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27th June 2024

Week 9

Principal Report

Reminder: There is no school tomorrow Friday 28th.

Short week this week due to the Matariki celebration. Matariki has a rich history and cultural significance in New Zealand. It is deeply rooted in our country's indigenous culture and has been passed down through generations. The name "Matariki" is an abbreviation of 'Ngā Mata o te Ariki Tāwhirimātea ('The eyes of the god Tāwhirimātea') and refers to a large cluster of stars, known in some European traditions as the Pleiades.¹ **Traditionally, Matariki was used as a way to mark the start of the Māori New Year, which occurs with the rise of the star cluster.** It was a time for harvesting and preparing the land for the coming year, as well as a time for honouring ancestors and engaging in cultural practices.²

Last week of term next week and we have our **Whole school sleepover**. Don't forget to get the permission forms filled out on Skool Loop, or pop in for a hardcopy.

Classes next term

With Miss Harris leaving at the end of this term to work for Life Education we have been advertising for a new teacher. So far I have been unsuccessful in finding a suitable candidate to join us. This is a national problem with a shortage of teachers and many schools are experiencing difficulty in filling positions. As a team, we have investigated how we best move forward for Term 3/4. Many factors have been considered in making our decision, stability of classes, effect of changes in a new entrant class, the Govt placing emphasis on structured literacy in the junior years. With all these in mind the classes and teachers for Term three will be:

Tupu	Year 0-2	Mrs Trumper
Mahuri	Year 2-4	Mrs Bullock and Mr Whalley
Rakau	Year 4-8	Miss Gow
Target Teacher		Ms Arnott

We will continue to advertise for a teacher for our Year 2-4 Mahuri class.

If there are any questions please contact me.

Local Curriculum Topic Term 4

Next term we'll be focusing on Lifelong Learning. The big idea behind the topic is: **It's ok to make mistakes! - Perseverance and Resilience.**

With the key questions being:

- How do I become a lifelong learner?
- How do I give new things a go?
- How do I overcome the fear of failure?

Teachers will be working hard over the holidays to plan exciting activities for the children.

The **Working Bee** unfortunately had to be postponed last weekend. To try to get some of the jobs done that were scheduled, I will be working next Monday to Wednesday on these projects. So if you have time to spare come down and give me a hand.

Our **Bale fundraisers** closed on Sunday evening and we are pleased to announce that it raised \$4600! Thank you to all of our local farmers who donated bales and also to Daniel Schutt, for organising and transporting them. Top effort!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be held for Mahuri and Rakau on Tuesday 23rd July (the first week of Term 3) and for Tupu on Tuesday 25th June. 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 on the 23rd July at 12pm, please advise us if you are not able to collect your children at 12pm, so we can plan accordingly.

2024/25 Rerewhakaaitu Phonebook

If you know of any additions/alterations for the 2024/25 Rerewhakaaitu Phonebook, and/or would like to advertise with us, please send them to: office@lakerere.school.nz or text me on 021 2530214, by the 31st July 2024. Thanks!

PTA

Our PTA held the 'Welcome In' on Saturday 22nd June, this year we did things a little different... We held an obstacle course event, which included tyre-flipping, bale hopping and even a massive water slide!



¹<https://teara.govt.nz/en/matariki-maori-new-year#:~:text=Matariki%20is%20an%20abbreviation%20of,European%20traditions%20as%20the%20Pleiades.>

²<https://matariki.co.nz/#matariki-history-and-cultural-significance>



Ka pai to all of our locals who had a turn - the young, the old and even the prehistoric! We were so impressed with the sportsmanship and effort of the competitors. This was then followed by a delicious hangi dinner and steamed pud. Yum! We also had an art table with a colouring-in competition which was a hit with all!



We would like to thank everyone who came down and supported us, whether it was having a go on the course or purchasing dinner. We had a great

afternoon/evening with everyone, including our infamous Rerewhakaaitu dinosaur - which created many laughs going around the obstacle course..

A massive thanks goes to our sponsors, who without their support we cannot run a successful fundraiser like this.

- Roberts family - Chicken
- Affco - Lamb chops
- Allen family - Kumara
- Schutt family - Watercress and waterside
- Church family - Steam puddings
- Gow family - Pumpkins and stuffing
- BJ & SJ Jacobs Contracting - Obstacle Course equipment and manning it all afternoon



Thank you to all our helpers for putting the hangi together. PTA and families, Miss Gow and whanau, Mr Whalley, and a few parents that jumped in to help out when we put our puddings together and lifted the hangi. We truly appreciate all of your help.

Congratulations to our winners:

Obstacle Course average time

- Kids = Monique Sterkenburg
- Adults = Mark Pacey

Colouring competition

- 6 yrs and under = 1st Stella-Maree Lawton, 2nd = Cayden Allen
- 7-11 yrs = Rebecca Sterkenburg
- 12+ yrs = Hollie Williams

Special mention to Murupara Whanau Hire and the Church family for hireage of the Kai cooks.

We can't wait to have you all back again next year for more fun.

Many thanks,

Sammie Allen
PTA Chairperson



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



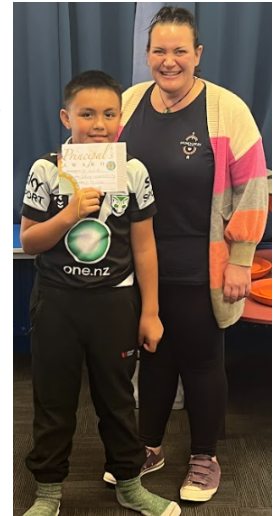
Eleanor Dyson for starting to use compound sentences in her work.
Koven Livingstone for making amazing progress in all subjects.

Twm Davies for helping the younger members in class.

Nikau Mohi for being super focused during our learning around Matariki.

DC Gulde for staying focused and driving his own learning.

The Principal Certificate went to...
DC Gulde for taking responsibility for his own learning



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 both of our houses last week - it was a draw!!!!



Dates to Remember

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 Interviews - school ends 12 noon
Wed 24 Jul	PTA Meeting 7pm
Wed 31 Jul	Board Meeting 7pm



TUPU

🔍 Fact of the week: Eating breakfast boosts your energy levels and restores your glycogen levels to keep your metabolism up for the day. 🔍



Breakfast Club

Every morning the senior students set up Weetbix for all the students. Tupu class loves having breakfast when they get to school, even if they already have breakfast at home! Breakfast helps set us up for our learning in the morning.



4th of July

With the whole school sleepover being themed around the American Independence Day holiday - the fourth of July, Tupu class has been learning about it. We have made comparisons to how we celebrate Matariki as well. We discovered that there is a lot of spending time with family and eating food! We made some red, white and blue stars to decorate our classroom with a bit of American culture.



MAHURI

Riddle: How did the pancake hurt itself?

Pancake Wednesday with Mr Whalley!

The past two Wednesdays Mahuri have had Mr Whalley for 'Food Technology.'



Last week we learnt about the food pyramid and how to read food labels; healthy everyday foods that help our body and brain grow and sometimes foods that are treats.

We got to plan a meal - Pancakes with

banana, bacon, maple syrup, chocolate sauce and cream.

This week we cooked our pancakes with Mr Whalley and Mrs Sterkenburg and they were DELICIOUS!!!

Have a good week, any queries pop in and see me or send me an email.

Jasmine



RAKAU

*How does a scientist freshen her breath?
With experi-mints.*

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Rakau has had a great week of learning with more of us back in the classroom. There are many bugs going around at the moment. Please make sure students have appropriate warm clothes, and a change on rainy days. Also, encourage them to bring water bottles to stay hydrated.

This week we have been continuing our learning around Matariki, well also looking at how it influences the Maramataka. We have learnt that the Maramataka works on a 3 year cycle unlike the solar calendar. Rakau hope you have a restful and reflective Matariki with your whanau.

Ngā mihi, Miss Gow and Rakau Class.

The goal is simple:
Better than
yesterday.

WAIST MANAGEMENT COMMUNITY EXERCISE



Every Tuesday and Thursday
(until 28th November 2024)

6:30-7.15pm

\$5/ session

Bring a towel, water bottle, weights, clean training shoes and a mat

Designed to help you improve functional strength, fitness, mobility, core stability, vitality, health and well being.

Ages 15+ male and female

Venue: Rerewhakaaitu Hall

Christine Church
Exercise Consultant

COME AND JOIN US



If you are looking for a fun project or activity for the school holidays, why not look into entering the Lake Taupo Hospice's Creative Carnival event. With the options of creating a fun clown picture or a circus themed wearable arts garment, get the kids creating and crafting these holidays. Free canvases are available from Hospice, kindly donated by Taupo Office Products and Taupo Top 10 Holiday Park.

They even have a Carnival Creations workshop to help with your wearable arts garment on the 6th of July.

For all event information head to their website www.laketaupohospice.co.nz/creative-carnival

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- » Building resilience through storytelling
- » How to get little kids ready to learn maths
- » Navigating reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic
- » Family-friendly things to do, see, and experience
- » Your winter wellness kit
- » Scrummy recipes to warm up your family (and fill those lunch boxes)
- » Surviving the school holidays (with extended family)
- » Fun, cute, and practical craft with jars
- » PLUS awesome giveaways



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Two Great July Holiday Camps!

Week 1: Edventure Advanced Explorers \$635
@ Ngatuhua Lodge (10-13 yrs)

Week 2: Edventure Young Explorers \$650
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