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# Principal Report

Term 1 2025  
Week 5

What a great day we had for our school swimming sports last Friday, even though the weather wasn't the best, everyone showed great enthusiasm and we got through all of our events! We are very proud of our tamariki and the efforts that they put into their events. Congratulations to the Student's relay team who won this year's race by beating the Parent's, and the Teacher's teams!  
Congratulations also to **Tarawera** for taking out the house points. House points were calculated from participation, placings, parent attendance and parents swimming. Tarawera won in both the student and parent sections! Ka pai!

As notified via Skool Loop, Reporoa College had issues with their pump, this has now been fixed. Once the new date for Cluster Swimming Sports has been confirmed, we will let people know. Hopefully sometime next week.  
Those who qualify at the Reporoa Cluster Swimming Sports will be eligible to enter the CBOP Swimming Sports, to be held at Rotorua Aquatic Centre Wednesday 2nd April.

 The RATS Duathlon is happening on the 18th March at Waipa bike park. Letters were sent home to all children that showed interest in this event. The cost is \$10 per student to enter.  
**Entry fees must be paid by 3pm Monday 10th March for us to enter your child.**

**Attendance**  
Our 2025 Target is: To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher.  
We are currently sitting at 77% of students at 90% attendance or above  
This year we are having a competition within the classes for the best attendance rate each week. Last weeks absentees:  
• Tupu 6%  
• Mahuri 15.2%  
• Rakau 7.9%

*And the Winner is...* **TUPU!**

We have 22.8% of our students who have a 100% attendance rate. Well done to those children, and their caregivers for ensuring your tamariki are attending school :)  
Attendance has become even more important now that we are teaching structured literacy and numeracy. There are key teaching and learning strategies, and knowledge that is required by children to understand and grasp key concepts within the learning. If children are absent for any of these, it makes it hard for them to catch up with their peers. Together we grow!

**We need YOU**  
**Working Bee - Sunday 23rd March 9am - 3pm - Lunch provided**  
As we are a small school, we require help from our school community to keep our school looking sharp. Please mark the date on your calendar.  
Here are the jobs that need to be done:  
• Bark all of the gardens  
• Waterblast paths, pool area and decks.  
• Clean gutters  
• Clean out the furnace room  
• Edgings  
• Finish placing the timber around the bark areas on the playground.



Thank you to Daniel Schutt who organized getting the sponsors for the timber for this project. A huge thank you for the donation of the post by PermaPine, and ITM Rotorua for the timber.



**Reminder Change of date Parent Evening 25th March 7.00pm**  
Due to a change of date for the BOT meeting we have changed the date of our parent evening to the 25th March to update everyone on the New Curriculum, the new structured maths and the resources that come with it and also the structured literacy.

*Kei te whakatakataka a matou akounga mo nga ahei a tona wa  
Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow*

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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

### March

TBC Cluster Swimming  
Fri 14 & 21 Making the Difference Swimming programme  
Tue 18 RATS Duathlon  
Wed 19 Waimangu Volcanic Trip, PTA Meeting 7pm  
Sun 23 Working Bee  
Tue 25 Parent Curriculum Evening  
Wed 26 Board Meeting 7pm

### April

Mon 7 Photolife  
Wed 9 Cluster Summer Sports  
Fri 11 Term 1 Ends  
Mon 28 Term 2 Starts

### May

2 - 7 Life Education  
Wed 7 Board Meeting 7pm  
Fri 23 LRS Cross Country  
Tue 27 Cluster Cross Country

## Parent help required

Cluster Swimming Sports  
RATS Duathlon  
Waimangu Volcanic Valley trip  
Working Bee  
Cluster Summer Sports  
Cross Country & Cluster

# LEAF

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Kia ora koutou,

# TUPU

This week in Tupu we have focused on oral language. Together, we made up a story about a tricky bird who escaped from its cage and trapped the cat inside instead! Ask your child to tell you the story. You may like to discuss with them what might happen next, and add to the story. We have also been doing lots of describing. Ask your child to describe something in your surroundings and see if you can figure out what they are describing. They must give more than one descriptive detail about their object. You could also try this game: Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep. Little Bo Nog has lost his dog. Little Bo Nat has lost her... How many animals can you add to the list?

# CLASS Snippets



Kia pai tō ra,  
Tupu Class.

# MAHURI

Kia ora whānau,

Mahuri has had another exciting week of learning! This week, we are focusing on report writing during our literacy sessions. We're learning how to structure a report, and soon we'll begin constructing our own reports based on one of the natural features of 'Our Place', Lake Rerewhakaaitu. There's a lot of conversation happening in class around crafting sentences, paragraphs, introductions, main ideas, and conclusions. Stay tuned, we will share an example within the next few weeks.

Nga mihi,  
Whaea Kylie



Thank you to our amazing local flower lady, Mel, who delivers fresh bouquets of sunshine to our school each week. Locals supporting locals

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in the Blooming fridge @193 Brett Road  
Happy to pick to order - Subject to availability  
Contact Mel @udderlyblooming



# RAKAU

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

What an absolutely amazing display of swimming skills from Rakau on Friday during Swimming Sports. Thank you to those parents and whanau who braved the wet and cold to come, support and encourage our kids in the pool!

This week saw some of our year 5-6 students start their first classes through Kōtui Ako. Some may ask what exactly is this?

Kōtui Ako VLN is a collaborative network of Primary and Secondary schools and Kura serving Years 0 - 13, who work together to improve access to educational opportunities for their learners, via the online environment. Participating schools are able to offer their learners a wide range of programmes, based on the New Zealand Curriculum and NCEA qualifications. By contributing to the Kōtui Ako VLN online learning community, schools gain access to over 100 programmes, enabling them to more successfully meet the learning needs of their students. Each year I give the year 6-8 students a choice of an additional language to learn through Kōtui Ako. This year's choices have been French and Japanese. I can't wait to hear them all practicing in class!

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Ngā mihi,  
Miss Gow



Every now and then, we have past pupils come and reminisce over their time here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu School.

This week, we had Rowan Leaming, who started here as a 5 year old in 1957. It was great to be able to show him and his wife Karen around the school and for the children to ask him questions about what the school was like back then. They were amazed that there were no devices, calculators or TVs!



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## Waist Management

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Tēnā koutou katoa, nau mai haere mai.  
Year 3 ✨ at the hall from 6.30-7.15 pm tues  
& thurs until the end of November 2025 ✨

\$ 10 each

Bring a mat towel and water bottle  
All updates & feedback will be posted on  
messenger page or Msg me at  
0274485756 if you prefer text message  
updates.

Stay well. Hope to see you soon  
Warm regards  
Christine

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### Lakes Football Club

We're a whanau-friendly club offering football and futsal for all ages, from kids to adults, in our community.

Our focus is on having fun, fostering a love for football, and growing together.

Winter Season: Open to players 5th grade and up (turning 5 this year).

Training Locations: We have teams from all over Rotorua, we can put your Tamariki in a team near you.

Girls' Pathway: Dedicated programs to grow female participation.

Find us on Facebook and Instagram: Lakes Football Club

Email us for more info: office@lakesfc.co.nz

Junior Open Day  
March 22  
Follow us for more details



www.lakesfc.com

## FRIDAY FOOTBALL FUN FOR THE GIRLS!

Celebrate the launch of a new U8 and U10 GIRLS' ONLY Football competition in Rotorua by joining us on our Friday Football Fun Roadshow!

- Have a go at football
- Learn some new skills
- Bring your friends and have fun!
- Its FREE!

All PRIMARY SCHOOL  
aged Girls welcome.

Fridays 3.45pm - 4.45pm  
28th February Ngongotaha  
Football Club, Stembidge Rd  
7th March Otonga School  
14th March Lynmore School  
21st March Selwyn School  
28th March Puarenga Park

COME TO ONE, OR COME TO THEM ALL!



To register Txt your name, age and email address to Catherine 021 634 807, or just come along on the day.  
For updates and cancellations visit  
www.facebook.com/lakesfcgirls



## Waiariki Football Club Youth and Juniors 2025

The Beautiful Game Football School.  
Training with Sergio has started up again for 2025 Term1.

This happens at Neil Hunt Park on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 4.15pm – 5.45pm.  
Contact Sergio on 021 116 9547 to be added to  
the WhatsApp group for updates and

2025 Winter Season  
Registration of Interest

[www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/220128](http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/220128)

### SATURDAY PRESEASON FUN DAYS

Scheduled to start March 2025, come down for a brief warm-up and skills sessions followed by age graded games. All welcome.

Follow the Waiariki FC facebook page for updates and Junior registration details.



### YOUTH FOOTBALL:

We are seeking expressions of interest to play the 2025 season in an U16 or U14 squad.

We have a number of talented and dedicated players seeking teammates for the upcoming season.

Come along to any of the club days and have a chat with the team about how we can support you this season or contact Angela on 0274397885 to receive any new information.



# AUTUMN

