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Week 4

Principal Report

This week we held a drill for a Level 2 Event Inside session: Chemical spill, gas release/explosion, volcanic eruption, wild animal, swarm of bees or other. The children responded calmly and quickly to get inside and the drill went off without a hitch.

Make sure you have in your calendar to attend our **Parent Curriculum Evening next Wednesday, 21st August at 6.30pm.** It will be an informative evening about our curriculum levels and how you can help your child at home. I will also use this evening as a consultation evening on our health and PE curriculum.

On **Wednesday 28th August** our whole school will be attending a show from the **New Zealand Symphony Orchestra** at the Sir Howard Morrison Centre.

We will travel by bus, departing school at 11.30am and returning at 3.00pm. We may be a little late back after school, however, we will keep you informed closer to the time.



About The Concert: Symphonic Storms is an immersive musical journey where nature's storms take centre stage. Through interactive activities including the performance of 'The Rain Storm' a specially composed body percussion piece for the audience, ākonga will be inspired to be curious and inventive as they connect with the NZSO players in an unforgettable concert.



Calendar Art

This term the children will be busy creating works of art for the upcoming Calendar Art. 🎨

These artworks will be available for viewing in the front office from Monday 2nd September until Friday 20th September.

Keep an eye out for order forms. These are to be returned to the office by the 20th of September.

Working Bee - Saturday 24th August 9am-3pm

We need you! Come and help us keep our school shining by joining us at our Working Bee anytime between 9.00am and 3.00pm Saturday 24th August. Lunch will be provided. Many hands make light work!

Pet day - Saturday 19th October

It is that time of year again where children get excited to choose their pets for Pet Day. Our school 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.

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

More information will follow in due course.

If your child is interested in raising a lamb or calf, please check out the Rearing booklets via <https://www.lakerere.school.nz/publications>

Dates to Remember

Wed 21 Aug	Parent Curriculum Evening
Sat 24 Aug	Working Bee 9am - 3pm
Wed 28 Aug	NZ Symphony Orchestra
Fri 30 Aug	Cluster Cultural Festival
3 - 6 Sep	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 4 Sep	PTA Meeting 7pm
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



A warm welcome to Luke Henderson, who is new to our school.
We wish you a wonderful new journey here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu.

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



Materia Dawson – for whanaungatanga.
Louis O'Dea – a great attitude towards Kapa Haka.
Natasha Kena – great handwriting.
Koven Livingstone – being super focused during learning.



Callum Koekemoer – showing resilience in your reading assignment. **Poppy Mazengarb** – showing resilience in persuasive writing.

The Principal Certificate went to... **Te Kohu Gulde** for always showing respect. Ka Pai Te Kohu!

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 last week... 🏆



🎉 Caught Being Awesome of the week 🎉

“Caught Being Awesome” awards are given out to students of Lake Rerewhakaaitu School at playtime. Students can earn them by following our school values, being a good friend and following the school rules.



These awards then go into either the senior or junior bucket, then at Fridays assemblies all get read out and one from each drawn out as our super star recipient.

Last week our Caught Being Awesome recipients were...

Junior – Pippa Brensell

Senior – Caitlin McMillan

RAKAU

What did the mama cow say to the calf?
It's pasture bedtime!

Rakau has had an awesome week this week! On Monday, our Year 8 Boys got a visit from Rotorua Boys High Year 9 Deans to discuss options for next year. Today, they head in for Open Day, good luck boys!

Katie from Reparoa Health started puberty talks with our year 6-8 boys on Tuesday. She will be back next Thursday for the girls session. This is for Years 6-8 but if there are any parents who would like their Year 5 girls in this session and have not made contact yet, please let Miss Gow know.

Students have had speeches for homework over the past two weeks. Please help them to continue practising these at home.

Have a safe and happy weekend.

Nga mihi, Miss Gow – Rakau Class

MAHURI

Fitness is happening each day and we are nearing the end of our circuit training. We will be using these results to help us with our statistical unit in maths starting next week.



Currently in maths we are looking at fractions and this week we have been playing games to help us recognise which is the larger or smaller fraction. $\frac{3}{5}$ or $\frac{2}{3}$ etc.

The children have started their speech introductions and will be finishing their speeches at home for homework over the next 5 weeks.

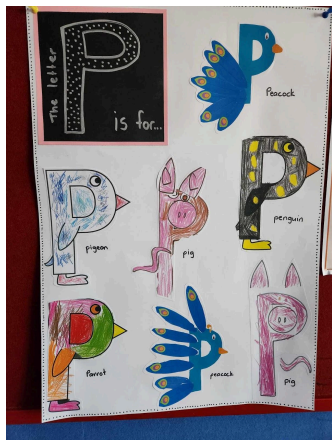
Please assist them with their speeches, but don't do it for them :)



TUPU

Fact of the week: "Sweating like a pig" is a misleading phrase since pigs can't sweat! Pigs don't have many sweat glands, so they roll around and sleep in mud and swim in water to keep cool.

As part of our structured literacy programme we focus on two letter sounds each week. This week it was /p/ and /o/ (the short vowel sound for /o/). We practice saying the sound, noticing how our mouth moves/feels, identifying the letter name, identifying objects and words that we know use the sound, writing the letter correctly (handwriting), and using the sound to make and break words; p - o - p, pop.



As part of /p/ work this week we made some animals in the shape of a 'p' that start with the letter 'p'. The class really enjoyed all the cutting and glueing and have already asked to make more animals.

Highlights this week have been playing in the sandpit, music & movement, snakes & ladders and new library books.

You are more than welcome to pop in and see me or email me jasminet@lakerere.school.nz



Have a great week, Jasmine

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Donations of Friesian Bulls (5 white points) or Hereford White Face Bulls

Must be NAIT tagged & have TB docket

PLEASE CALL SAMMIE 021 060 7948 IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

SALE DATES

THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST & THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2024

CALL SAMMIE TO ARRANGE PICK UP

Dots and Boxes Game

This is a fun game to play with your brother, sister or any family member or friend! Take it in turns at joining two dots together (vertically or horizontally) to make the side of a square (a box). When you make a box with a line, write your initials in it and take another turn. The person with the most boxes at the end of the game is the winner.

