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Principal Report

Term 4 2025
Week 9

Kia ora koutou,

On Tuesday the annual Childrens Collaborative Conference was held at Reporoa College. Our years 5-8 had a fabulous time doing a variety of STEM activities. Chase and Jonty did extremely well with their Future Me Tractor coding activity, all the students thoroughly enjoyed the day. Unfortunately, the CBOP Athletics event was cancelled this week due to poor weather conditions. This was very disappointing news for our athletes who have trained diligently, and we share their frustration. We extend our sympathies to our students who were looking forward to competing. We will keep our fingers crossed for better luck and brighter skies next year!

As part of our School Sustainability & Resilience Project we are holding a Working Bee from 9am - 3pm Sunday, 14th December, to complete several small but important jobs before the end of the year break.

It will be a great opportunity for the community to get together and help finish tasks like:

- Building new garden beds
- Installing shade cloth over the old greenhouse
- Beginning construction on the new greenhouse
- General grounds clean-up



We would love to see you there! Your help ensures our school is looking its best as we head into the holidays. As per usual, Mr Whalley will be cooking up a storm to feed the crew ;-)

Fantastic news! The Ministry of Education (MoE) has finally approved the upgrade of the PTA shack! We have completed the necessary asbestos checks and are currently awaiting the results. Once these are confirmed, we can begin the exciting rebuild process to transform the space into our new Technology and Home Economics room! Woohoo!

Our latest Board Meeting was held this Wednesday. We extend a huge, warm welcome to Jacinda and Stevie who have officially joined the Board.

Key outcomes from the meeting include:

- The Strategic Plan 2026-2027 and the 2026 Annual Plan were passed. These documents will be available on the school website shortly for you to review.
- The Board unanimously passed a motion to continue to give effect to Te Tiriti o Waitangi in both our strategic and annual plans, reinforcing our commitment to this foundational document.

Market Day is fast approaching! Our students have been incredibly busy preparing products and finalising their marketing strategies for Market Day!

Introducing the Rere: Our Official Market Currency!

Our students held a competition to design the currency for the day, which they have named the "Rere"! Congratulations to the winners, listed below.

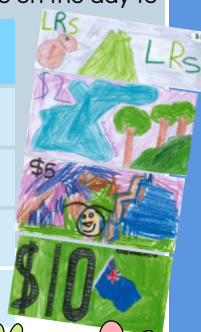
Remember to bring your New Zealand dollars, as there will be a station available on the day to exchange them for Rere!

Market Day Treats also available;

- BBQ for 3 Rere
- Ice Blocks for 2 Rere
- Gingerbread House Raffle for 2 Rere

Market Day	Tues 16 th December
Set up	9.00am - 10.30am
Morning Tea	10.30am - 11.00am
Stalls Open	11.00am - 12.30pm

Rere value	Winner
1 Rere	Caoimhe
2 Rere	Evelyn
5 Rere	Keeana
10 Rere	Chase



Don't forget to mark your calendars for our final celebrations and reports:

- Celebration of Learning: Thursday, December 18th at 11:00 AM in the Hall.
- Student Reports: Will be sent home with students on Friday, December 19th.
- Last day of school will finish at 1pm, buses will depart at 1pm.

Thank you doesn't seem enough but we are very grateful to the whole community for all your flowers, cards, baking and dinners - and for the compassion shown to all of us at Stacey's farewell last week. A very special thank you to staff and pupils for your support of Ada and Rocco, and particularly for the outstanding haka. Thank you so very much, boys. A huge thank you to the PTA (and community) for the wonderful afternoon tea - our city friends were stunned! Thank you with much aroha Robyn, Robb, Mikey, Ada and Rocco xx

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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

Sun 14 Working Bee, 9am - 3pm
Tue 16 Market Day
Thu 18 Celebration of learning 11am
Fri 19 Last day Term 4, 1pm finish

January

17 - 18 PTA Fishing Competition

February

Mon 9 Term 1 starts
16 - 20 Making the Difference - swimming programme
Mon 23 St Johns programme
Thu 26 LRS Swimming Sports

March

Wed 4 Cluster Swimming Sports

Our School News

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akounga mo nga ahei a tona wa
Preparing our students for the
possibilities of tomorrow



Attendance

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

We are currently sitting at 60% of students at 90% attendance or above. Last weeks results:

Rakau 79% attendance

Mahuri 88% attendance

Tupu 83% attendance

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

And the Winner is...

MAHURI!



Pool Keys

Thank you to those who have advised interest in a pool key this summer. We are all go! Letters will be emailed out to you with more information.

Kia ora, Koutou,

TUPU

Another busy week in Tupu class! We worked on some cheerful craft Christmas cards with Mrs Bullock, we had fun programming electronic mice to navigate farm paddocks (thank you Chase for helping us with that), and we began our swimming lessons in the school pool. It's great to see everyone remembering to bring their togs to school every day. We are still working like busy little elves to produce Christmas decorations for our market stall—they will look lovely on your Christmas trees! Christmas spirit is creeping into the school with some bright and cheerful Christmas-themed clothing, and we have the eternal debate going on about whether or not Santa is real. Whether you believe or not, we're all excited that Christmas will soon be here.

Kia pai tō rā,
Tupu Class

In Tupu this week we made some special Christmas cards for our families. We hope they are enjoyed



**FIRST
DECORATED
MAILBOX
2025!**

Prize for the first decorated mailbox in the district...

Well done 65 Brett Road!

Remember the Christmas

Mail Box decorating

competition. Mailboxes and gateways - get them ready for judging and the annual

Mailbox walk along Upper Brett Road Friday 18th

December, 6pm - meet at

the bus shelter on the corner of Brett & Rerewhakaaitu Rds.

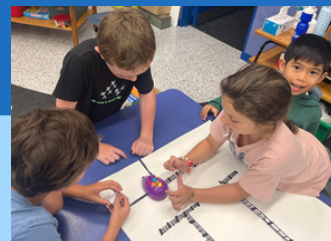
Kia ora koutou,

MAHURI

Mahuri Class had a special visitor this week — Chase from Rākau — who came in to demonstrate his CCC (Children's Collaborative Conference) robotic farming exercise from Tuesday at Reporoa College. Each student had the opportunity to explore the Code & Go Robot Mouse digital resource. Their challenge was to programme their mouse to move bales of hay from one paddock to another.

Thank you so much, Chase — this was a highly valuable and enjoyable experience for our ākonga.

Ka kite,
Whaea Kylie



What are kidnappers' favourite type of shoes? White Vans

RAKAU

The overall theme for CCC was Future Me. Robots could be the future of farming.

We had to run a workshop for some people at CCC where they had to run a robot through a farm and drop off bales into the paddocks. We taught two workshops. Chase and Jonty

When I returned to school and taught Tupu and Mahuri, they worked well together. I had to adjust my teaching a little bit for the younger kids but I enjoyed the challenge.
Chase

We have started our new challenge in STEM, we are now designing Golf in a Box. The math concepts we are exploring in this activity are: scale, grid reference, perspective, diagonal, parallel, horizontal, and vertical lines, as well as 2D and 3D shapes.

Our market day business plans are being finalised and we've started building and making our resources ready to sell.

In literacy, we have been having fun making meaning and finding connections with song lyrics. Once we've found meaning, we had to work in groups and come up with a beat that we thought matched the words. Our groups performed these in front of the class, then we listened to the lyrics to see which group performed the beat and sang the lyrics closest to the actual song.



Rerewhakaaitu Community Christmas

Friday 5th 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!



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



Travelling overseas in the school holidays?

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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. (6pm meet at the bus stop by Brett & Rerewhakaaitu Rds)

6pm Thursday 18th December.



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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Entry Fee:

Adults \$25

Youth 12—18 years \$15

Child 0-11 years \$10

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.

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

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WHO
Students in years 5/6

WHEN
January 20 and 27

TIME
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

WHERE
Haumaru Sports & recreation centre

Questions? Please contact coachforce@volleyballhop.co.nz

www.volleyballhop.co.nz

COST

\$30 per session



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

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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

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.



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