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16th December 2024 Week 10 Principal Report

This is our final newsletter for the year and what a fantastic year it has been! We look forward to celebrating with you all at our Celebration of Learning this Thursday. Reports will go home with students on Friday. We have had a great year and have made great progress. We have been following our new localised curriculum planning where our term focus and coverage were:

- ★ Term 4 - Our Past our Future
- ★ Term 3 - It's OK to make mistakes
- ★ Term 2 - Different cultures celebrate different things and the same things, but in different ways
- ★ Term 1 - How did our roads get their names?

Things that happened over our school year:

January: Fishing Competition

February: Hillwalk, Working Bee

March: LRS and Cluster Swimming, Summer Sports

April: CBOP swimming, Teacher Only Day, Photolife, Fluoride programme, Lake walk.

May: LRS Cross Country, Cluster Cross Country, Life Education

June: Teacher Only Day, Hillary Outdoors Camp, Cultural disco, Rerewhakaaitu Welcome In

July: School overnight camp, Matariki

August: Puberty talks, Working Bee, Curriculum evening, Cultural festival, NZ Symphony Orchestra.

September: Book Fair, LRS Speeches, Cluster Speeches, Cluster Winter Sports

October: Pet day, Group Day, Irlens Screening, Fluoride programme, Teacher Only Day

November: Senior Camp, LRS and Cluster Athletics

December: Making the Difference Swim programme, Celebration of Learning.

This year we have farewelled a few of our staff and we would like to thank them for all they have contributed to Lake Rerewhakaaitu School. We all know how difficult it is to get teachers in our current educational climate. I would like to say a huge thank you to our teaching staff who have been the year to cover all and any situation. Well done team!!

A huge thank you to all that supported us over the year. A special thanks to those that toil away in the background, also a massive thanks to; Rodger Scott for keeping the boiler going over the winter and over the summer for our pool. Stevie Simeon for taking students for environmental studies and pest control around our school and domain area. Bianca Sterkenburg for sharing her amazing baking skills with our students. Gene Roberts and Mark Pacey who have been on hand for many years to help out at the drop of a hat. Our board members, Dan Schutt, Norm Armer, Bianca and Gerben Sterkenburg, and Catherine Farrell for being active helpers onsite in making our school shine.

Below are the results of our targets for 2024.

Target 1:

All priority learners who are achieving more than one year below expected curriculum levels at the start of the year will demonstrate accelerated progress by the end of 2024.

Our students have made great progress and accelerated progress this year.

Curriculum area progress "at or accelerated progress"

Curriculum Area	Whole school	Boys	Girls	Maori
Maths	94	96	92	94
Writing	88	92	82	95
Reading	96	96	95	94

Target 2:

To improve attendance and engagement to 75% of students attending 90% or higher

Our target of 75% at 90% attendance is coming along (long way to go yet) but we are currently on 59%

The current attendance rate is 87.2% with 6.7% Justified, 6.0% unjustified absences.

Below is a table that shows the amount of time a child will lose if they are absent from school. This is why we are so concerned about children who miss school.

Absenteeism

4 x 10 week terms = 40 weeks per year

% Present	Weeks Present	Weeks Absent	In their school Life	Years of school missed
90	36 weeks	4 weeks	48 weeks	1.2 years
80	32 weeks	8 weeks	96 weeks	2.4 years
70	28 weeks	12 weeks	144 weeks	3.6 years
60	24 weeks	16 weeks	192 weeks	4.8 years
50	20 weeks	20 weeks	240 weeks	6 years

Here we name and fame our amazing staff over the year: Miss Harris, Miss Gow, Mrs Trumper, Ms Arnott, Mrs Bullock, Whaea Kylie, Whaea Rora, Whaea Sarah, Whaea Carla, Whaea Adelaide, Donna Northcott, Vanessa Vanstone, Halie Mclean, Mrs Druery and Mrs Anna.

Our Board: Bianca Sterkenburg, Catherine Farrell, Daniel Schutt, Norm Armer and MaryAnn Martin, and our staff rep, Natalie Gow.

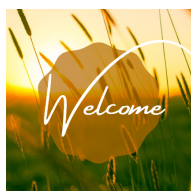
Our PTA: Sam Allen, Katie Page, Adelle Pacey, Marian Brensell, Anna McMillan, Rane Perry, Megan O'Dea and Angela Robinson.

And to you, the parents, whanau and community members who all made a massive contribution to the children's accelerated learning and supporting our events and fundraisers held over the year.

Farewell to Mrs Trumper.

This year we farewell Mrs Trumper at our Celebration of Learning who is taking up a teaching position at Ngakuru School. Mrs Trumper started with us on 17th June 2023 in Mahuri and has for the last two terms been teaching in Tupu.

A huge thank you to Mrs Trumper for all her hard work and dedication over the 18 months. We were so lucky to have you in our school. We wish Mrs Trumper all the best in her new job.



A warm welcome to Kalani & Kaylaarnie who are new to our school.

We wish you all a wonderful new journey here at Lake Rerewhakaaitu.

Swimming pool keys

Although we extended the time for more families to get in touch to hire a pool key, unfortunately we have not had enough interest, so the pool will remain closed over the holiday period.

Apologies to those families that had got in touch.

Thank you!

Our lovely local flower lady is kindly donating to school fresh flowers straight from

the blooming fridge

@193 BRETT ROAD,
GREEN FRIDGE JUST IN
DRIVEWAY TO YOUR RIGHT

End of Year Celebration of Learning

Our Celebration of Learning/Prizegiving will be held next week on Thursday the 19th of December. We will then have our lunch and a special visitor arriving afterwards... 🧑‍🍳 🎄 Feel free to bring your kai along

and have a picnic (Our school lunches from Waimangu will be a shared lunch on this day).

Celebration of Learning Programme schedule:

Celebration of Learning 11am
Karakia Timatanga
Welcome
Waiata
Presiding Member speech
Waiata
Junior Academic Effort & Progress awards
Christmas song
Principal Speech
Sports & Cultural Awards
Christmas Song
Senior Academic Effort & Progress awards
Christmas Song
Senior academic & citizenship awards
Farewells
Karakia Whakamutunga

Last day of school

School will finish at 1.00pm on Friday 20th December. Buses will depart school from 1.00pm.

Rerewhakaaitu Community Christmas event

This event has been postponed to this Friday 20th December, 5pm, Rerewhakaaitu Domain lakefront.

REREWHAKAAITU COMMUNITY IS HOSTING

Christmas By the Lake

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER
FROM 5PM (DINNER AROUND 6PM)
LAKE REREWHAKAAITU
LAKEFRONT (BY THE DOMAIN)

- * BBQ DINNER PROVIDED
- * FIZZY DRINKS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE
- * BYO DRINKS
- * GAMES & SPOTPRIZES
- * BRING YOUR TOGS AND HAVE A DIP IN THE LAKE
- * BRING A DECK CHAIR AND SIT BACK AND RELAX WITH MATES WHILE WE COOK YOUR DINNER
- * KOHA APPRECIATED BUT NOT EXPECTED

PLEASE RSVP JACINDA
022 303 6538

IF YOU DONT RSVP - WE WILL HAVE EXTRAS SO POP ON DOWN

Fishing Competition 11th - 12th January 2025

Reminder to get your entry forms in, we can only have 100 competitors!!

Entry forms are available in the office or on our website: https://www.lakerere.school.nz/files/Fishing_Competition_Entry_Form_2025.pdf

Classes for 2025

- ★ Tupu: Ms Arnott
- ★ Mahuri: Whaea Kylie
- ★ Rakau: Miss Gow

Stationery

School stationery packs will continue to be supplied for all of our students returning in 2025 (and known new entrants). This decision was made to support our families during these financially difficult times. For any other students not yet advised, stationery lists will be available online via Qizzle.

Wishing you all a fabulous festive season and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2025.

Dates to Remember	Parent help required	✓
Tue 17 Dec	Rerewhakaaitu Hall & Domain AGM	
Thu 19 Dec	Celebration of Learning 11am	
Fri 20 Dec	Term 4 Ends 1pm. Community Christmas by the Lake 5pm	
Mon 30 Dec	Rerewhakaaitu Rodeo	✓
11-12 Jan	PTA Fishing Competition	
Fri 7th Feb	Term 1 starts	

MAHURI

We have had a fantastic time with the Aquatic Centre Swimming



Instructors this week, learning water safety skills. Mahuri have nailed their safe entries into the pool, finding objects on the pool floor, moving their feet around to check for obstructions in the way and diving under the water from a standing position.

They also had the opportunity to show off their handstand underwater skills, as you will see in the pictures. Keep up the good work with utilizing these water safety skills throughout the holidays Mahuri and I look forward to seeing you all back at school in 2025. Merry Christmas, Whaea Kylie



TUPU

Fact of the week: Snails have teeth. Between 1,000 and 12,000 teeth, to be precise.



Wow, what a busy week!

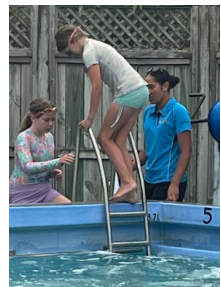
We are still very busy at school but we will be winding up our learning next week. Please make sure you return all reading books to school, we will not be sending home reading books next week.



This week we have had the swimming instructors working with us on our water confidence and floating. We have also been learning all about 'time' this week with Ms Arnott in our math block. Have a great week, Jasmine

RAKAU

What did the Policeman say to his tummy?
You're under a vest!



Kia Ora Koutou Katoa, Rakau have had a busy week hooking into our final task board of the year - Christmas! Students have been working with Christmas carols, creating dinner menus and designing new sleigh teams with different breeds of animals. Rakau students have enjoyed working with the swim coaches again and it's been awesome having all students with their togs every day! Thank you very much for encouraging your child to participate in swimming. Just a reminder to please make sure your child has a drink bottle, it's getting really hot now and hydration is important for brain function.

Have a beautiful, happy and safe weekend! Nga mihi, Natalie Gow



Lake Rerewhakaaitu School PTA

Presents:

2025 Annual Fishing & Eeling Competition

1st Place Adults \$500 Cash Prize
1st Place Youth \$250 Cash Prize
1st Place Child \$100 Voucher
Major cash prizes proudly sponsored by
DKH Contracting Ltd

Entry Fee:
Adults \$25
Youth 12-18 years \$15
Child 0-11 years \$10

Date: 11th & 12th January 2025
Time: Start 6am on the 11th
Finish 3pm on the 12th

Get in quick! Entries are limited to the first
100 entries!

Following by Prize Giving and Dinner at the
Rerewhakaaitu Domain from 5pm on the 12th.

For more information please visit our Facebook page or email pta@lakerere.school.nz

REREWHAKAITU DOMAIN AND HALL AGM

TO BE HELD AT THE DOMAIN

7PM 17TH DEC 2024

Attendance by a representative from each group that uses these facilities would be great.

Automatic External Defibrillator

The Automatic External Defibrillator that is situated at the Hall is locked. If you have an emergency where you need to access the machine, dial 111 and they will give you the pass code that will open the cabinet.



There is also a fully automatic defibrillator available at Trevor & Harriet Hamilton's residence 803 Ashpit Road, around the back side of Lake Rerewhakaitu. Because this defibrillator is fully automatic no training is required simply turn on and place the pads on the patient, the device takes over.

This defibrillator is registered with St John. The Defibrillator is positioned at the front door under the porch and is in a non-coded box for quick access.

These machines can help to save lives and the St Johns statistics show why we need an AED:

1. Each year more than **2,000 New Zealanders** will suffer a **cardiac arrest** outside of hospital
2. For **72%** of cardiac arrests a **bystander** will perform CPR
3. People may show no warnings or prior symptoms and **12% survive** to hospital discharge following a cardiac arrest
4. Use of an AED within 3-5 min of collapse can increase the **chance of survival by up to 44%**

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

2024: 18TH - 20TH DEC
2025: 6TH - 31ST JAN
8AM TO 6PM

JUNIORS: 5-9 YEARS SENIORS: 10-13 YEARS

**BOOK NOW!
SPACES
ARE
LIMITED!**

WAIMARINO PARK DAY OPERATES DAILY ONLY \$55

Our holiday programme provides ample entertainment for children during the school holidays. We have a mixture of on-site activities here at the Waimarino Adventure Park, and off site adventures making the most of the attractions in our region.

"This is the first holiday programme that my daughter has come home BEAMING from all her adventures. The staff are so lovely and welcoming. HIGHLY RECOMMEND!" - Alex V.

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BUS SERVICE

We offer a morning and evening bus service from Otumoetai and downtown Tauranga. Turn over for pricing and bus schedule!
WINZ subsidies available.

ADD LUNCH

Lunch options are available to be included in your booking. For an additional NZ\$23 per day include a nutritious morning tea, lunch and afternoon treat! This can be booked as a once a week treat, or for every day!

OUR ACTIVITIES

Priced from \$55 per day. Turn over to see this holiday's activity schedule along with pricing and add ons!

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Young Explorers Camp

AONGATETE LODGE

BOOK NOW 20th-24th January, 2025

We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, air rifle, fire building and cooking, hut building, orienteering, team building, confidence activities, swimming, eeling, night activities and much more!

- Bus available from Hamilton or Tauranga (limited to 50 spaces)
- Suitable for 7-13 years old
- OSCAR Subsidy available
- Aongatete Lodge is set in the Kaimai Ranges in the beautiful Bay of Plenty

PRICE
\$675
5 days

MORE INFO :

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Limited Spots Available! Book Now for a week of summer FUN!

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Out now!

Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents

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What's in this issue for parents?

- » Navigating sibling rivalry
- » Cool camping spots (north and south island)
- » Is strength training ok for kids?
 - » What's on near you
 - » DIY snowman ornaments
 - » Christmas cookies
- » PLUS awesome giveaways

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Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌 Week 8's certificates went to:



Stella-Maree Lawton for being brave and overcoming her fear of the swimming pool, Morris Reid for making great progress in writing, Lucy Page for sharing her thinking, Finn O'Dea

for thinking critically and creatively in Technology (past and present), Stella Scott for an amazing attitude towards learning. Addison Banfield for a great attitude towards learning.

The Principal Certificate went to: **Hemi Dawson** for having an amazing attitude

💎 Ka pai ka rawe! 💎



🥳 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.

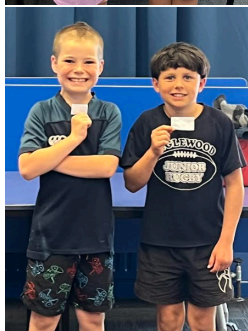


These awards then go into either the senior or junior bucket, then at Fridays assemblies all get read out and one from each drawn out as our super star recipient.

Week 8 Caught Being Awesome recipients were...

Junior - Makenna Dyson

Senior - Caitlin McMillan



Week 9 Caught Being Awesome recipients were...

Junior - Charlie Schutt

Senior - Taituha Dawson

Kahui Ako leadership certificates

Callum Koekemoer,
Chase Roberts &
Bryce Davey.



Week 9's certificates went to: 🙌🙌🙌



Leon San Pedro for asking millions and millions of questions. Materia Dawson for having Topu's sweetest smile. Athena-Rose Hitava for being Topu's biggest lover of all things Christmas. Luke Henderson for being Topu's biggest cat lover. Johnny Schutt for having the flashiest haircuts in Topu. Kaylaarnie Grennell-Kerehi & Kalani McMahon Walker Welcome to Lake Rerewhakaaitu School. Liam Henderson for being the wiggliest student in the class. Flynn Reid for being our Mahuri Tech Whizz. Temple O'Brien for being our Mahuri Fashionister. Elsie Pacey for giving the best surprise cuddles in Mahuri. Charlie Schutt - most likely to forget their homework. Poppy Mazengarb - most likely to start a craze. Caitlin McMillan - most likely to save the world. Johannah Allen - most likely to appear on TV. Eva-Rose Hale - most likely to be caught daydreaming. Jasmine

Trumper - finding her big girl voice. Kylie Goddard for asking the most questions. Natalie Gow for making the best feeds. Esther Sterkenburg for being the best chocolate cake maker. Holly Rogers for being the best chocolate cake maker helper. Carla Williams for being the sugar police. Vicki Arnott for always being on target.



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

Congratulations to our house winner for the last two weeks...

