier
"Be positive and keep trying" Ted
"If you feel like you want to give up, never give up" Cruz
"Be positive in your actions, show respect and kindness to other people" Koven
"Be positive even if you haven't achieved your goal, keep trying, be strong and train hard" Lucy

MAHURI

RĀKAU

Giving It a Go In Rakau

It has been wonderful to see Rakau students showing a positive attitude towards their learning this week, giving things a go, challenging themselves and having a go even when things feel tricky! I am so proud of the effort, perseverance and willingness to try new things in the classroom.
I am also proud of all the students who gave keyboard a go last Friday and those who stepped up with confidence to perform at assembly. Ka pai Finn, Flynn, Kenzie, Caoimhe, Monique, Pheonna and Manaia.
This enthusiasm has also been shining through during athletics practice as we prepare for our school athletics day next week. Rakau students have been getting stuck in, practising their skills, challenging themselves and giving each event their best effort. It's all about having a go, doing your best and, most importantly, enjoying being active!
Keep up the fantastic effort, everyone. We can't wait to see you all give it your best next week!



If you received a trophy at Pet Day or last year's Celebration of Learning prizegiving, please return these to the office as we will need to engrave them for our 2026 recipients.





Attendance

Attendance - Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher.

We are currently sitting at 52% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

Rakau 84% attendance
Mahuri 88% attendance
Tupu 84% attendance
Kakano 86% attendance

And the Winner is...

MAHURI!



SPREAD Kindness

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.



"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.



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 - Te Ngahere & Flynn
Kakaramea - Taituha & Nikau

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



Principals award



PTA CORNER Calendar Art

Our PTA Calendar Art fundraiser is taking a slightly different approach this year! Order forms were sent home in week 2, ORDERS CLOSE Monday, 23rd November. These creations can be made into customised diaries, greeting cards, and calendars -perfect for Christmas gifts, birthdays, or a special keepsake.

LRS PTA FISHING COMPETITION

Fill the Wheelbarrow Raffle

Our PTA is on the hunt for items to "fill the wheelbarrow", which will be raffled for their upcoming fundraiser - Fishing Competition.

Accepting donations of non-perishable food in jars, cans and sealed packets. We recommend sauces, soups, beans, vegetables in cans or jars, honey, peanut butter, candy, boxed juices, pasta, coconut cream and tinned fish.

Please check expiry dates on all items.



Please drop items to the school office or contact Sammie Allen 021 060 7948 to arrange collection.







CONGRATULATIONS



LAST WEEKS CLASS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Atawhai for great observations and sharing ideas in science. Keeana for fantastic effort and progress in writing. Kahlani for consistently showing manaakitanga, honesty and kindness towards others. Soul for showing fantastic motivation and hard work in mathematics.Kenzie for showing respect for her learning and the learning of others. Ted for showing the school value of resilience as he approaches all challenges in his learning with a positive attitude. Piper and Chloe - Ka pai tō mahi

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