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Week 7

Principal Report

Well spring has definitely turned it on for us! It has been great to see the sun shining! It's wonderful to hear all the positive feedback from our Kapahaka performances on Friday, we too are proud of how our tamariki excelled. This week we have found our speech finalists from our class presentations, see below, we have also had our scholastic book fair running and our passion projects are back on track.

LRS Speech finals next week - Thursday 12th Sept

Next Thursday, from 11.30am - 12.30pm, we will have our finalists from the class speeches presenting their speeches in the hall. Please come along and support our akonga. All welcome 😊

Our top 3 finalists are: *(in no particular order)*

Y0-1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louis O'Dea • Eleanor Dyson • Taipari Redmond 	Y5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonty Armer • Paige Jepsen
Y2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennille Banfield • Renata Davey • Ted Reid 	Y6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caitlin McMillan • Rebecca Sterkenburg • Hemi Dawson
Y3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flynn Reid • Finn O'Dea • TeNgahere Redmond 	Y7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chase Roberts
Y4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taituha Dawson • Johannah Allen 	Y8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Callum Koekemoer

Staffing update

We are pleased to be able to now announce, and congratulate Kylie Goddard on securing the Mahuri permanent teaching position here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School. This will give us a full complement of staff for our school size. We made the appointment last week but were waiting for the paperwork to be finalised, and her current school to have time to make arrangements before publishing. Some of you may have already met Kylie as she has been working part time at Waikite Valley School and

Reporoa Primary. Whaea Kylie will start next term in week 3. We look forward to her joining our school community and know you will all make her welcome.

Our roll and staffing numbers for next year, 2025, should remain the same with three teachers. We are sad to say that Mrs Trumper is leaving us next year and will return to a new permanent position at Ngakuru School, this being her previous school. This is being announced now, as Ngakuru have advertised this in their school newsletter, only the day after Mrs Trumper informed me. I was disappointed that we were not given the time to inform our school community prior, as this gave us no time to inform you. However it is what it is, and other schools make their own decisions. Hopefully this quells all of the rumours and gossip in the community that I have been hearing. Our intentions are always for the best of the school and the person/s involved. People will be informed when they need to be and we have all of our ducks in a row. As I have always said, if you have any questions, please come and ask me.

Teacher shortages in New Zealand are having a severe effect on schools. Some schools are having to split classes or even have students stay home as there are just not enough staff to keep the school open safely. When we advertise 99% of the applicants are overseas teachers and most are not suitable for the position. There are just not enough teachers to fill positions, this is why it takes so long to get someone who will be suitable for the position. We will not just employ anyone as this can lead to problems down the track.

We are extremely lucky to have a great staff who knows and values each and every student. We have developed a culture of "our children", not just my class. We can split classes and know the children are still getting their individualised programme. Mrs Bullock, when she is not covering long term for teachers, is also our reliever and can carry on where the teachers have left off. We are also lucky to have Ms Arnott as our Target Teacher, who works very closely with teachers to accelerate learning for our children. We have brilliant experienced Teacher

Aides in Whaea Rora and Whaea Sarah, who support our teachers to allow the children to achieve their potential. So, even though it is difficult to fill positions, we have a fantastic team who can give the children the best possible education.

George the Farmer books

Our school won a set of books from Rabobank about George the Farmer. The books are really interesting and have been enjoyed by Mahuri this week. The topics are quite modern, George the Farmer and the Drone Drama, George the Farmer - Ruby and the Dairy Dilemma about robot dairy milking, George the Farmer Plants a Wheat Crop, George the Farmer Harvest Hiccup, George the Farmer Shears a Sheep and George the Farmer Beehive Breakout. A massive thank you to Mrs Bullock for entering our school into the competition, and to Rabobank for the great set of books relevant to the lives of our students.



Reporoa Valley Cultural Festival

Wow what a great day we had! We are so proud of our children and the performance they put on. Thank you to Whaea Adelaide, Rora and Sarah for getting the costumes sorted and looking great. Huge thank you to the teaching staff for their efforts in training and getting things tika. We are already looking towards next year's performance and the changes we will make. Watch this space :)

Dates to Remember	
Wed 11 Sep	Board Meeting 7pm
Thu 12 Sep	LRS Speech Competition
Thu 19 Sep	Cluster Speech Competition
Fri 20 Sep	Calendar Art orders due
Thu 26 Sep	Cluster Winter Sports
Fri 27 Sep	Term 3 Ends
Mon 14 Oct	Term 4 Starts
Sat 19 Oct	Pet Day
Fri 25 Oct	Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day, Group Day @ Ngakuru

Dog poop - eww stinky and squishy between the toes!



We have had recent occasions of dog poop around the field and school grounds. If you are bringing your kuri to school after hours, please ensure that you pick up the poop that your kuri leaves. This is a health and safety issue for our students and your help would be appreciated. Please respect our school and its grounds.

Calendar Art

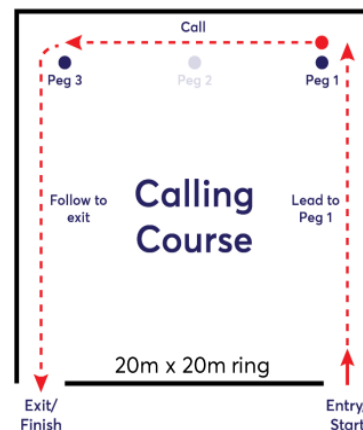
Your children's artwork is now available for viewing in the front office until Friday 20th September. Please ensure order forms are returned to the office by the 20th of September. Spares are available in the office.

Pet day lamb / kids VETPlus offer

Last call for the amazing, and very busy, VETPlus Reporoa staff who are offering to come to our school to vaccinate, ring tails and castrate any Pet Day lambs or kids. **If you are interested in this, please let school know immediately** via email to: office@lakerere.school.nz or leave a message on 07 3666814, so we can secure a date for them to come.

Pet day - Saturday 19th October

Our PTA has had requests for an Adults section for Pet Day. So, come and join us and have some fun! If any adults would like to enter a Lamb or Calf, please get in touch with the office to register. All the same rules will apply, calves must have a readable NAIT tag and TB card. For more information see the Rearing booklets link below. Must be your own calf/lamb, not your child's pet. \$5.00 entry. A mystery judge will pick the winner from all entrants. Good luck!!



Has your child returned their show of interest form? If not, please return it to school as soon as possible. If there are any pre-school children who would like to bring their pet lamb or calf, they are most welcome to. 🐑 🐄



Pet Day will be held on Saturday 19th October and Group Day on Friday 25th October - Ngakuru School hosting. Lambs and Calves animals need to be born between 20th July and 25th September.

There will be a market on the day to sell our creations from our Friday Passion Projects, start saving those pennies now! 🍷

Please check out the Rearing booklets via <https://www.lakerere.school.nz/publications>

TUPU

Fact of the week: Black was one of the first colours humans used. In prehistoric times, people used charcoal and manganese oxide to create black pigments to draw and write on cave walls.

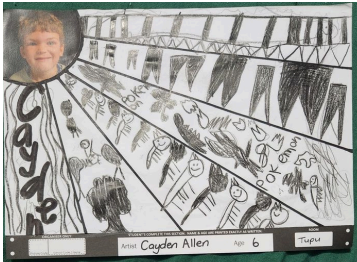
It has been a very busy week! We have been working hard on presenting our speeches with clear confident voices, making eye contact with the audience and standing tall. The class has done an amazing job writing and presenting their speeches. It was very hard to choose our finalists as they were all so great and Mrs Bullock and I spent a lot of time going over the criteria and scoring together.



The theme for this year's calendar art was 'monochrome doodles'. The class investigated different patterns and then incorporated them into their artwork. Calendar art is now finished and ready to be viewed and ordered.



The folders with the originals are in the office and I also posted photos on Seesaw.



Please remember to check Seesaw for notices and updates on school and your child.

You are more than welcome to pop in and see me or email me

jasminet@lakerere.school.nz at any time.

Have a great week, Jasmine



Twm - In Kapa Haka I was singing the loudest in Tenei Matou and Tane Mahuta and the school haka too. Every day we practised until it was the day. We did songs and they clapped when we did the songs. We did Tihei Mauri Ora.

Te Ngahere - At Kapa Haka I gave it my all. It was really fun. I was yelling my loudest in the haka. I got sad after I couldn't see my parents., but then I saw my Dad wave. Nikau did a great ending of Tane Mahuta.



Evelyn - We went to the NZ Symphony Orchestra. The music was so beautiful, it was calm. This guy in a pink suit came and told us all a story. We saw the conductor. The story was about a guy in the storm. Some geese came over the mountains. There was thunder and boom cracks, soft rain and hard rain and soft rain. At the end there was a rainbow. There were bumble bees and it started with a small rainbow, then a medium rainbow then a big rainbow. The big instruments were string instruments, blown instruments and percussion instruments. Then we went back to school.

Ted - On Wednesday the school went to the Symphony Orchestra. When it first started it was boring but it got cooler and cooler. There were lots of different instruments. I liked it at the end but not at the start.

Quinton - At the orchestra we had to clap our hands for the lightning. I nearly liked all the instruments.

Lucy -The Symphony Orchestra was fun and I like the clapping and stomping. They had trumpets and drums at the back of the room. My favourite instrument was the trumpet. The instruments played a story. I like the story. There was a rainbow in the end of the story. We had to rub our hands. We had to clap and stomp. We had to make a rainbow. We had to put our hand out, We had to do 5 drops, 4 drops, 3 drops, 2 drops, 1 drop. After the story we went on the bus.

Caoimhe - On Wednesday we went to the Symphony Orchestra and we learned about music and we saw the conductor telling them what to do and we saw a big instrument called a cello and it looked like a big violin and we saw an instrument called drums and we saw lots more instruments. We saw a guy in a pink suit telling us a story of a man making music. When he went outside he saw a flock of geese and butterflies and then he heard thunder! At the end of the story there was a rainbow and then he played more music and my favourite instrument was the violin.

MAHURI

Today we farewell Twm Davies who is leaving us to live in Waikite Valley.

We will miss Twm but know that we will see him at inter school events. All the best at your new school Twm!

Flynn Reid shared with the class his medal from Tough Guy and Gal Challenge and his trophy he was awarded at Rugby for being the Most Improved Player for the Under 8 Reporoa Team.

Ted Reid received the award for Most Improved Rugby Player for the Under 7 Green Team and Jonty Armer received the award for Most Valued Player in the Under 10 team. Well done boys!



RAKAU

What did the paper say to the pen?
Write on!

Rakau has had another awesome and busy week! Yesterday we got a very special visit from Stevie and Tessa who have been working with rakau students teaching them about possum trapping and pest eradication.



While on the line last week the girls expressed that they hadn't seen a wallaby, Tessa found a baby one and brought it in for everyone to see. Students noticed its fat body, long legs, long tail and tiny head.

We had our class speeches this week with the Year 4 students from Mahuri joining us. This year saw a brilliant wide range of topics and subjects from Lego and turtles to World War Two. We also headed to the book fair to check out all the cool things Scholastics had on offer.

Have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Nga mihi,
Miss Gow
Rakau Class Teacher



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