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# Principal Report

Term 4 2025  
Week 8

Kia ora koutou,

This week has been wonderful to have the pool open, with free fun swimming at lunchtime and class swimming lessons in the afternoon. There are still pool keys available for those who wish to hire one, get in touch with Carla before next Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.

On Tuesday we farewelled Phil, our fantastic LSC (Leaning Support Coordinator). Phil is retiring and is moving on to his next chapter. We wish him well in his retirement and thank him for all of the important mahi he has done in helping our children be the best that they can be. Together we grow! Presently we are advertising to fill the LSC role, so watch this space.

Great news! We have received negative results for the Asbestos testing on the Magic Sand.

We are nearly there with the MOE to upgrade our PTA shack into a home economics tech room. With luck we will be able to complete this work over the holiday period and start to utilise the space early next year. Woop woop! The funding for this is a joint project between the MOE and LRS. This is only made possible because of our wonderful, fantastic, hardworking PTA who have raised over \$30,000 that will go towards the Tech room. Well done PTA team! Also a massive thank you to all of our parents, whanau, and community for supporting our PTA in all of the events that they have organised to raise money for our targeted projects that make our school a special place for our children. You are all truly appreciated.

Our team are well into planning for our end of year Celebration of Learning prizegiving to be held on Thursday 18th December, starting at 11.00am. Teachers have finished their assessments and are now full steam ahead with writing reports. These will go out on the last day of school.

A reminder to get your entries in for the annual PTA Fishing competition. Spaces are limited. See order forms in the office, or on our website, under Publications.

## Attendance

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

We are currently sitting at 67% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

- Rakau 90% attendance
- Mahuri 97% attendance
- Tupu 90% attendance



**MAHURI!**

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

All of our year 5-8 children will be going to Reporoa College for the annual Kohui Ako CCC day on Tuesday 2nd December. This day is organised by our across school student leaders and the theme is 'Future Me'. Chase and Jonty have been working hard this year on their workshop of a simulated farm and will be tasking students with programming tractors (robots) to deliver hay to certain fields and return to the shed. We will be taking the bus there and back.

**NEXT week...**

On Wednesday 3rd December our superstar athletes; Stella, Flynn, Te Ngahere, Nikau, Paige, Ada, DC, Te Kohu & Taituha will be traveling to Rotorua to compete in the CBOP athletics day. Whaea Julieanne will be taking these students with group of parents. Go hard team! We know you will do us all proud :)

Take care and have a great weekend



**KIWI TO THE BONE**

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Please let us know if you would like to hire a pool key for access over the summer period. The pool will be open from the 20th Dec only to those who hire new keys. Key hire is \$60.00 each, which includes a \$20.00 bond refunded upon return of the key by the end of Term 1 2026. This helps to offset the cost of chemicals etc over the holiday period. Keys will be available for pick up between 12th - 17th Dec. The key is for your use only and not to be loaned out. If we do not get enough interest the pool will be closed over the summer holidays. Please advise at the office by Friday 5th Dec.

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

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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

### December

- Tue 2 CCC Childrens Collaborative Conference
- Wed 3 CBOP Athletics Board Meeting 7pm
- Tue 16 Market Day
- Thu 18 Celebration of learning 11am
- Fri 19 Term 4 ends

### January

- 17 - 18 PTA Fishing Competition



Today we farewell a beautiful Mum, daughter, sister and past student, Stacey Gardner. Our thoughts and condolences go out to Robb, Robyn, Michael, Ada and Rocco. Arohanui from us all here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School

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Kia ora, Koutou,

# TUPU

This week, Tupu students have been learning to describe 2D and 3D shapes. We've learnt that 3D shapes are solid compared to flat 2D shapes. We can describe 2D shapes by talking about their sides and corners. We can describe 3D shapes by talking about the shapes on their faces and whether we can stack, slide or roll the shapes. It might be fun to try to find cubes, cylinders and cones in the objects around you at home.

Kia pai tō rā,  
Tupu Class

# CLASS Snippets

A reminder, especially for our younger students, please ensure you pack a spare change of clothes in their school bag incase of accidents. We are getting low on spare items, **especially 5-7yrs shorts & pants**, so please ensure if your child comes home in items from school that they get washed and returned or have some to donate, that would be much appreciated.

Do you have or know of any students due to start at our wonderful Lake Rerewhakaaitu School next year? If you haven't already let us know, please get in touch so that we can organise our classes and stationery to suit. We look forward to welcoming you in 2026!

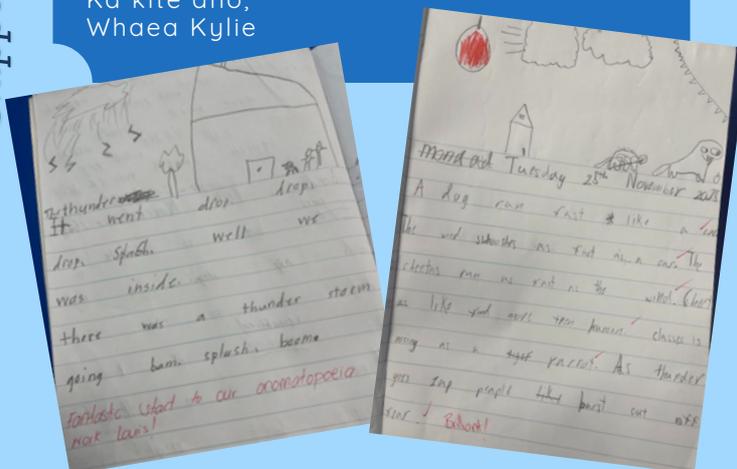


Kia ora koutou,

# MAHURI

We've had a great week in Mahuri Class! In writing, our focus has been on identifying and using rhyme, alliteration, onomatopoeia, and simile to enhance the effect of our work and create writing that entertains and engages the reader.

Ka kite anō,  
Whaea Kylie



# Why do witches have name tags? So you can tell witch witch is which RAKAU

Rākau have been enjoying being a part of the HELLS Pizza Reading Challenge over term 4. It has been great to see taura handing in their reading reviews and filling in their pizza wheels.

Just to let you know that completed pizza wheels need to be redeemed before 31 January 2026, after that date they will be starting their 2026 challenge.

**Math** - we have started a STEM challenge this week, working at building a paper roller-coaster. We went through which Science and Math concepts we would be exploring through this hands-on challenge (physics, measurement and geometry). We'll share more next week about who managed to build a roller coaster that was able to run a marble for the longest time.

**English** - we are continuing to build our oral language, reading and writing skills through our structured literacy sessions. We have had fun exploring vocabulary using Boggle and Stop the Bus. Our writing sessions have been focused on producing a Business Plan using Google Slides related to our Market Day ideas.

**Swimming** has started, we have been showing Whaea Julieanne our skill in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke and will be building on these skills over the next few months.

**Art** - we have been putting all the elements of art together and trying our hand at still life drawing. It is great to see Rākau taura take on the challenge of producing a piece of art that uses all these skills.



# Rerewhakaaitu Community Christmas

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
At the Domain  
From 5pm onwards



Potluck Dinner. We will provide a BBQ for everybody and pizza for the kids. We will have plenty of Kai so please come along with or without food!



## Christmas Mailboxes 2025

Decorate your mailbox this year for fun and a prize. Judge Dobby is getting pretty excited to start his Christmas runs and fill your mailboxes with Christmas cheer.

Start decorating now! Judging and our annual Mailbox walk and get together will take place at Upper Brett Rd (meet at crossroads) on Thursday 18th December.

## Principals award

Te Aukainga for whanaungatanga

## CONGRATULATIONS

## 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...

## LAST WEEKS CERTIFICATES WENT TO:

Kaylaarine for putting lots of effort into writing her letters correctly. Luke for working hard on his story writing. Stella-Maree for showing wonderful self-management at school. Cayden for showing manakitanga every day at school. You are kind, caring, and always look after others. Hades for showing resilience in his learning by asking questions to help him understand. Jonty for supporting out teina in sports and reminding others to show patience.

## LRS PTA FISHING COMPETITION JANUARY 2026

# 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.

**NON PERISHABLE ITEMS NEEDED!**

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

Chase & Pheonna

## 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  
 Kakaramea - Ryan & Taituha

Congratulations to our house winner for last week...

## Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

You must do a **New Zealand Traveller Declaration** when you come back

[TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz](http://TravellerDeclaration.govt.nz)

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Aotearoa

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 2025 recipients.

Entry forms are available for our 2026 Fishing Competition being held on the 17-18th January. Get in quick as we can only accept 100 competitors. Anglers can only weigh in 2 fish. The main prize will go to the person who is closest to the average weight of all fish weighed in that section, (Adult or Child). In the event of a draw the winners name will be pulled from a hat. Entry forms are available in the office or on our website [https://www.lakerere.school.nz/files/Fishing\\_Competition\\_entry\\_form\\_2026.pdf](https://www.lakerere.school.nz/files/Fishing_Competition_entry_form_2026.pdf)

1st Prize Average weight: Adult \$500, Children 12-18 yr \$250, 0-11yr \$100 voucher.

Other prize categories: Longest Fish, Heaviest Fish, Longest Eel, plus spot prizes and more.

## Lake Rerewhakaaitu School PTA

Presents:

# 2026 Annual Fishing & Eeling Competition

1st Place Adults \$500 Cash Prize  
 1st Place Youth \$250 Cash Prize  
 1st Place Child \$100 Voucher

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Date: 17th & 18th January 2026  
 Time: Start 6am on the 17th  
 Finish 3pm on the 18th

Following by Prize Giving and Dinner at the Rerewhakaaitu Domain from 5pm on the 18th.

Entry Fee:  
 Adults \$25  
 Youth 12-18 years \$15  
 Child 0-11 years \$10

Get in quick! Entries are limited to the first 100 entries!

For more information please visit our Facebook page or email [pta@lakerere.school.nz](mailto:pta@lakerere.school.nz)

# Under 5's Playgroup

## Term 4!

Tuesday mornings  
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