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Principal Report

The children have been busy this week learning about different cultures and it was fantastic to see some of the traditional cultural dress at the disco last night. We will continue this theme until the end of term and look forward to celebrating Matariki in two weeks and our school sleepover on the 4th July.

Last week I went with two of our Board members, Daniel Schutt, our Presiding Member, and Bianca Sterkenburg, to the NZSBA Conference in Wellington. There were over 1000 Board members from around Aotearoa and it was a fantastic opportunity for our Board to network and upskill on governance matters. It also gives us a great insight into how other Boards operate and the barriers and challenges that they have.

Working Bee 23rd June - 9am-3pm - lunch provided

Please mark in your calendars the 23rd of June for our Working Bee. We still have a few more jobs around school to get completed. The drains need clearing after all the leaves have dropped, the green house is nearing completion and general tidying.

Please let us know if you can join us to help our school shine 😊

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held Tuesday 23rd July (the first week of Term 3). Appointment times will be made available shortly. Bookings will be via the SKOOL Loop app, or get in touch with school.

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Week 7

Hillary Outdoor Camp

At Hillary Outdoors Camp we, Callum and Chase, went caving on Wednesday 5th June 2024. It took us roughly 20 minutes to get to the path down to the cave. Then it was another 5ish minutes to get to the entrance of the cave. It was quite a tight squeeze to get in but we managed to get in with ease. We were in a cavern with a river flowing through. We rock hopped



over to the other side where we turned off our lights and tried to spot glow worms, but they were all dead. Then we slipped through the mailbox into what the instructors called the mailroom. It was a tight squeeze but we all made it, then we went into the bedroom, a big open plain space. After that, we went through the toilet into the kitchen. There was a big drop down the stream. After the kitchen there was a drop called the toaster. We thought we were toast but we all made it through with ease. Then we were in a part with a river and glow worms but this time they were alive. Then we went through a tight squeeze called pooh bears crack. We could barely make it through. After that we did the same but in reverse to get back. When we got out we were really dirty and wet, so when we arrived back at the main site we got clean and changed for the night.

PTA - Welcome In - Saturday 22nd June

Reminder: Dinner orders need to be in by the 17th June. You are welcome to just order and pick up dinner if you are unable to stay. You can just come to the Welcome In for fun and games/Obstacle courses, or it would be wonderful if you could join us for both. Let's have some fun and welcome in our newbies and show our community spirit 😊

We will have soft drinks and juices for sale during the day and evening \$2
And a few sweets \$1

Hangi / Dinner order forms are available in the office or on our website <https://www.lakerere.school.nz/>

PTA - What we achieved in 2023..

We had the the following fundraising efforts: Raised:

Fishing Competition weekend and prize giving dinner	\$5753.53
Tarawera Ultra Marathon aid station tent at Hemo gorge from 5pm to 5am	\$1283.50
Mrs Higgins biscuits	\$218.00
Kids Art Works Calendar Art	\$273.80
Cluster Cross Country lunch	\$758.03
Amazing Race and Welcome In dinner for new and existing locals	\$1109.65
Buffet Lunches for Vintage Car Club Buffet Lunch for a funeral of a local family	\$1279.13
4 day old Bull Calf Sales	\$3067.82
Pet Day running the day, selling food stalls and auction	\$2696.68
BBQ for Rodeo locals day and Lunch bags for Rodeo staff on Rodeo day	\$548.00

We went to support our tamariki at Group Day, making sure they had everything they needed.

We have given back to our school by:

- Raising money to purchase a glass house and upgrade our garden beds
- Getting sandpit toys donated for our kids
- Helping fund our students to attend the Hillary Outdoors Camp to build leadership skills
- Helping fund our senior students to go on Beach Camp
- Organising Santa to visit after the Celebration of Learning for a lolly scramble and ice blocks, in 2023 he came on a fire truck.

Our current fundraising efforts are going towards our school playground bark upgrade.

We had our long-time PTA member and Chair, Angela Robinson step back from the role.

We truly appreciate all the work and years she has put into the PTA. Thank you Angela.



We would like to thank our fabulous community for your ongoing support. Without you, we cannot continue our work to make our school the best little rural school in NZ.

Thank you,

Sammie Allen
LRS PTA Chairperson

Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌 Last week's certificates went to:



Elsie Pacey – For being a great friend and buddy.
Johnny Schott – For always having a positive attitude.
Te Kohu Golde – working hard and mastering her basic facts.
Monique Sterkenburg – you

always have a positive attitude to learning (even when it is tricky).

Addison Banfield – Showing great respect for others.
Eva-Rose Hale – Showing great perseverance in learning

The Principal Certificate went to...
Cooper Scott for courage and perseverance.



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.

Our house leaders are:

Tarawera Bryce & Chase

Kakaramea Callum & Morgan

Congratulations to our house winner for



our last week.. **Kakaramea!**



Dates to Remember

Wed 19 Jun	Board Meeting 7pm
Sat 22 Jun	Rerewhakaaitu Welcome In
Sun 23 Jun	Working Bee
Fri 28 Jun	Matariki - No school
Thu 4 Jul	School Sleepover
Fri 5 Jul	Term 2 Ends
Mon 22 Jul	Term 3 Starts
Tue 23 Jul	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wed 24 Jul	PTA Meeting
Wed 31 Jul	Board Meeting 7pm

TUPU

 **Fact of the week:** Cats walk like camels and giraffes - their walking sequence is both right feet first, followed by both left feet, so they move half of their body forward at once. 

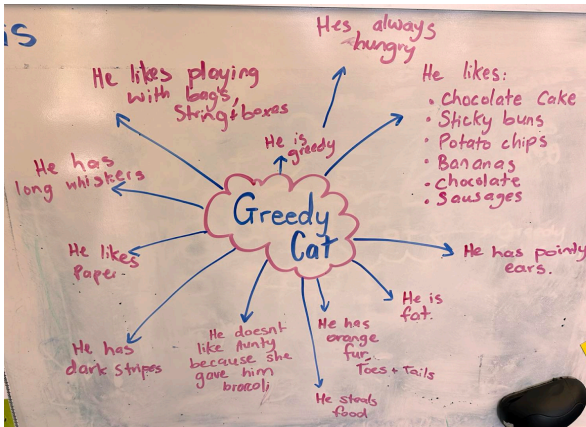


Greedy Cat

Tupu class has been reading the Greedy Cat books by Joy Cowley. We love his adventures and seeing what this fat cat likes to eat. The kids were shocked that he ate bananas and pudding!



We wrote stories about Greedy Cat and then created some art based around him too!



MAHURI

Riddle: If six children and two dogs were under an umbrella, how come none of them got wet?



Last week we were lucky enough to have Mrs Amanda (Armer) and Bill (the dog) come visit us in Mahuri. They spent a session with us explaining and showing us the 'Dos' and 'Don'ts' around dog safety. The class loved

having the opportunity to not only hear and read about the different things they needed to know but also getting to practice with Bill.

The class now has the mission of teaching two people each and sharing their new found knowledge and skills so we can all be safe around dogs.

Thank you Mrs Amanda and Bill. Have a good week, any queries pop in and see me or send me an email. Jasmine



RAKAU

Why was Cinderella so bad at Soccer?

She kept running away from the ball.



Kia Ora koutou katoa. Rakau students have had a super busy week of learning and visitors this week! On Wednesday we had Mr Whalley for the day and focused on food technology. Our end product was chocolate chip cookies! Thursday, we had a super



special visit from Bill the dog and Mrs Amanda to learn about dog safety. We learnt how to protect ourselves around dogs we are unsure of, the importance of asking the owner before touching or interacting with a dog and where to and not to touch a dog when meeting them.



We would like to say a HUGE thank you to all who attended our Cultural Disco and also to all the helpers behind the scenes. Without your support these events are not possible.

Have a safe and happy weekend!

