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Preparing our students for the possibilities of tomorrow*

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Week 1

Principal Report

Welcome back! We have had a wonderful start to Term 4 and we have been busy getting ready for our Pet Day. Tomorrow our classrooms will be open for you to wander around and see the arts and crafts that the children have produced for Pet Day. We'll also have our bake sale, the sale of items that the children have been making for their passion projects, and the PTA will be selling steak burgers, sausages, hot chips, drinks and sweets. So plenty to see and do, even if you have not got an animal entered. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Fantastic to see all of the new bark in the playgrounds. Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA in their fundraising activities. Our new focus for fundraising is to upgrade the old dental clinic into a home economics room for our children's cooking/baking classes. We will also have a Working Bee in a few weeks to put some new borders around the bark.

Reminder: next Friday, 25th Oct, is our Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day (no school for students).

Please note - Our Board meeting has been postponed to Wednesday 30th October 7.00pm.



Irlens screening 22nd October

Next Tuesday we have the lovely ladies from Empowered Learning Trust coming to screen for Irlens. The trust coordinates Irlen and Vision Screening to identify students who may be struggling with visual difficulty. Good vision is vital to students being able to access learning. 70% of young people with a learning difficulty will have visual issues of some kind. Sometimes it is unclear whether a child has an issue or not, so we screen all students in year 4, plus any new students in above year groups.

The project involves screening students for Irlen Syndrome and other visual issues, and then referring on those who need it to the optometrist and Irlen Diagnosticians.

Thank you to Empowered Learning for providing this free service for our students.

Pet day - Saturday 19th October

Pet Day is tomorrow, Saturday 19th October! Group Day will be held on Friday 25th October (*Teacher Only Day*) at Ngakuru School. Remember to come along and check out our wonderful creations in the classrooms, and our mini market selling baking and our Friday Passion Projects 🍪

Staying Safe Online

As our tamariki spend more time online, it's important parents and whānau help them stay safe. Now is a great time to talk to them about how we use the internet and digital technology.

Netsafe has created an Online Safety Parent Toolkit so parents, families and whānau have all the information they need to talk about online safety.

If you or anyone in your whānau needs support, you can contact Netsafe on the link below.

<https://netsafe.org.nz/parenttoolkit/>

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 Rerewhakaaitu. 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%**



PTA has been fundraising for the upgrade of our school playground bark. In the last week of school in Term 3 we were able to make this happen and the playground is looking AMAZING and is nice and safe for our children. We still have a little bit to finish off with borders around the big playground still to go in... A massive THANK YOU to everyone who made this happen and everyone who helped over the two days to spread out the bark.

We are now fundraising towards upgrading our cooking facilities for the PTA events and to make a Home Economics room for our children to cook/bake.



To all the Rerewhakaaitu community; the Lake Rerewhakaaitu PTA wish to send our condolences and aroha to the Marshall family. It was an immense honour and privilege to be able to cater for the funeral of long time local, Alison Marshall. We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all, for helping, whether it was making food, helping set up, working behind the scenes and attending the funeral.

We feel truly blessed to be a part of this community and to be able to help in moments such as this.

We thank you all for your generosity and your mahi.

Nga mihi, Lake Rere PTA



Fern Fuel for Schools

We would like to take the time to mention who those members of the community are that have contributed to our school, they are listed as follows:

- BJ & SJ Jacobs Limited ITP Ltd
- C & M Brensell Partnership Gretener Family Trust
- Onuku Yankee DU Rerewhakaaitu 1A2B Trust
- R & L Contracting Ltd - 101 Golf Rd



*A warm welcome to
Morris, Wyatt, Rocco & Ada
who are new to our school.*

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



Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand

The Dental team is coming to Lake Rerewhakaaitu School on 24th October for a visit to apply a fluoride varnish to help provide extra protection to your child's teeth.

Fluoride is a mineral that occurs naturally in some water sources. Fluoride helps protect both child and adult teeth by strengthening tooth enamel. Fluoride replaces the minerals lost on the surface of the teeth during early stages of tooth decay.

What will we do?

1. Apply a protective coating of fluoride to your child's teeth.

What do you need to do?

- If your child will not be present on the day of the visit, please call the number below to book an appointment
- If **do not** want your child to have this service, or you want to discuss, please contact:

o Phone 0800 Lakes Teeth (0800 525 378)

▪ Text 027 578 0275

o teeth@lakesdhb.govt.nz



Dates to Remember	Parent help required	✓
Sat 19 Oct	Pet Day	✓
Tue 22 Oct	Irlens Screening	
Thu 24 Oct	Lakes DHB Fluoride programme	
Fri 25 Oct	Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day, Group Day @ Ngakuru	
Mon 28 Oct	Labour Day	
Tue 29 Oct	Scholastic Orders due	
Wed 30 Oct	Board Meeting 7pm	
5-8 Nov	Senior Camp	
Tue 19 Nov	Athletics Day	✓
Thu 21 Nov	Cluster Maths Comp	✓
Wed 27 Nov	PTA Meeting 7pm	
Thu 28 Nov	Cluster Athletics	✓
2-6 Dec	Swim programme	
Wed 4 Dec	Board Meeting 7pm	
Thu 19 Dec	Celebration of Learning 11am	
Fri 20 Dec	Term 4 Ends	

Please put your hands together 🙌🙌🙌
 Week 10, Term 3 certificates went to:



Soul O'Brien for growing as a learner and becoming more independent in all areas in the classroom. **Pippa Brensell** for showing great progress in all subjects at school. **Stella-Maree Lawton** for independently writing her own letters and words. You have written amazing stories this term! **Makenna Dyson** for good perseverance and sportsmanship at Winter Sports. **Flynn Reid** for being a great citizen and always helping others! **Ryan Schutt** for showing great perseverance and citizenship. **Hemi Dawson** for great sportsmanship at Winter Sports. The Reporoa Valley Winter Sports Certificates went to: **Kenzie Livingstone & Te Ngahere Redmond** for being awesome. Ka pai ka rawe!

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

Kakarama Callum

Congratulations to our house winner for our last week in Term 3... ➡



😄 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 10, Term 3 our Caught Being Awesome recipients were...

Junior- Taituha Dawson

Senior- Hemi Dawson

TUPU

Fact of the week: Slugs have 4 noses.

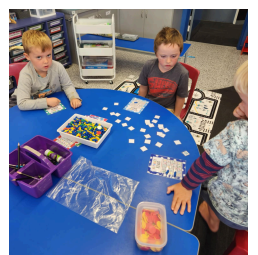
Welcome back to school, Term 4 is going to be busy.

We welcomed two new 5 year olds this term, Morris and Wyatt.

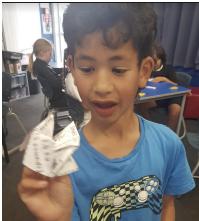
The weather has been beautiful and we have been getting out in the afternoons for games and sports, which Tupu loves.

All children have been issued a school hat and I have sunblock available in the classroom for the children to reapply throughout the day but remember to get a layer of sunblock on them at home in the mornings before they come to school.

We have had fun finishing off our Passion Project activities ready to sell at Pet Day tomorrow, as well as busy making our Pet Day crafts; come pop in on Saturday and see what all the children have been up to. Jasmine



MAHURI



This term we welcome our new Mahuri students, Elsie, Cayden, Renata, Heidi and Rocco. The students have settled into Mahuri already and are working so well with the rest of the class, who are being so caring and helpful.

We are looking at different strategies for multiplication in our Maths area. Our writing will focus on Narrative and Poetic writing.

Our Inquiry Topic is Technology, Past Present and Future. We have been looking at What Technology is - and discovered and decided it was "designing an answer to solve a problem." We looked at some pictures of unusual things and asked the questions:

What does it look like? What does it do? What problem does it solve? Who might use it? What is it made of? What do we use now?

Then we drew our favourite piece of technology. Here are some of our pictures.



RAKAU



Kia Ora Koutou Katoa,

I hope you had an amazing and relaxing holiday with your children.

This week has seen Rakau straight back into the learning pit! Lots of amazing things are happening this week. We have been busy with Passion Projects and planning our model farms for Pet Day.

This term we are looking at our past, our present, our future. Our big question in Rakau at the moment is: What is technology? We have had great discussion around the devices we have these days and the ones available when Miss Gow was around our age!

Please keep an eye out on Camp information and permission packs for years 5-8 coming home next week! Here are a few snippets of our week.

Have a safe weekend.
Ngā mihi, Miss Gow

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Every student can give athletics a go. Our local athletics club Lake City Athletics is welcoming new members now and we encourage students to get involved and get active.

Contact details for all athletics clubs nationwide are available [here](#) and become a member.

