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## 21st June 2024

### Principal Report

Today the solstice occurred at 8.51am. The **winter solstice**, also called the **hibernal solstice**, occurs when either of Earth's poles reaches its maximum tilt away from the Sun.

The winter solstice is the day with the shortest period of daylight and longest night of the year, and when the Sun is at its lowest daily maximum elevation in the sky. Each polar region experiences continuous darkness or twilight around its winter solstice.

The winter solstice occurs during the hemisphere's winter. In the Southern Hemisphere, this is the June solstice (June 20, 21, or 22). Although the winter solstice itself lasts only a moment, the term also refers to the day on which it occurs. The term midwinter is also used synonymously with the winter solstice, although it carries other meanings as well. Traditionally, in many temperate regions, the winter solstice is seen as the middle of winter; although today in some countries and calendars it is seen as the beginning of winter. Other names are the "extreme of winter" (*Dongzhi*), or the "shortest day". Bring on Summer!

Tomorrow is the 'Welcome In' day. This year the PTA is holding an Obstacle Course Competition & Games from 3pm and a Hangi Dinner from 5:30pm. You can join us for one or both, all welcome! See you there!

On Sunday our bale auctions on our school Facebook page are closing, and we also have our working bee. The weather forecast is for scattered sunshine, so wrap up warm :) 9.00am - 3.00pm.

**Reminder: There is no school next Friday 28th June, as it is the Matariki statutory holiday.**

### Whole School Sleepover - Thursday 4th July

We are having a whole school sleepover in the last week of term. Please see the letter attached to the newsletter for more information. Consent forms are on Skool Loop or available in the office 🛏️🛏️

## Week 8

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



This Sunday, 23rd of June, we will be having a Working Bee. There are a few more jobs around school to get completed. The drains need clearing after all the leaves have dropped, the greenhouse is nearing completion and general tidying around the school.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 23rd July (the first week of Term 3). Interviews are 15 minutes each. Appointment times are available now. Bookings are via the SKOOL Loop app, or get in touch with school.

School will finish at 12pm, please advise us if you are not able to collect your children at 12pm, so we can plan accordingly.

### Disco fever last Thursday 🎉





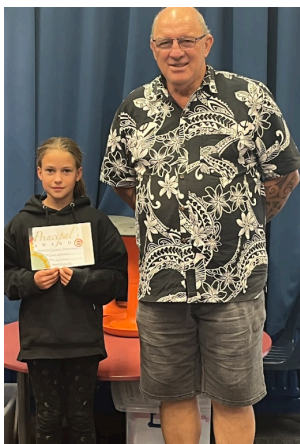
Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌  
Last week's certificates went to:



**Renata Davey** - Moving up to the orange sight words.

**Louis O'Dea** - Moving up to the yellow sight words.

**Temple O'Brien** for stepping up as a leader and role model in Mahori.



**Finn O'Dea** - Working hard at extending his writing skills.

**Stella Scott** - Being focused on your learning.

**Paige Jepsen** - showing great perseverance in learning.

The Principal Certificate went to...

**Rebecca Sterkenburg** for great leadership. Ka pai Rebecca!

### 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. **Tarawera!**



### Dates to Remember

Sat 22 Jun	Rerewhakaaitu Welcome In
Sun 23 Jun	Working Bee 9am - 2pm
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:

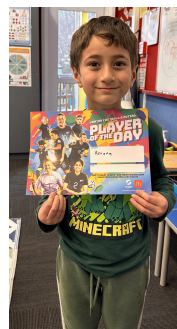
Read 20 minutes a day, and you'll read 1,800,000 words per year. 📖



### Kapa Haka

We are into the full swing of Kapa Haka now, Tupu class has done very well to learn the words and actions! They have blown me away with their ability to encourage each other.

Tupu especially loves to sing the Kapa Haka waiata while they work.



### SPORTS SNIPPET

Ka pai Renata! He earned player of the day at soccer last weekend.

😁 Keep it up! ⚽

**HAVE YOU GOT SOME PROUD MOMENTS TO SHARE?**

We would love to share your wow moments and adventures in our newsletter!

SEND THEM TO:  
OFFICE@LAKERERE.SCHOOL.NZ



# MAHURI

Riddle: What goes up but never comes down?

Mahuri has begun learning about Matariki this week.



We have been brainstorming our prior knowledge, recording our questions and wonderings,

learning the names of the stars, listening to stories, and creating beautiful origami stars.



There are plenty of children's picture books at the Rotorua Library as well as recorded versions on 'youtube' if you would like to read some of the stories we have been enjoying too. Have a good week, any queries pop in and see me or send me an email. Jasmine



# RAKAU

*How do you know if a vampire is unwell? Because he'll be coffin!*

This week Rakau has been focusing on growing our knowledge around Matariki. We have been looking at each star and researching what they look after. So far some of our classes favourite stars in the cluster include Waiti (the star that looks after all source of fresh water and life within it), Waitā (symbolises all sources of salt water and the creatures and plants within) and Pōhutukawa (connects us to the dead and encourages us to reflect on the past). Next week we will be looking at how Matariki and the stars guide and fit with the Maramataka (Māori Lunar Calendar).

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Ngā mihi, Miss Gow

\*\*\*\*\* CLOSING THIS SUNDAY! \*\*\*\*\*



Closes  
7pm Sunday  
23rd June 2024



## BALE AUCTIONS

#1 TRUCK LOAD  
44 GRASS  
BALES

#2 2 LUCERNE  
BALES

- Bidding valid on Lake Rerewhakaaitu School Facebook auction post only
- Reserve must be met
- Highest bid at 7pm closing
- Winner will be notified
- Payment to be made prior to delivery

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Community Project  
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(was Piako Tractors - Kilwell Building)

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 June

Open - 7am Sat & 9am Sunday

Household Appliances Kids Stuff  
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Goods for the Garage Sale - the premises will be open 10am-12 noon on the two Saturdays (22th & 23th) before sale day for donors to drop off goods for the garage sale. Otherwise contact Chris Smith 0274348593

CONTACT PETER ALLEN FOR PICK UP 0274 955670

Great chance to declutter the house and support an amazing community





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Kia ora

As mentioned in the newsletter, we are holding an American themed day and a whole school sleepover on Thursday 4th July 2024.

The school sleepover will run from **3.00pm** Thursday 4th July **until 9.00am Friday 5th July**. This will be a fun night for children to experience an adventure in school with their friends. Activities will include playing board games, charades, spotlight, watching a movie and reading time etc, depending on the weather. Please feel free to bring your own board games and cuddly toys; however electronic toys or mobile phones are not permitted. The sleepover is optional for children and you are welcome to take them home after the activities (approx 9.30pm) and bring them back in the morning if you prefer.

**Please complete the consent form via Skool Loop by Wednesday 3rd July, or complete a physical form, which is available in the office.**

Sleeping arrangements are Marae style in the classrooms. If you own a camping mat or stretcher please bring it. We will provide children with a BBQ tea (American Hot dogs) and a Matariki breakfast celebration the following morning at 9.00am.

**Kit List - ALL NAMED**

- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Blanket
- Sleeping mat (if you have one)
- Jumper
- Toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel
- Clean clothes for the next day
- Medication, if your child has any specific requirements
- A torch and spare batteries
- A waterproof and warm coat
- Thick woolly socks
- Outdoor and indoor shoes
- Cuddly toys, books and board games.

This is a special activity and the sleepover may not be suitable for all children. It would be wonderful if your child was able to be involved in the sleepover, however, it is your choice if your child stays for the sleepover and activities. We very much hope that the children will enjoy taking part in the school sleepover and spending some fun times with their friends.

As with all camps it is our policy that all parents and guardians that stay overnight need to be police vetted. We do not require any extra parent help with this camp as all teachers and staff that are staying have the required vetting. All other parents must leave by 10pm.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Rick Whalley  
Principal